LOTHIAN & BORDERS TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Team Postal League Regulations

Section A – General

1. Entries will be confined to teams from clubs affiliated to the Lothian & Borders Target Shooting Association.
2. Teams of four.
3. Teams will be arranged by the League Secretary into one or more divisions according to their shooting strength.
4. The entry fee shall be fixed by the committee or AGM.

Section B – Composition and Registration of Teams

1. (a) No competitor may shoot for more than one club in any one season.
   (b) No competitor may shoot for more than one team in the same match period.
   (c) Where a club enters more than one team, the best available shooters must be placed in the 'A' team, and the next best in the 'B' team and so on.
   (d) Members of all teams must be registered. A competitor must shoot in the team for which he or she is registered, subject to (e), (f) and (g) below.
   (e) A team member can only be relegated to a lower team provided his or her average in this competition for the last three shoots prior to relegation is lower than that of the member replaced.
   (f) Lower team members may shoot for a higher team any number of times without losing their lower team status.
   (g) A reserve, i.e. an unregistered member, may be included in any team. Where the current average of the reserve exceeds the registered average of the shooter being substituted, the score of the team shall be reduced by the difference, rounded to the nearest whole number above, between the reserve's current average and the substituted shooter's registered average. However, this rule does not apply in division 1 of a league, where a reserve with any current average may be used without penalty. Current average shall be interpreted as the average of a shooter's last three recorded scores at the time he first shoots as a substitute in the competition. The current average must be notified to the scorer on the first occasion that the reserve shoots for a particular team and the average must be certified correct by a club official.
   (h) A breach of Regulations 1(a) – (g) entails the disqualification of the score made by the competitor in the match in which the breach occurs.

Section C – Period of Shooting

1. Match periods shall be fortnightly, or otherwise as deemed necessary by the Management Committee of the Association, ending on a Monday
2. Each team will fire its matches according to the fixture list. It is permissible for team members to fire any match in advance with no limitations. All members need not shoot on the same date.

Section D – Return of Shot Cards

Shot cards may be locally scored by participating clubs, or shot cards must be sent to the League Secretary for scoring. If the former method is used, then scoring must be carried out by a competent club official whose name shall be declared to the League Secretary. The League Secretary has the right to call in any locally-scored cards at any time for scrutiny and to alter published results due to incorrectly scored cards so discovered.

1. Cards or scores must be sent to the League Secretary to reach him/her not later than the Saturday after the conclusion of the match period under penalty of disqualification for the match period concerned. Scores may be sent by email.
2. A stamped addressed 9" x 4" envelope must be enclosed with shot cards or an email address provided for the return of results.

Section E – Witnessing

1. Each card must be witnessed in accordance with NSRA Rules 7.5 and 7.6.
2. The witness shall:
   (a) Be conversant with LBTSA and NSRA Rules and Regulations.
   (b) Be present during the whole period of the shooting of the cards he or she witnesses.
   (c) Satisfy him- or herself that the member shooting is correctly named on the card he or she shoots and the name is entered before the cards are placed on the butts.
   (d) Sign and date each card after each shoot.
   (e) Bring immediately to the notice of the Association in writing any infringement of the Rules.
   (f) Be debarred from witnessing his or her own shoot.
   (g) Ensure that the competitor adds his or her own signature to the card after shooting.

Section F – Conduct of Shooting

1. Stickers shall be issued by the Association at the beginning of the season and must be affixed to the front of the target. On receipt, all stickers should be checked and any missing stickers or other discrepancy reported to the League Secretary immediately.
2. Ten shots shall be fired per competitor per match, one at each diagram on proportionate cards at 15, 20 or 25 yards range.
3. Coaching and spotting are allowed.
4. A competitor may have a practice card beside the match card and any number of sighting shots may be fired. Ten scoring shots must, however, be fired at the match card. It is not permissible to revert to the practice card in the course of shooting the match card.
5. An ammunitions block must be used when firing the match card.
6. Shot holes mush not be gauged or otherwise interfered with.
7. Team members must fire their targets in the same round on the same range.

Section G – Protests

1. Any protests regarding the infringement of the Regulations, scores, etc, must be made in writing or by email and must reach the League Secretary within seven days of the issue of the relevant results.
2. All protests shall be placed before the Management Committee and their decision shall be final.

Section H – Points, Awards and League Tables

1. Two points will be awarded for a win, one for a tie.
2. Final league positions will be decided on points or on gun score aggregate where a tie occurs.
3. In the event of two or more teams tying for top position with equal points and gun score aggregate, the teams concerned shall shoot an additional set of cards to decide the winner. If still a tie, graduated gauges shall be used on the tie match cards.
4. A league team that does not fulfil the required number of its match engagements in the league for any reason shall be treated as having retired and its records shall be expunged from the league table for that season. Each of the opposing teams must complete their fixtures in the normal way and will receive two match points for all matches against the team withdrawn. The required number of fulfilled match engagements for the season shall be at least two thirds of that team's total match engagements for that season. For this purpose, in order to fulfil a league engagement, a team must shoot at least one of the four match cards for that match.

Section I – Method of Assessing Team Averages

1. The individual averages of each team member shall be calculated to one decimal place from the best eight of out of the most recent ten cards shot during the previous season in the Association's Team Postal League Competition. If insufficient league cards have been shot then other Association, NSRA and club competition scores shall be taken in that order to make up the number required.
2. The team averages specified on the entry forms shall be the sum (calculated to one decimal point) of the individual averages of the members of the team.
3. The Association reserves the right to obtain statistical evidence in proof of any average quoted.

Section J – Awards

1. Awards will be given as follows.
   (a) To the winning team in each division.

   (b) To the competitor with the best average at the conclusion of the competition. In the event of a tie for first place then countback will be used to determine the winner. All rounds must be completed to qualify for the award.

   (c) To the junior competitor with the best average among all the junior competitors at the conclusion of the competition. Junior competitors must be identified as such on the entry form, and must be under 21 at time of entry as per NSRA Rule 3.5.1. In the event of a tie for first place then countback will be used to determine the winner. All rounds must be completed to qualify for the award.

   (d) To the team which has the best handicapped average based on their average at the conclusion of the competition converted using the Macrae system compared to their declared average. All matches must be completed with four counting cards per match to qualify for this award.