



Scottish Target Shooting  
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# STS Winter Rifle Postal Competitions for 2023-24

## Programme

A series of postal competitions for individuals and teams will be run over the winter months. These competitions are **open to both members and non-members of Scottish Target Shooting (STS)**, apart from the Medal Competition which is restricted to individual members of STS only. The events scheduled to run in the Winter Rifle Postal Competition 2023-24 programme are:

## Individual Competitions

### The STS Medal - *Closing Date for Entries 31 December - Open to STS Members Only (Free)*

- This is a short-range prone event *FREE* for STS Members ONLY to enter.
- Salvagers are presented for each Class and Category.
- The highest scoring shooter in the final, regardless of class, will win the Silver Medal and is entitled to enter the "County and League Medal Holders" competitions at the NSRA's Scottish and National Rifle Meetings
- It is a short-range prone event shot over 2 stages in 4 classes plus Junior and Veteran classes.
- Each stage consists of a set of 3 NSRA indoor targets to be shot in one hour.
- Medal targets (1st Stage) to be shot by February and the Final (2nd Stage) by end March.
- The top 10 and equal in the 1st Stage, contest the final over the same course of fire.

*The first stage of the STS Medal competition must be completed by 5 February and scores submitted by 12 February.*

### CanDicap - *Closing Date for Entries 31 December*

- This is a short-range prone competition, restricted to C and D class shooters *ONLY* and is shot over 2 stages.
- Competitors must nominate a handicap of at least 5 points per card. If you do not wish to take up the handicap, please contact the scorer to arrange to have it changed prior to shooting.
- The course of fire is a set of 3 cards in one hour with the handicap being applied to each.
- CanDicap targets (1st stage) to be shot by February and the Final (2nd stage) by end March.
- The top 10 and equal in the 1st Stage contest the Final over the same course of fire.

*The first stage of the CanDicap competition must be completed by 5 February and scores submitted by 12 February.*

### Speedway - *Closing Date for Entries 31 December*

- This a short-range prone event shot over 2 stages.
- The qualifying round (1st stage) consists of 5 cards which are not a set and so do not need to be shot together. The last date for shooting is Monday 12th February, scores to be received by the organiser by Saturday 17th February.
- The top 16 (regardless of class) qualify for the Shoulder-to-Shoulder Open Final (2<sup>nd</sup> Stage) to be shot on Sunday 3rd March at the Balerno & Currie Range. The Final is a round-robin event with finalists gathering points from matches against all the other finalists. The top 8 finalists are automatically seeded into the postal match versus North Island New Zealand. The winner is the finalist with the highest number of points at the end of the Final and will be declared Scottish Short Range Matchplay Champion.
- If there are enough C and D class entries a separate final will also be held.

*The first stage of the Speedway competition must be completed by 12 February and scores submitted by 17 February.*

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**Short Range 3P Championship - *Closing Date for Entries 31 December*****Indoor Short Range**

- This competition is unclassified and the course of fire is at competitor's discretion.
- You have the option of competing as either a single 3 x 40 stage or as two 3 x 20 half courses.
- If shot as 3 x 40 the final date for shooting is end March.
- If shot as two half courses:
  - The first stage is to be shot by February and the second by end March; and
  - The scores of the two half courses will be added together to determine the winner.

*If shooting 2 half courses, the first half course must be completed by Sunday 5 February and scores submitted by Sunday 12 February. The second half course must be shot by Sunday 5 March and scores submitted by Sunday 12 March.*

## Individual Leagues

Leagues will be allocated based on entries and averages submitted. The points in each league are allocated with the top score being awarded n-1 points, second n-2 points etc. (where n is the number of shooters in the league). The individual with the greatest number of points at the end will be deemed the winner. Leagues available for individuals to enter this winter are:

**Prone Individual League - *Closing Date for Entries 31 October***

- The Prone Individual League course of fire requires two 10-shot NSRA targets to be shot in each match period. There will be 8 match periods between December and March.

**3P Individual League - *Closing Date for Entries 31 October***

- The 3P League consists of a half course of 3x20 with 20 shots in each of the prone, standing and kneeling disciplines.
- There is one round each month in December, January, February and March.

**10m Air Rifle Individual League - *Closing Date for Entries 31 October***

- This is a 60 shot competition with 5 rounds running between December to March.
- There are two rounds in December and one round each month in January, February, March.

*Those competing in an Air Rifle Grand Prix may choose to shoot a round of the league concurrently with the Grand Prix - please notify both the League and Grand Prix Organisers in advance of the event if you would like to do this.*

***STS has also introduced age categories to recognise top scoring individuals in these groups in certain competitions. Athletes must be eligible for that age category as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.***

## Team League

**Prone Team League - *Closing Date for Entries 31 October***

- The league is open to teams of 4, where team members must be from the same club.
- Clubs one or more teams – **STS member clubs receive their first team entry for FREE.**
- Where clubs enter more than one team, team members should be selected in order of their averages e.g. no "B" team member should have a higher average than any "A" team member and no "C" team member should have a higher average than "B" team member etc. Clubs will be contacted if this happens to seek a resolution.
- The league is run on a normal league basis, with divisions of 6 made up based on declared averages.
- Averages should be calculated from the best 10 of the last 12 indoor match cards shot.
- Each team member shoots 1 card, 10 shots on NSRA short range prone targets every fortnight over 10 rounds.

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## Information

### How to Enter

Enter Online at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/ScottishTargetShooting/STSWinterRiflePostalCompetitionsEntryForm>

OR

Paper entry forms can be obtained by emailing [events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk](mailto:events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk). These must be returned to this email address or posted to: Winter Postal Competitions, STS, Caledonia House, 1 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ

### Shooters with a Disability

If you would like to enter the Team or Individual competitions, please check if you meet the NSRA rules for shooters with a disability. You may have to apply for an NSRA certificate. The NSRA Rules can be found here (Section 4 of the rules has information for shooters with a disability): <https://www.nhra.co.uk/index.php/home/reference/rules>

### Your Health & Safety

Your health and safety are a priority with Scottish Target Shooting (STS) and we ask that you comply with all health and safety measures in place at your range or club.

### Entry Prices

Individual Competitions and Leagues	STS Adult Member	STS Junior Member	STS Adult Non-Member	STS Junior Non-Member
STS Medal	FREE	FREE	N/A	N/A
CanDicap	£7.50*	£5.00*	£10.00*	£7.50*
Speedway	£7.50*	£5.00*	£10.00*	£7.50*
Short Range 3P Championship	£7.50*	£5.00*	£10.00*	£7.50*
Prone Individual League	£7.50*	£5.00*	£10.00*	£7.50*
3P Individual League	£7.50*	£5.00*	£10.00*	£7.50*
10m Air Rifle Individual League	£7.50*	£5.00*	£10.00*	£7.50*

Prone Team League	STS Member Club	STS Non-Member Club
First Team Entered	FREE	£10/Team*
All Other Additional Teams	£10/Team*	£10/Team*

\*A processing fee of approx. 1.5% + 20p will be applied in addition to the fees advertised above if paying online

### Closing Dates Reminder

**31 October** is the closing date for:

Prone Individual League  
3P Individual League  
10m Air Rifle Individual League  
Prone Team League

**31 December** is the closing date for:

STS Medal  
CanDicap  
Speedway  
Short Range 3P

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### Joining STS

- **STS Membership is not restricted to shooters living in Scotland.**
- STS membership offers discounted entry to events and competitions for all members.
- STS membership starts from £11 for adults and £5.50 for juniors, full-time students and people with a disability.
- **Adult members receive 25% discount and Junior STS members receive 50% discount for most STS run events.**
- You can find out more about the benefits and how to join STS at: [www.scottishtargetshooting.co.uk/membership](http://www.scottishtargetshooting.co.uk/membership).

### Averages

- For the Medal, Speedway, Prone League and Team competitions, your average should be calculated from the best 10 of the last 12 indoor match cards shot.
- For the 3P League and 10m Air Rifle League your average should be calculated from the best 5 of the last 6 matches.
- For the CanDicap you should have a minimum handicap of 5.

### Classifications

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
Prone Indoor Averages	98.5 and over	Between 96.5 and 98.4	Between 93.5 and 96.4	Under 93.5
Air Rifle Indoor Averages	580 and over	Between 560 and 579	Between 530 and 559	Under 530

### Targets

- All prone cartridge events are shot on NSRA BM series targets over 15, 20 or 25 yards or NSRA approved electronic systems.
- Air rifle events are shot at 10m on either NSRA 5 bull targets, 5 shot strip targets, ISSF single shot targets or NSRA approved electronic systems.
- Standing and kneeling disciplines are shot on NSRA BM series 2 bull and 5 bull targets respectively or NSRA approved electronic systems.
- Failure to submit target when requested by the organiser to verify a score, could result in an entrant being removed.
- Targets must be received within 2 weeks if these are being posted in or the organiser has requested you send them in for verification.
- It is the responsibility of clubs to pay for postage costs associated with submitting targets.

### Stickers

- Stickers are issued for the first stage of the Medal, Speedway, CanDicap and Short Range 3P Championship.
- Stickers will be posted out to each entrant and you should receive the correct number of stickers for your competition entries. Please check and advise us if you think the stickers you receive are incorrect by emailing [events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk](mailto:events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk)
- **Before shooting**, a Club Official must affix these to the front of the correct NSRA target for the discipline and distance. The targets must be shot and witnessed according to NSRA rules. (**Electronic Targets: Please affix all stickers to the printout**)
- **After shooting**, cards and electronic target print outs should be signed by a Club Official and dated.
- In line with the NSRA county leagues the cards for all rounds may be shot immediately the stickers are received, but the closing date for each round must be adhered to.

**For questions about the competition, the administrator can be contacted at [events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk](mailto:events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk) or by calling 0131 376 2224.**

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## Submitting Your Scores

- Scores are to be submitting using the online submission sheet which will be sent out by STS to all entrants.
- Cards DO NOT need to be returned UNLESS requested or you have indicated you are sending these in.
- You may be asked to return cards (or printouts from electronic targets) for random checks, or in the event of a challenge, so please retain your cards for one month after the final 'Submit by' date.
- If you need to return cards you will be asked by email and you will have two weeks to return the requested cards (this deadline can be extended for exceptional circumstances).
- If a returned card is checked and a minor error is found, the recorded score will be updated. If a major discrepancy is found, or the card is not returned, further investigation will occur, and scores may be voided.
- You can challenge a score someone else has submitted by emailing Scottish Target Shooting at [events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk](mailto:events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk) with the competitor name, event and round you are challenging. Organisers may then request the shot card to be returned if within the timescales stated above.

## Deadlines

10 Air Rifle Individual League	Prone Individual League	Last Date for Shooting (LDFS)	Submit By
Round 1	Round 1	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Round 2	Round 2	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Round 3	Round 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Round 4	Round 4	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Round 5	Round 5	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
	Round 6	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
	Round 7	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
	Round 8	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Refunds & Cancellations

- If a competition is cancelled, all entries fees for that competition will be fully refunded.
- Entrants withdrawing from a competition after the closing date will not be entitled to a refund except in exceptional circumstances subject to the discretion of the STS Office.
- Entrants removed from a competition for failing to submit scores on time or failing to submit targets when requested by the organiser will **NOT** be refunded, unless agreed otherwise with the STS Office.
- If you need to change your booking or withdraw from one or more of the competitions then please contact [events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk](mailto:events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk) or call 0131 376 2224, leave a message and we shall return your call.

## Prizes

- **STS Medal:** Salvers are awarded to the class winners and the Silver Medal to the top score in any class.
- **CanDicap:** The CanDicap Quaich is awarded to the overall winner.
- **Speedway:** The Bill Dick Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top score in all classes and the Boston Bowl will be awarded to the competitor with the Highest score in C and D classes.
- **Short Range 3P Championship:** A Gold Medal will be awarded to the overall winner.
- **Prone League:** A Gold Medal will be awarded to the top score in each division.
- **3P League:** A Gold Medal will be awarded to the top score in each division.
- **10m Air Rifle League:** A Gold Medal will be awarded to the top score in each division.
- **Team:** A Gold Medal will be awarded to each team member of the overall winning team in each division.
- *Trophies are only awarded to STS Members and Club Members of STS Member Clubs.*
- *Gold Medals will be awarded to the top score in each age category for the relevant competitions.*

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