

# British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships

## 2019-2020 RULES

### Overview:

The 2019-20 Championships consists of seven qualifying events, which feed into the National Final. It consists of Individual and Team events each in three age categories for both able bodied and disabled athletes. All categories are mixed gender. Disabled athletes who qualify for the National Final will have the opportunity to also compete in the Disability Class. British Shooting welcome all athletes to enter as many competitions as they wish and represent their schooling establishment (home schooling is allowed). Talent Pathway opportunities are available during and following these Championships if athletes are interested in further activity.

<b>Qualifying Events:</b>	
<b>South West Schools Pistol Championships</b> Tuesday 1st October 2019 @ Leweston School, Dorset	<b>East of England Schools Pistol Championships</b> Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ St Felix School, Southwold.
<b>Scottish Schools Pistol Championships</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019 @ Grangemouth Sports Complex, Abbots Road, Grangemouth FK3 8JB	<b>North East Schools Pistol Championships</b> Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ Newcastle Fencing Centre
<b>South East Schools Pistol Championships</b> Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 @ Woking High School, Surrey.	<b>West Mids &amp; North West Schools Pistol Championships</b> Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ Ellesmere College, Shropshire
<b>Welsh Shooting Schools Pistol Championships</b> Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019 @ Bro Dinefwr School, Ffairfach, Carmarthenshire.	
<b>British Shooting Schools Pistol Champs NATIONAL FINAL:</b> Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020, held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Buckinghamshire.	

**Individual & Team Categories:** *NB. All age categories are mixed gender and physical ability. Only at the National Final will there be separate Disability categories.*

<b>Junior:</b> School Year 6, 7 & 8. (P6, P7 & S1) <sup>1</sup>	<b>Junior TEAM:</b> School Year 6, 7 & 8. (P6, P7 & S1)
<b>Intermediate:</b> School Year 9, 10. (S2 & S3)	<b>Intermediate TEAM:</b> School Year 9, 10. (S2 & S3)
<b>Senior:</b> School Year 11, 12 & 13. (S4, S5 & S6)	<b>Senior TEAM:</b> School Year 11, 12 & 13. (S4, S5 & S6)

**Team Events:** FREE A team consists of 3 athletes from the same school, in the same age category. All athletes are eligible for the team if more 3 or more athletes enter from the same school, in the same age category, the top scoring 3 athletes will form "Team A" and so on. Scores are extracted from the athlete's individual 20 shot qualification round and totalled to form their Team Score.

### National Final Qualification:

Automatic qualification and top scoring championship reserves across all age groups and Individual & Team events, will qualify for the 2019/20 National Final. (See Rules 25 & 26).

Specific Disability Class(s) will only occur at the National Final. At each Qualification Event the top 3 athletes from each age category who have entered stating a disability will qualify for the National Final and compete in the Disability Class only, or in both open and disability categories if applicable. (See Rule 25)

<sup>1</sup> Scottish School Year coding

1. **Shooting Experience:** It is preferred that athletes have had previous experience at Air Pistol shooting, whether in a Pony Club, Pentathlon, Scout, School or Shooting Club etc. environment.
2. **Disability:** Athletes with any physical disability are able to compete in the Schools Pistol Championships, with the exception on visual impairment and intellectual disability. Specific Disability Category(s) will only take place at the National Final.
  - 2.1 Qualification Events: All athletes (able-bodied and disabled) will compete alongside one another.
  - 2.2 Event Final Participation: At any championships event the Competition Jury have the authority to allow or disallow participation. The decision will be based upon the athlete's adaptation as outlined in *Rule 5* and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.
  - 2.3 National Final: Junior, Intermediate and Senior disability categories at the National Final will only occur when disability entry numbers exceed 10.
  - 2.4 National Final Event Final: One Disability Category Final including all age groups will only occur when the total disability entry numbers exceed 10.
3. **Safety:** Safety must be maintained at all times. It is within the Chief Range Officer's rights to remove any athlete deemed to be unsafe from the competition.
4. **Safety Flags:** Safety flags are to be inserted into the pistol barrel at all times that the pistol is not in use. If an athlete doesn't have a safety flag, they will be available from the competition organisers upon registration.
5. **Handed:** Juniors have the option to compete using one or two hands to hold the pistol. Intermediate and Senior athletes all compete using one.
6. **Disability Handed:** Due to the nature of the disability, if a junior athlete cannot hold the pistol from both hands, they have the option to support their shooting hand wrist on a stand/rest, but this aid must not support the pistol whilst shooting. If an Intermediate or Senior disability athlete cannot compete single handed, unsupported they may use two hands or a stand/rest to support their shooting hand wrist, but this aid must not support the pistol whilst shooting.
7. **Range:** All shooting will be completed at 10m distance.
8. **Targets:** The targets used will be provided by the competition organisers.
9. **Pellets:** Athletes are asked to bring their own .177 air pellets. Flat nose type only to be used. Pellets available to purchase from the competition organiser.
10. **Targetary:** Traditional paper targets will be used for all Qualification Events. Electronic targetary system will be used for the National Final.

For more information about electronic targetary system, visit: [www.sius.com](http://www.sius.com)
11. **Air Pistols:** .177 Air Pistols to be used only. Limited Air Pistols will be provided by the event organisers by prior request.

Contact [events@britishshooting.org.uk](mailto:events@britishshooting.org.uk)
12. **Refill Air Cylinder:** Free air cylinder refill facilities will be available at each Qualification event and National Final, by the competition organiser.
13. **Equipment Control:**
  - 13.1 For all Qualification competitions, equipment control will not be enforced. Information and guidance will be available for athletes who are placed in the Top 8 of all individual categories.
  - 13.2 National Final: The top 8 finalists at the National Final will be subject to trigger weight control prior to their final on the day. The trigger must lift a 500g weight in accordance with the ISSF Rules.



8.1. Paper Target Example



9.1. Pellet example

- 14. Sharing & Borrowing Air Pistols:** Maximum of 2 competitors can share one pistol. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE TIMETABLE. It's the team leader's responsibility to ensure a clash doesn't occur where 1 or more athletes need to use the same pistol at the same time. Finals and Qualifications details will run concurrently for different age groups.  
(See event Provisional Timetable below for a guide on event timing)
- 15. Borrow Pistols from the Event Organiser:** Pistols can be borrowed from the event organisers, but there is a limited amount which will be lent on a first come first served basis. Please state in your entry and/or contact [events@BritishShooting.org.uk](mailto:events@BritishShooting.org.uk)
- 16. Clothing:** Athletes are to wear **school sports wear**. NO JEANS. Athletes wearing jeans will not be allowed to shoot.
- 17. Preparation and Practice:** All athletes will be called to the line and given 5mins practice time to shoot an unlimited number of practice shots prior to the Qualification and Finals rounds.
- 18. Preparation Area:** Dry firing maybe permitted only in designated Preparation Area, if the event has facility.
- 19. Range Commands:** Unbox your pistols, ensure safety flags are inserted. Load – Start – Stop. Pistols to be checked by Range Staff, before being boxed.
- 20. Shot Count:** If an athlete shoots more than 20-shots in their qualification round at any event, they will have 2x points deducted per shot from their overall total.
- 20.1 Qualification Event: If an athlete shoots more (5+) or less (5-) shots on each target, there will be no penalty, as long as the athlete doesn't exceed the 20-shot total. If an athlete shoots more than 20-shots in total, on target 4 of 4 the highest scoring shot(s) will be disallowed & penalty points deducted.
- 20.2 National Final: 2 points per additional shot will be deducted for any excess shots over the 20-shot total, unless authorised by the CRO.
- 21. Qualification Event Structure:**
- 21.1 All athletes will shoot 20 qualification shots. (5x shots in 4mins on 4x paper targets). If all athletes have completed their match shots within the time allowed, it is within the rights of the CRO to make the range safe before the end of the time allocated.
- 21.2 The top 8 individual athletes from each age category, will progress to the knock-out final.
- 21.3 If a Disability athlete qualifies for the event final, the Competition Jury have the authority to allow or disallow participation. The decision will be based upon the athlete's adaptation as outlined in Rule 5 and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.
- 21.4 Team scores will be calculated from the 20 shot qualification scores. (See Rule 26)
- 21.5 10mins protest time will follow the published scores, for any protests to be made to the competition Jury.
- 21.6 Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format. (See Rule 23)
- 21.7 The Top 3 athletes automatically from each category will win a Quota Place and qualify for the National Final. If an athlete has already attained a Quota Place at a previous qualification event in the 2019-20 Championships, the Quota Place will be awarded to the next athlete who hasn't attained one.
- 21.8 The top 3 athletes from each age category who have entered stating a disability will qualify for the National Final and compete in the Disability Category only, or in both open and disability category if applicable. (See Rule 25)
- 22. National Final Event Structure:**
- 22.1 All athletes will shoot 20 qualification shots. (20x shots within 20mins). If all athletes have completed their match shots within the time allowed, it is within the rights of the CRO to make the range safe before the end of the time allocated.

- 22.2 The top 8 individual athletes (mixed able bodied and disabled) from each age category, will progress to the knock-out final.
- 22.3 If a Disability athlete qualifies for the event final, the Competition Jury have the authority to allow or disallow participation. The decision will be based upon the athlete's adaptation as outlined in Rule 5 and ensuring no event finalist has any significant performance advantage.
- 22.4 Team scores will be calculated from the 20 shot qualification scores. *(See Rule 26)*
- 22.5 10mins protest time will follow the published scores, for any protests to be made to the competition Jury.
- 22.6 Age category finals will be ISSF Guided, thus run to ISSF format *(See Rule 23)*
- 22.7 Only athletes who have qualified for the Individual competition can compete in this at the National Final. Team members who are only competing as part of a team, can't compete as an Individual.
- 22.8 Dependent on entries Disability Finals will be run separately, concurrently or concurrently with age group finals.

### **23. ISSF guided Knock-out Final Format:**

Call to the line.

Preparation and Practice time. 5mins

5 shots in 250 secs - Score (and change target if using paper targets)

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2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 8<sup>th</sup> Place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 7<sup>th</sup> place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 6<sup>th</sup> place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 5<sup>th</sup> place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 4<sup>th</sup> place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 3<sup>rd</sup> place is decided** (and change target if using paper targets)

2 shots (each in 50 secs on command) - **Afterwards 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places are decided.**

**24. Team Competition format for all Events:** Junior, Intermediate and Senior Team competitions, all mixed gender, all mixed able bodied and disabled. Top 3 scoring athletes from the same school, in the same age category will be totaled to give their team score. (Scores extracted from the athlete's individual qualification round at that event).

If more than 3 athletes enter an age category from the same school, the top 3 scoring athletes will form "Team A", their next 3 scoring athletes "Team B" and so on.

### **25. National Final Qualification (Individual):**

25.1 **Automatic Qualification:** The Top 3 athletes from each age category will win a Quota Place and qualify for the National Final. If an athlete has already attained a Quota Place at a previous qualification event in the 2019-20 Championships, the Quota Place will be awarded to the next athlete who hasn't attained one.

25.2 **Championships Reserve:** Following the conclusion of all the Qualification Events, the top 3 scoring Reserve Athletes from their 20-shot qualification round, in each category, will qualify.

25.3 **Disability:** The top 3 athletes from each age category who have entered stating a disability will qualify for the National Final and compete in the Disability Category only, or in both open and disability category if applicable.

## **26. National Final Qualification (Team):**

- 26.1 **Automatic Qualification:** The Top team from each age category from each Qualification Event will qualify their school for the National Final. That combination of 3 athletes who have attained a Team Quota Place for their school for the National Final cannot attain another Quota Place at a following Qualification Event.
- 26.2 **Championships Reserve:** Following the conclusion of all the Qualification Events, the top scoring team across all the Qualification Events that has not already qualified, will qualify for the National Final.
- 26.3 It's the school's responsibility to enter the athletes they wish to compete as part of their team(s) attending the National Final, but athlete names be submitted with their team(s) entry by the illustrated closing date and athletes must comply with the category age.

## **27. Tie (Qualification Events):**

- 27.1 **Qualification 20-shots:** Count back system will be in place. The athlete with the highest score in their last 5 shots (16-20<sup>th</sup> shots) will be awarded the higher placing. If this too is tied, counting back each 5 shots will determine an outcome.
- 27.2 **Knock-out Final:** The athletes in question will shoot continued single shots head to head, until an outcome is determined.
- 27.3 **Team Event:** The team with the higher 'lowest scoring member' will win the tie.

## **28. Tie (National Final):**

- 28.1 **Qualification 20-shots:** The athlete with the greatest number of inner 10's will gain the high placing. If this too is tied, count back from their strings of 10 shots will decide a winner.
- 28.2 **Knock-out Final:** The athletes in question will shoot continued single shots head to head, until an outcome is determined.
- 28.3 **Team Event:** The team with the higher 'lowest scoring member' will win the tie. If this too is tied, the team total of inner 10's will determine the outcome.

**29. Competition Entry Maximum:** The Organisers reserve the right to limit the number of entries to timetable the competition within the time available.

**30. National Final Competition Maximum:** British Shooting reserves the right to amend the number of qualifying athletes and teams who can compete at the National Final, due to the facilities and equipment available. Any changes will be communicated on the British Shooting website.

**31. Entries:** Entries must be received to the competition organiser prior to the closing date. Late entries may be available upon additional cost. Athletes who compete in the Team Competition must also compete as an Individual.

**32. Entry Fee:** £12.50 per Individual entry, FREE Team entry-fee's unless otherwise stated. *An online booking fee will be incurred for events held in England.* **All entry fees to be paid** with your online entry. Or if submitting the paper copy for the events held in England: £15.00 per Individual entry, FREE Team entry. **Fee to be paid on the day** by cheque or cash. Cheques made payable to British Shooting.

**33. Withdrawals & Refunds:** Please alert Gorgs Geikie – [Events@BritishShooting.org.uk](mailto:Events@BritishShooting.org.uk) or the Event Organiser or Event Coordinator for that specific event. No entry refund will be available unless otherwise stated.

**34. Event Cancellation:** If the Organisers are forced to cancel the competition, you'll be notified via the contact email address stated on your entry form. And entry refunds available.

**35. Questions:** Gorgs Geikie – [Events@BritishShooting.org.uk](mailto:Events@BritishShooting.org.uk)

**36. Competition Information:** The competition timetable and all other relevant information will be emailed to your contact email address approximately 10 days prior to the event.

**SECTION 21** of the Firearms Act 1968.

Prohibits the possession of a firearm & ammunition (under any circumstances) by any person who has been convicted of a crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment (or its equivalent for young persons) of three months or more. This is also applicable where sentence is suspended. The prohibition applies in all circumstances, including handling at an approved shooting range or at a clay pigeon shoot where a certificate is not ordinarily required. It also applies to the possession or use of other categories of firearms & ammunition such as airguns or shotgun cartridges for which a certificate is not needed.

**Guide timetable for each event:**

*(Finalised timetable will be sent prior to the events with athlete pre-event information).*

<b>Junior</b>	10:00	Registration
	10:30	Detail 1 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	11:00	Detail 2 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	12:00	FINAL Junior. Prize Giving to follow (Ind & Team)
<b>Inter</b>	10:30	Registration
	11:30	Detail 3 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	12:00	Detail 4 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	13:00	FINAL Intermediate. Prize Giving to follow (Ind & Team)
<b>Senior</b>	11:30	Registration
	12:30	Detail 5 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	13:00	Detail 6 <i>(inc. call to the line, practice and match)</i>
	14:30	FINAL Senior. Prize Giving to follow (Ind & Team)