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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association

1.01. The Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association is the Governing Body of Clay Target Shooting in Wales.

Its primary function is to organise, regulate and promote the development of the sport of Clay Target Shooting within Wales. The Association will provide insurance for members while engaged in shooting and will try to encourage all those people engaged in shooting to be insured by becoming members.

These rules have been formulated by the WCTSA for all disciplines and events controlled by them.

Technical rules for all disciplines will be those of the ICTSC rule book.

Any National ISSF or FITASC events held by the WCTSA will be run under the current rules issued by the governing body of that particular discipline.

Eye and hearing protection is compulsory in any event run by the WCTSA.

1.02 If a shooter is a member of more than one National Governing Body and has more than one classification shown in any official electronic or printed publication in any given discipline, he/she will be given the higher of these classifications at a registered event.

1.03 For any events not covered by this rule book the rules of the International Clay Target Shooting Council will apply.

SECTION 2

MANAGEMENT

The management board shall consist of the following elected positions

President

Chairman

Statistics officer

Two representatives of each of the following disciplines

- ABT
- DTL
- SPORTING/FITASC
- NATIONAL SKEET
- OLYMPIC SKEET
- OLYMPIC TRAP

Non-elected, appointed members of the board who do not have voting rights.

Secretary

Treasurer

SECTION 3

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elected positions shall all be automatically up for election at the Annual General Meeting. Should positions arise during the year the board may co-opt members of the association to fill those positions. Such vacancies shall be announced on the WCTSA website.

Applicants should apply to the secretary.

The management board shall appoint representatives to attend meetings of

- WTSF
- ICTSC
- BICTSF
- ICTSF

Contact details of the board shall be displayed on the WCTSA website.

The AGM shall be held in October each year.

SECTION 4 DIRECTORS OF WCTSA LTD

Members of the board of directors of WCTSA Ltd shall be elected by the management board.

SECTION 5 ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Articles of the WCTSA can be downloaded off the from
www.wctsa.co.uk

SECTION 6 MEMBERSHIP

WCTSA offers Senior, Junior and Senior citizen categories.

(Copied from the WCTSA articles)

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

- 6.[a] The annual or any other appropriate subscriptions or joining fee payable by members of the Association are to be such as the Management Board shall from time to time prescribe.

- [b] Every application for membership must be accompanied by a remittance to cover the joining fee for a period of twelve [12] months, from the annual joining date.

SECTION 7

SHOOTING GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITIES AND LEVIES

7.01 All clubs must sign the terms and conditions before International selection shoots are allocated

7.02 Club affiliation/membership fees are due on the 1st January each year and on valid receipt of a membership application by the Membership Secretary or the WCTSA

7.03 A Levy of £1.00 for every senior WCTSA member and £0.50 for every Junior member is due from all WCTSA clubs holding County qualifying shoots.

7.04 A Levy of £3.00 for every senior shooter and £1.00 for every Junior shooter is due from all WCTSA clubs holding international qualifying shoots

7.05 A levy of £2.00 for every senior WCTSA member and £1.00 for every junior member shall be due from all clubs holding county finals.

7.06 County qualifying shoot levies may be returned to the county coordinator

7.07 All levy fees are to be returned to the WCTSA Treasurer or Statistics officer within 10 days.

7.09 The WCTSA National Executive may suspend an Affiliated Club for any period of time for the good of the sport.

7.10 The Statistical Officer may disregard a registered shoot if it is found to be out of standard.

7.11 Copies of the WCTSA insurance policy will be made available on the website or at the WCTSA AGM to those who seek it.

7.12 Club affiliation to the WCTSA shall be set by the W.C.T.S.A. board

7.13 It is the duty of Club Secretaries to make sure that all entrants to competitions and registered shoots are paid up members of the WCTSA on the day of the shoot.

Clubs may be held responsible for the full cost of membership if a person is found to be an unpaid member.

7.14 Clubs are fully entitled to refuse entry to a WCTSA member where it has been judged by the club that such a member has behaved in an inappropriate or objectionable manner at their facility. The WCTSA will monitor the implementation of this provision in case of abuse.

7.16 Day membership is for the sole purpose of introducing newcomers to the sport. The cost of day membership is £5.00

7.17 An individual may only avail of day membership on three occasions in any given year.

Day membership does not confer any other membership benefits, e.g. eligibility to win prizes or trophies.

7.18 All day members must hold a current shotgun certificate

7.19 Lapsed WCTSA members are not entitled to avail of day membership

7.20 The Welsh Open Sporting Cup if won by a non-WCTSA member will be presented to the winner for photograph purposes only and retained by the host club until the following year's event.

7.21 Clubs can administer and run shoots as they wish so long as they comply with the rules and regulations for the disciplines.

7.22 All individual membership fees collected by third parties must be passed on in full to the WCTSA membership Secretary or Treasurer within one week of receipt, otherwise membership will take effect from the date of receipt by the membership Secretary or Treasurer.

7.23 All Club membership fees collected by third parties must be passed on in full to the WCTSA membership Secretary or Treasurer within one week of receipt, otherwise membership will take effect from the date of receipt by the membership Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.

7.24 The WCTSA will not endorse, be associated with or responsible in any way for events unless all members of the WCTSA in good standing can participate, unless such an exclusion is justified to the satisfaction of the National Executive.

7.25 Canvassing will disqualify any application with regard to tenders for WCTSA/ICTSC events.

7.26 Host clubs must accept the Associations assistance where provided so as to ensure that the necessary standard of service regarding results would be available with regard to Home Countries International Tournaments.

7.27 Shooting grounds must have Ladies and Gents toilet facilities at all Registered Shoots.

7.28 It is the responsibility of each affiliated club to ensure that participants are current WCTSA members in order that their score can be recorded.

7.29 A new shooting ground must be inspected by an approved nominee of the National Executive prior to any registered competitions being granted to the grounds.

7.30 For final entry time at an event, please check with the host ground.

7.31 There should be prizes allocated for Seniors Ladies, Veterans, and Juniors at all Welsh Open and Welsh Closed Championship competitions.

7.32 Day membership participants are not entitled to prizes or trophies in WCTSA registered Shoots

7.33 Lapsed WCTSA members on the day of a registered shoot will not be entitled to participate or receive prizes or trophies.

7.34 All WCTSA Perpetual Cups and Trophies must be returned to the host club in sufficient time as to allow presentation at the competition in question. Members returning Cups and Trophies should obtain a receipt.

7.35 The holder of a Perpetual Cup or Trophy is responsible for the safe keeping of same for the period during which they hold the award and will be liable for the loss or damage to the award. All clubs presenting Perpetual Cups or Trophies at shoots must complete the WCTSA Cup Tracker form and return same to the Association General Secretary within one week of the event.

7.36 All Perpetual Cups and Trophies presented/donated or sponsored to the WCTSA are accepted and competed for as part of the calendar of events on the basis that they become the property of the Association and its members.

7.37 The WCTSA will not award registered shoots to a club unless all members of the WCTSA in good standing can participate, unless such an exclusion is justified to the satisfaction of the National Executive.

7.38 There will always be a first prize in any lettered class.

7.39 Between five and seven entries will warrant two prizes in a class and eight entries plus will qualify for three prizes in a class.

7.40 This provision will extend to ladies, juniors and veterans classes in addition to the lettered classes at National Championships but winners of a category prize may not win a class prize also.

7.41 The overall prize fund will be divided according to the number of prizes awarded.

7.42 The cash prizes awarded must be the difference between birds only and competition entry fee.

7.43 All clubs must display the prize fund and payout at each shoot.

7.44 All clubs must return results from registered shoots as soon as practicable to the Statistics Officer for publication on the WCTSA web site or other mediums.

7.45 Participants at registered shoots may not have their finishing position omitted from the results.

7.46 Scores from all participants (including day insurance entries) at registered shoots must be returned by clubs to the Statistical Officer.

7.47 Omission or failure to return scores by any club or participant is not permitted.

7.48 Members may enter registered shoots on a bird's only basis and the entry fee shall be the standard amount less the portion allocated to the prize fund. Bird's only competitor's scores will count for Team selection and classification purposes and must be returned to the Statistical Officers. Birds only entries may win any cup or Championship being contested at a registered event and are also entitled to any sponsored prizes. Where a bird's only contestant wins a prize under this rule, this must be notified in the event results.

7.49 Where an entrant fails to complete a registered shoot they may not count any score for Team selection purposes from a subsequent registered shoot on the same day.

7.50 Where an entrant fails to complete a registered shoot their score and the full levies must still be returned to the WCTSA

7.51 The minimum payback per entry at Registered shoots is £4.00.

Safety

7.52 The onus is on every member of the Association and not just members of the National Executive to promote safety within the sport.

7.53 All affiliated Clubs must appoint a Safety Officer.

7.54 All accidents must be reported to the General Secretary in writing without delay.

7.55 The National Executive will report all accidents to the Association's Legal Officer and Insurance Broker.

7.56 The National Executive or members of the WCTSA may not accept liability for any occurrence.

7.57 It is mandatory for all Competitors and other persons in the vicinity of the shooting area to wear adequate eye and hearing protection.

7.58 Persons setting up clay traps and/or other equipment must comply with Health and Safety legislation. It is the duty of the Safety Officer to see that this rule is enforced.

7.59 All shooting grounds must have a safety statement.

SECTION 8

DISCIPLINARY CODE

WCTSA DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT

8.1

GENERAL

a) Disciplinary matters, applicable to all categories of members of the Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association Ltd. (hereinafter called the WCTSA or the Association), will be handled exclusively by the members of the WCTSA Board in accordance with this Code.

b) Disciplinary action against WCTSA members, including expulsion without notice, may be taken for offences of misconduct or breach of Association's rules. It is recognised, however that:

i. Every member has the right to expect fair and consistent treatment.

ii. Every member has the right to adequate notice from the Association.

iii. Every member has the right to appeal against the WCTSA board's judgement in all disciplinary matters.

iv. Every member has the right to representation.

c) No member will be expelled for the first breach of Association's rules except in case of **GROSS MISCONDUCT**.

d) All disciplinary actions taken by the WCTSA will be duly recorded and placed on file for future reference.

8.2 OFFENCES LEADING TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following lists outline actions by members that may be interpreted by the WCTSA board to come under the scope of this Code. These lists are not to be regarded as fully inclusive or to cover all possible offences.

8.2.1 MISCONDUCT

Offences are those considered to be of a minor nature (unless frequently repeated) and will normally incur a written warning from the WCTSA board and/or a demand for corrective action, not involving a full disciplinary hearing. Examples include:

- a) Anti-social or crude or offensive behaviour at a shooting ground, meeting venue or public place.
- b) Conduct of an unsafe nature.
- C) Offensive disregard for equipment and property, whether one's own or belonging to a third-party.
- d) Consistent lateness or disruption of events and competitions or the inconveniencing of other members.
- e) Refusal to carry out reasonable instructions issued by event officials or organisers.
- f) Disfiguration of notices, signs or any other such actions of a destructive nature.
- g) Failure to attend or participate in events after having notified an entry to the organiser.
- h) Any other actions of similar gravity to the above, at the discretion of the WCTSA board.

Repetition of **MISCONDUCT** offences or failure to comply with any demands made in writing by the WCTSA board may result in the offence being re-classified as **SERIOUS MISCONDUCT** involving a disciplinary hearing.

8.2.2 SERIOUS MISCONDUCT

Offences are those of such gravity that in the opinion of the WCFSA Executive require a WCTSA disciplinary hearing to deal with them. These may include:

- a) **MISCONDUCT** offences above if specially grave or repeated.
- b) Deliberate or consistent breaches of Association's rules.
- c) Any attempts to achieve gains or advantage over others by unfair or unscrupulous means.
- d) Theft or misappropriation.
- e) Use of threatening or abusive behaviour.
- f) Participating in the sport whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- g) Malicious interference with equipment or property whether one's own or otherwise.
- h) Disregard for one's own or other people's safety.
- I) Lying or providing falsified information or unauthorised changing of results, prizes, timetables, etc.

j) Deliberate obstruction of events, of other members or of officials' lawful actions.

k) Any other action, which in the opinion of the WCTSA board may bring the sport or the Association into disrepute, or which left unpunished, may result in the detriment of the Association or its members.

8.2.3 GROSS MISCONDUCT

Actions are those of such gravity that in the opinion of the WCTSA board require the immediate expulsion of the offender from the Association without delay. The WCTSA board, after speedy consultation with A Legal adviser, are empowered, by means of 'executive decision', to summarily expel such offenders without invoking a disciplinary hearing beforehand. The expelled member will have the right to a full disciplinary hearing, if they request it within seven days, as soon as this can be organised, but will remain expelled until or unless the WCTSA board overturns the executive decision. Samples of GROSS MISCONDUCT include the following:

a) Acts of physical violence or assault towards other persons at a shooting event or related activity, including seriously threatening, intimidating or forceful behaviour.

b) Reckless disregard for basic safety rules.

c) Wanton vandalising or destruction of animals or property for purely malicious reasons.

d) Being convicted of criminal offences involving firearms or physical violence or abuse.

e) Other acts that are adjudged to be of an extremely grave nature against the Association, its servants or its members.

8.3 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

a) The WCTSA board to receive complaint(s) in writing from:

i. An individual member.

ii. An affiliated club/shooting ground.

iii. A or County Committee.

b) The Board, with advice if considered necessary from the Association's Legal Adviser and will decide whether the complaint falls within the scope of this Disciplinary Code. If it does, then the

WCTSA board will judge the type of offence according to paragraph 8.2 above.

c) If the offence is adjudged to be one of simple **MISCONDUCT**, the WCTSA board will write to the offender giving them a formal written warning and possibly demanding an apology or such other type of corrective action, as they deem appropriate.

d) The WCTSA board will also attempt to obtain approval for his action from the complainant.

e) A disciplinary file will be opened by the WCTSA board in which will be placed copies or records of the original complaint, along with the written warning, and/or any other correspondence relating to the complaint.

f) This will normally put an end to the procedure, unless one or both of the parties objects strongly to the WCTSA board's judgement, in which case they may appeal directly to the Chairman of the Association for a final decision.

g) If the complaint is judged by the WCTSA board to be one of **SERIOUS MISCONDUCT**, then the following procedure will be implemented:

I. The WCTSA board will appoint an Investigating Officer who will research the evidence presented and, if possible, will get further written evidence, witness statements, etc. If necessary they will consult relevant witnesses, clubs, Regional/County Committees, etc. for supportive evidence.

ii. Advise complainant that if a disciplinary hearing is called, then he/she and/or relevant witnesses will be obliged to attend and give evidence. (Non-attendance at hearing will only be allowed in extenuating circumstances, i.e., ill-health; threat of violence or other intimidation, etc. In such instances a sworn declaration must be submitted to the WCTSA board).

iii. Contact the member/subject of the complaint and inform them of the official complaint and invite them to submit a written statement of events.

iv. In cases of disputes of a personal nature, the WCTSA board will attempt to resolve the situation between both parties to everyone's satisfaction.

- v. If no settlement is possible between the parties, or if the offence merits it, then a disciplinary hearing will be arranged as soon as possible.
- vi. Contact the Association's Legal Adviser and supply copies of all evidence.
- vii. Notify both parties and the members of the Disciplinary Committee of the date of the hearing (see paragraph 8.4.). Ensure all parties have all relevant copies of paperwork in good time prior to the hearing. (All correspondence / documents to be sent by *First Class Recorded Delivery*).

8.4 THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING

- a) The WCTSA's Legal Adviser, or a Barrister or Solicitor of not less than 10 years standing, to take charge of the hearing. All questions to be addressed through the Legal Adviser.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee to consist of: WCTSA's Chairman + 4 Management Board members from different disciplines to the offender.
- c) The WCTSA to appoint a case presenter, who will normally be the Investigating Officer.
- d) All witnesses to be interviewed and all written and material evidence to be reviewed at the hearing.
- e) No witnesses or statements can be introduced at the hearing without prior notice, and copies of all written evidence produced for consideration prior to the hearing should be available in advance to both parties.
- f) The Disciplinary Committee may adjourn the hearing to allow further evidence to be adduced if it considers it fair to do so.
- g) After the Disciplinary Committee has reached its decision(s) the subject of the complaint to be notified of such decision(s) and informed of any penalties, which will be effective from the date of the decision(s). The result of the hearing may be published in the Association's official publication, website And/or any other relevant press.
- h) All WCTSA members to be notified of any relevant penalties imposed so they can fulfil their obligations to the WCTSA in the

implementation of such penalty. The complainant is also to be informed of the result of the hearing as soon as possible thereafter.

I. Details of appeal procedure to be notified to the offender.

8.5 PENALTIES

a) Following the hearing, the Disciplinary Committee may apply such penalties as it deems are appropriate, including temporary or permanent expulsion of the offender from the Association. These penalties will have immediate effect, notwithstanding the possibility of an appeal in accordance with paragraph 8.6,

Herein.

b) With the exception of the penalties detailed in paragraph 8.5(a) above any other offences of cheating or deliberately breaking the shooting rules of the Association, or those involving threats of physical violence, will carry automatic expulsion from the WCTSA and will preclude the offender from taking part in the sport at any event sanctioned by the Association at any ground affiliated to the WCTSA.

8.6 APPEALS

a) Written notice of appeal to be given to the WCTSA board, by the offender, within 28 days of being notified of the decision. No appeal will be valid after that period has elapsed.

b) It will not be sufficient simply to state "I wish to appeal". The offender must give full grounds for the appeal in writing, stating exactly what they are appealing against and why:

I. The decision.

ii. The penalty.

iii. Other.

c) The appeal hearing will take place as soon as practicable.

d) The Appeal Committee will consist of the President and the remaining members of the management Board who did not take part in the first hearing.

e) New evidence cannot be presented at the appeal hearing.

f) The Appeal Committee shall have power to rescind or amend any decision made at the previous disciplinary hearing.

Effective 1st January 2011

Section 9 DRESS CODE FOR REGISTERED EVENTS

9.1 DRESS STANDARDS

At all WCTSA events described above, competitors' clothing will be expected to be in a tidy and clean condition and should not contain any messages, images or slogans that may reasonably cause offence to others. Offensive messages or images of a sexual or racial nature are specifically forbidden, as well as any

That break accepted standards of decency and good taste.

The byword for the standard to be achieved will be: **'smart/casual'**.

Listed below are specific examples of personal appearance or garments that will be considered unacceptable under this Code:

- a) Nakedness of the trunk or limbs other than lower arms or legs.
- b) Wearing of shooting vests over naked flesh.
- c) Shirts or tops that have sleeves that when measured from the armpit seam are less than 0cm long (other than shooting vests).
- d) Cut-off jeans or trousers, or any type of shorts other than tailored *shorts. *Acceptable shorts must be no more than 6 inches (5 cm) above the knee.
- E) Torn, slashed or shredded shirts, jeans, trousers or skirts.
- f) Military or camouflaged wear, balaclava helmets or camouflage paint.
- g) Any excessively worn, dirty or dishevelled clothing or footwear.
- h) Any other garments or personal appearances that go against the spirit of this Code or that seek to exploit any possible loophole within it, at the discretion of the Jury

9.2 PENALTIES

At any event at which this Code is in operation, any participant found to be in breach of any of the provisions contained herein shall be told to rectify their appearance without delay. Failure to comply with such an instruction will disqualify the offender from further participation in the event, without the right to a refund, and may additionally render them liable to disciplinary action under the WCTSA Disciplinary Code of Conduct

SECTION 10

INTERNATIONAL STATUS

Shooters become “international” when they have shot for Wales in a WCTSA sanctioned Home International, or when they have represented Wales in other selected teams in international competitions sanctioned by the WCTSA board.

SECTION 11 WALES TEAM MEMBERS STANDARDS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WALES TEAM UNIFORM

For any member gaining a Wales Team place it is mandatory to acquire, as a minimum, the official Wales Team uniforms described below:

1. Official Wales Shooting Vest (must be purchased through the WCTSA).
2. Team Wales Polo Shirt (must be purchased through the WCTSA).

A pack containing all details of WCTSA requirements for International events will be given to members gaining team places when the results of the selection shoots are known.

Shooting uniform

While shooting shooters must wear

A Wales shooting vest

B Wales team polo shirt

C Shooters are encouraged to wear black trousers while shooting.

No garment can be worn over the shooting uniform when in the act of shooting, except in exceptional circumstances

DRESS UNIFORM

The Wales Team dress uniform, in which official team photographs are to be taken and which must be worn by all team members when requested by the Manager, is made up as follows:

Men:

Black blazer displaying official Wales Team Blazer Badge (wire) supplied by the WCTSA, on the breast pocket, mid-grey flannel trousers, white shirt with collar, Wales Shooting Team tie, grey socks and black shoes.

Ladies:

Black blazer displaying official Wales Team Blazer Badge (wire) supplied by the WCTSA, on the breast pocket, mid-grey skirt or

trousers, white blouse with collar, Wales Shooting Team Cravat and black shoes.

Without exception the relevant uniforms as described above must be worn at the appropriate times whilst representing Wales at all Home Internationals. At other International events the instructions issued by the WCTSA appointed Team Manager shall be obeyed by all Team members. Failure to wear the correct uniform as instructed may exclude any member from taking part in the event and will subsequently result in disciplinary action being taken by the WCTSA against the member(s) concerned.

WALES TEAM ACCESSORIES

Wales Team tracksuits, sweatshirts, dress shirts or shooting vests, Wales Team ties, etc. are only to be worn by members who have actually shot for Wales as part of an official team in any officially sanctioned International event. There may have been certain official Wales badges or accessories awarded in the past and the recipients of these continue to be entitled to wear their Wales accessories.

However, as from 2010 a ruling came into effect that only 'shooting' team members themselves would be entitled to Wales Team accessories. Each official Wales Team consists of the shooters who actually participate in the event and the WCTSA appointed Team Manager only (referees, button pushers, etc., are not part of the official Wales Team). Team Reserves no longer shoot at Internationals and are therefore no longer selected nor entitled to Wales accessories.

SECTION 12 TEAM MANAGERS

WALES TEAM MANAGERS

Team Managers are appointed for all Home International Team Matches in the following disciplines: DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OT, OSK, UT, and FITASC. Applications for these posts must be made in writing to the WCTSA Management Board who will make the appointment. The appointment is for a period of 5 years with the understanding that this position is one of continual assessment by the board. If they feel the incumbent is not fulfilling the role on an annual basis then immediate notice of termination may be given following the Home International event that year. The position of Team Manager will normally preclude the post holder from becoming a shooting member of the team and from shooting as an individual at the International event, except in special circumstances where prior consent from the WCTSA has been obtained, when an assistant manager may be appointed.

For any other events, in any discipline, in which an official Wales Team participates, the above rules may not necessarily apply and Team Managers will be appointed at the discretion of the WCTSA Board.

Applications for the post of Team Manager should be made in writing to the board.

SECTION 13 SELECTION PROCEDURES

Eligibility criteria for those wishing to represent any Wales clay target shooting team (for international events under the jurisdiction of the international clay target shooting council for Great Britain and Ireland)

1 Must be a fully paid-up, current competition member of the WCTSA.

2 Must comply with at least one of the following criteria:-

a) Having been born in Wales.

b) For a parent or grandparent to be, or have been Welsh.

c) Having been officially resident in Wales for a minimum continual period of two years prior to qualification.

3 If a shooter has already represented another Country/Team in any discipline, he/she must fully comply with the following procedures, in addition to the above, before being eligible to shoot for Wales:-

a) A minimum period of three years would have to elapse between last shooting for another Country or Team and first shooting for Wales.

b) The shooter would have to obtain for this change, full agreement, in writing, from the WCTSA and the other country's National Association.

c) The International Clay Target Shooting Council (ICTSC) must approve the changeover in advance.

Selection Shoots

Each discipline will hold selection shoots at grounds decided by the board. Grounds will be invited to apply for these shoots prior to the board selection shoot allocation meeting.

The number of shoots and the dates of those shoots will be placed on the WCTSA website.

The selection procedure for each discipline will be published in the discipline section of the WCTSA website.

Full International status will be granted to those selected to shoot in the Home International Matches. Other competitions (such as World and European Competitions) where Wales are invited to send a representative team may give team members international status if the WTCSA board ratify the event as of international status. These other competitions must involve an authentic selection procedure and may have a minimum qualification score or standard allocated to them.

SECTION 14 INTERCOUNTIES COMPETITIONS updated 16/01/2013

OBJECTIVES of COUNTY COMPETITION

1. To encourage the "grass roots" shooters to participate at competition level.
2. To provide competition at a pre-determined cost and at a reasonable price.
3. To encourage smaller clubs/shooting grounds to organise events at a competitive level.
4. To develop a broader base of shooting facilities throughout Wales.

GENERAL RULES;

These Rules apply to:-

ALL COUNTY TEAMS in ALL DISCIPLINES

COUNTY TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Each County will stage three selection shoots, except All Round which will be one selection shoot of 100 targets, single barrel use in the DTL.
2. County Team selection shoots must be staged in the relevant county if possible.
3. County Team selection shoots will be over 50 targets. In sporting, a minimum of five stands must be used.
4. County Team selection will be best two scores to count out of three using the points difference system.
5. A County selection shoot must not be held over two days or more.
6. Any County using a ground to hold e.g. Both skeet and sporting on the same day will be required to complete a score sheet for each separate discipline and pay the correct levies i.e. £1 per Senior, Ladies and Veterans per discipline, 50p per junior/colt.

7. COUNTY CO-ORDINATOR

Each County to appoint a County Co-ordinator. The appointment must be approved and ratified by the General Secretary.

8. DUTIES OF COUNTY CO-ORDINATOR

- A To arrange County selection shoots.
- B To inform members of venue, dates and entry times of County selection shoots, giving 14 days notice.
- C To inform the Association and the General Secretary of venues and dates, so that they may be published.
- D To check with the Membership Secretary that the grounds chosen are affiliated to the Association.
- F To collate the scores of members and calculate the best scores for County Team selection. To select the County Team Captain.
- G To obtain a list of shooters who shot the selection shoot and e mail it to the Membership Secretary, General Secretary and the Treasurer so that the correct levies can be verified, membership's checked and selection procedures verified- paper work to be sent within 10 days if at all possible.
- H To collect the levies from the county selection shoots and send them directly to the Treasurer. Levies from a number of selection shoots may be collated before they are

sent as long as the corresponding paper work has been forwarded.

I To inform the General Secretary how many new cap badges and discipline/year badges will be required.

J To give details of County Teams to the General Secretary, Membership Secretary and the Ground 5 days prior to the date of the County Final. i.e enter the county team with the Ground.

L To record and track the award and return of County trophies.

M To be present at the County Team Final to award the County Team Trophies.

9. DUTIES OF GENERAL SECRETARY IN RESPECT OF INTER-COUNTY COMPETITIONS.

1 To advise and support County Co-ordinators in all aspects of County shooting.

2 To arrange the venue and date of County Team Finals with the approval of the Executive Committee.

3 To publish the venues and dates of County Finals.

4 To supply the County badges for newcaps and the discipline and year bars.

16. NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS.

a. Any number of County teams may be entered in the County Team Final. Only two International shooters may shoot in each Senior team except in ABT teams, when up to four Internationals per Senior team with the 4 scores to count if applicable.

b. There is no limit to the number of International shooters in the Lady, Veteran and Junior teams.

c. Any shooter loses International status after two years prior to the date of the County Final. International status only applies once a shooter has shot the Home International.

d. International status only applies to the discipline being shot. Eg. Sporting Internationals are not classified as Skeet Internationals and vice versa.

17. SCORES TO COUNT AT COUNTY TEAM FINALS.

(a) Senior Team 9 best scores from 10 to count in DTL, NATIONAL SKEET, SPORTING and ALL ROUND.

(b) Senior Team 6 best scores from 10 to count in ABT.

(c) Ladies, Junior and Veteran team both two scores to count.

(d) Colts team one score to count.

18. ELIGIBILITY.

Persons entitled to represent their County are:-

(a) Paid up members of the Association.

(b) Membership must be paid before selection shoots start. Any member who has not renewed will

NOT have their score recorded.

- (c) A member is eligible to represent the County in which they permanently reside. WCTSA members residing outside of Wales are eligible to shoot, providing they nominate which County they wish to shoot for before they start the selection process.
- (d) Any County unable to field a full team of Seniors, Ladies, Veterans, Juniors or Colts, the County Co-ordinators may invite shooters from other Counties, with the County Co-ordinators approval, provided they have completed the selection procedure of their own County.

19. COUNTY TROPHIES.

- (a) Each County is responsible for providing it's own county trophies and keeping records.
- (b) Ladies, Juniors, Colts and Veterans shooting for the Senior team, will not be eligible to win High Gun in their respective class.

20. JURY.

At all County Team Finals a jury will be elected in
Accordance with WCTSA rules.

21. COUNTY FINAL REFEREES.

Suitable referees must be provided by the ground or
Club for all County Finals.