



WCTSA County Competition Rules

Objectives of County Competition

To encourage the 'Grass Roots' shooters to participate at competition level.

General County Rules.

The following rules apply to ALL County Teams and for All County Disciplines.

1. County Team Selection Procedure.

Due to the falling number of county shooters at recent WCTSA County events, and the absence of County Coordinators for many shooting disciplines, the outcome of a meeting held on November 20th, 2021, was to revamp the current format of Welsh County shooting.

- a. It was decided that for the 2022 season, County selection shoots would not be held to qualify to shoot for a Welsh County Team.
- b. Each of the WCTSA disciplines, (except for FITASC), will hold a Finals Day which will be arranged by the WCTSA Board Discipline Reps, with the All-Round discipline awarded by the Board.
- c. Where possible the venue for finals will be varied geographically each year.
- d. The Role of National Coordinator has been taken in house and is now part of the WCTSA Secretary's duties.
- e. Shooters wishing to attend and shoot a County Final, must ring the host ground to register their entry **NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK** before the date of the final. Failure to do so will mean that you are not able to shoot the event
- f. When registering with the host ground, the shooter is required to supply a current WCTSA membership number, along with which COUNTY and CATEGORY they wish to shoot, and whether they are a new cap or not. The only exception to this will be for Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet where the County does NOT need to be nominated due those finals having a slightly different format and being named as a 'Welsh Championship'.
- g. Entry fees will be taken by the ground with the accompanying levy on the day of the final.
- h. Grounds holding County Finals will be required to use the CPSA 'Shoot' software for running the event, which is available from the WCTSA Secretary along with any training which may be required. Grounds must make sure they regularly update this program to ensure they are using the most up to date membership details and classifications.
- i. There will be an additional shoot off competition at the end of the day, except for Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet due to their different format.
The Shooter with the highest scores from each county will shoot a round of their discipline, (Sporting 2 stands of 10 birds, All Round discipline to be drawn from a hat from the four constituents.
The winner will be awarded the 'County Shoot off Overall winner'.

2. WCTSA Commitment to the day

- a. To arrange the date and venue for the Finals.
- b. To ensure suitable Board Member / Officer attendance on the day to help with any aspects where they may be required.
- c. As there will be no qualifiers for County Coordinators to arrange, we as an association still recognise and appreciate the help from all those members who are current county coordinators, in encouraging shooters within their area to represent their nominated county and any help on the day with trophies and organisation would still be very much appreciated.

3. Shooter Age limits

- a. Colt Members – Must be under 16 on 1st January in the year of the final.
- b. Junior Members - Must be under 21 on 1st January in the year of the final.
- c. Veteran Members - Must be 55 or over on 1st January in the year of the final.
- d. Super Veterans - Must be 65 or over on 1st January in the year of the final.

4. Registration of Scores

- a. County Finals will not be registered events.

5. Levies

- a. All disciplines
 - i. £4 per shooter for Seniors, Ladies, Veterans and Super Veterans
 - ii. £2 per Junior
 - iii. No levy for Colts.

6. Team Composition

- a. English Sporting
 - i. Senior Team – Top 8 scores to count
 - ii. Ladies Team – Best 2 scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – Best 2 scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – Best 2 scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – Best 2 scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – Best 2 scores to count.
- b. English Skeet
 - i. Senior Team – Top 8 scores to count
 - ii. Ladies Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
- c. All Round
 - i. Senior Team – Top 8 scores to count
 - ii. Ladies Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
- d. Down the Line
 - i. Senior Team – Top 10 scores to count
 - ii. Ladies Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – Top 2 scores to count.

- iv. Colt Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
- e. Automatic Ball Trap
- i. Senior Team – Top 6 scores to count
 - ii. Ladies Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – Top 2 scores to count.
- f. Olympic Trap
- i. No Team component.
- g. Olympic Skeet
- i. No Team component.

There is no limit to the number of shooters who wish to shoot for a county, the only deciding factors is the capacity of the ground.

The Final Team members will be the top scores for each of the above categories.

Badges and medals will only be presented to those shooters whose scores have counted.

In the event of a tie for team badges, the team positions will be decided via countback, (the last layout/stand will be considered for countback first, then the second from last etc., with a discipline layout being randomly drawn for all-round.

7. Number of Internationals per Team.

- a. There is no restriction on the number of Internationals who can shoot at a County Final, however there is a limit on the number of international shooters whose scores will count towards a SENIOR team, these are
 - i. English Sporting – Top two scores only to count
 - ii. English Skeet – Top two scores to count
 - iii. Down the Line – Top two scores to count
 - iv. Automatic Ball Trap - Top two scores to count
 - v. All Round - Not applicable
 - vi. Olympic Trap – Not applicable
 - vii. Olympic Skeet - Not applicable
- b. International status does not apply if an individual has not represented Wales for 2 years.

8. Captains Cup

- a. Due to the new structure of the event, there will be no Captains Cup element.

9. Shoot Offs

- a. English Sporting – 1 Stand of 10 birds, if still tied then stand moved to make targets more difficult.
- b. English Skeet – Skeet doubles from the centre peg.
- c. Down the Line – 1 Round of 25 if still tied then sudden death.
- d. All Round – A discipline will be drawn from a hat to shoot 25 targets, if still tied then,
 - i. If Sporting move stand to make targets more difficult.
 - ii. If Skeet, doubles from centre peg.
 - iii. If Single barrel or ABT sudden death.
- e. Automatic Ball Trap - 1 Round of 25, if still tied then sudden death with single barrel.
- f. Olympic Trap - 1 Round of 25, if still tied then sudden death.
- g. Olympic Skeet – Pegs 3 Pair then reverse pair, Peg 4 standard pair, Peg 5 pair then reverse, after that sudden death.

10. Eligibility

- a. Shooters must be fully paid-up members of the WCTSA.
- b. A member is eligible to represent their County of residence.
- c. WCTSA members residing outside of Wales are eligible to shoot, providing they nominate which County they wish to shoot for BEFORE the Final.
- d. Shooters residing in a Welsh County, may not shoot for a different county without applying to the Secretary IN ADVANCE of registering with a ground for a final.

11. County Trophies

- a. Medals will be awarded for shooters to keep for winners of County and Overall categories.
- b. Perpetual trophies will be awarded as usual for the winners to keep for a year.
- c. Trophies MUST be returned to the discipline reps or the Secretary IN ADVANCE of the next year's competition and in the same condition they were received otherwise shooters will be asked to replace or repair them.
- d. The WCTSA Secretary will keep a record of the trophies, and winners each year will be asked to sign a record acknowledging receipt.

12. Jury

- a. At all County Team Finals, a Jury is to be selected in accordance with WCTSA rules.

13. County Final Referees

- a. Suitable referees must be provided by the ground or club for ALL County Finals.