



WCTSA County Competition Rules

Adopted at WCTSA Board Meeting on 15th February 2023.

1. Objectives of County Competition

To encourage Welsh shooters to shoot for their county, and to allow any club shooters who may not have participated at competition level to experience the competition format.

2. General County Rules.

- a. 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.
- b. Where possible the venue for finals will be varied geographically each year.
- c. County Finals are to be Open Registered shoots.
- d. The following rules apply to ALL County Teams and for All County Disciplines.

3. County Team Selection Procedure.

Following a meeting held on 14th December 2022 via Zoom, it was felt that some counties that still had a County Coordinator would like to revert to holding county qualifiers. It was stated that the Board were not against County Qualifiers, it is just that those counties that do not currently have a county coordinator in a discipline could be penalised and prevented from attending the county finals, hence the format as described for 2022. NB please note the Board will accept a shooting ground to be the 'Coordinator' for a discipline or disciplines, providing they abide by all of section 3.a below.

Therefore, the Board proposes the following 2 pathway system for county shooting.

a. Counties with a County Coordinator (or Ground) to arrange qualifiers.

- i. There must be a minimum of 2 qualifiers to be arranged, in case shooters cannot make the first date, however only 1 score is needed to count.
- ii. Qualifiers MUST be advertised at least 1 month in advance of the date using the official WCTSA website and official WCTSA social media platforms by emailing Webmaster@wctsa.co.uk.
- iii. There will be no levies for qualifiers as this would mean those attending qualifiers would pay a levy for the qualifier then another at the finals, whereas shooters /counties choosing option 3.b would only pay a levy at the County Final.
- iv. Shooters competing in a qualifier MUST be a current member of the WCTSA. Shooters are allowed to join on the day of the qualifier if not currently a WCTSA member.
- v. Shooters must tell the Coordinator / Ground the category they wish to shoot under.
- vi. Counties can enter as many teams as they like for each category, including seniors.
- vii. Final Teams selection must be sent to the Secretary at least 7 Days before the date of the County Final by emailing Secretary@wctsa.co.uk
- viii. Format for a qualifiers
 1. Where possible match the format to the county final i.e., 100 birds



2. Where a ground holding a qualifier is unable to put on 100 birds then a minimum of 50 birds per qualifier must be shot, (more relevant to English Sporting than the trap disciplines).
- ix. Should a shooter be unable to attend a scheduled qualifier(s), then they would still be able to attend the County Final and shoot, but they would be eligible for overall category awards only, as the County awards would be limited to the team selected from the qualifiers.

b. Counties without a coordinator/ground to arrange a county qualifier.

- i. 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 may mean that you are not able to shoot the event.
- ii. 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 to those finals having a slightly different format and being named as a 'Welsh Championship'.

4. County Final Days

- a. County Finals will be Open registered events to help grounds ensure as full an entry as possible.
- b. Entry fees will be taken by the ground with the accompanying levy on the day of the final.
- c. Grounds holding County Finals will be required to use the CPSA SHOOT software for running the event.
- d. Those grounds not members of the CPSA and therefore not having the SHOOT must inform the Secretary so the WCTSA's copy of the SHOOT program can be used.
- e. Grounds having their own copy of the CPSA Software must make sure they regularly update this program to ensure they are using the most up to date membership details and classifications.
- f. 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'.

For County Team awards

- i. For those counties that have held qualifiers winners will be selected from the nominated teams submitted.
- ii. For those counties that did not hold any qualifiers, the top scores in that county from each category will be announced as "The Team".
- iii. NB only those shooters making up a Team either form 4.f.i or 4.f.ii will be awarded County badges.
- g. For Overall awards, all shooters participating in the County Final will be eligible.

5. WCTSA Commitment to the day

- a. To arrange, via the discipline reps, 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. 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 would appreciate their help on the day of the final with trophies and the general organisation.

6. 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.



7. Registration of Scores

- a. County Finals will be registered Open events.

8. Levies – To be levied on all shooters participating in a county final including non-Welsh / WCTSA members.

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

9. Team Composition

- a. English Sporting
 - i. Senior Team – 5 shooters all scores to count.
 - ii. Ladies Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
- b. English Skeet
 - i. Senior Team – 5 shooters all scores to count.
 - ii. Ladies Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
- c. All Round
 - i. Senior Team – 5 shooters all scores to count.
 - ii. Ladies Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
- d. Down the Line
 - i. Senior Team – 5 shooters all scores to count.
 - ii. Ladies Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
- e. Automatic Ball Trap
 - i. Senior Team – 5 shooters all scores to count.
 - ii. Ladies Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iii. Junior Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - iv. Colt Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - v. Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
 - vi. Super Veteran Team – 2 shooters both scores to count.
- f. Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet
 - i. No Team component.

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.



10. 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.

11. Captains Cup

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. County Trophies

- a. Perpetual trophies will be awarded as usual for the winners to keep for a year. It is hoped in the future that medals can be awarded, but this will not be in place for 2023.
- b. 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.
- c. The WCTSA Secretary will keep a record of the trophies, and winners each year will be asked to sign a record acknowledging receipt.

15. Jury

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

16. County Final Referees

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

