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UCPSA Rules & Regulations - Notes for all UCPSA Registered Events

Below are some pertinent rules concerning the running of Registered Events, expansion of these rules can be found under Entry Costs & Times.

1 All Registered Competitions are run in strict accordance with the current technical rules regulating the disciplines issued from time to time by the relevant governing bodies, however the rules printed herein are paramount.

2 The shooter must pay the required fee and enter by the required entry closing time. Entry is open to current paid-up Full Members in good standing of the UCPSA (or other National Shooting Clay Associations recognised by the UCPSA).

3 Only UCPSA members (or those members of other National Clay Shooting Associations recognised by the UCPSA).

4 Non-Members can be given entry on paying the full entry fee, they are not entitled to any prize except if the club wishes to offer a prize from their own funds.

5 Full details on special entry categories such as late entry, birds only, junior and non-member are covered widely on a later page of these rules.

6 The club is required to post two notices at each Registered event, one with the details of the entries & prize pay-out the second sheet is for the jury. These notice sheets are included in the UCPSA shoot program. Clubs may pay extra or other prizes from club funds or sponsorship.

7 All scores from these events must be recorded and returned to the UCPSA statistical officer, this must include all entrants to the event whether of the UCPSA, any other governing body or Non-Association Members.



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8 The appropriate shooter levy must be returned for all entrants whether members of the UCPSA, any other governing body or Non-Association Members. This return should be sent to the UCPSA Treasurer.

9 There is also a shoot registration fee of £10 to be paid, this is refundable if there are less than 31 entrants to the event.

10 Score and Levy returns should be returned to the appropriate official within seven days of the event. Late returns may lead to the suspension of the offending club's next registered shoot/s. The shoot/s will be reallocated to another venue if possible. In the case of shoot/s being deregistered notice of this will appear on the Associations website www.ucpsa.com

11 Clubs must return shoot scores by electronic means using the UCPSA software provided to each club.

12 At the time of setting the calendar all clubs must be fully paid up in all dues to the Association.

Viewing of Targets.

Members participating in the trap disciplines of DTL and ABT are reminded that one viewing target to be called by number one of the squad on instruction from the referee is allowed. In the discipline of National Skeet, one clay from each house to be called by number one of the squad on instruction from the referee is allowed. See rule 30 under English Sporting.

Clearing of Traps

In all disciplines only after two successive target malfunctions will the referee clear the trap for the shooter.



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Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet Loads

In the discipline of Olympic Skeet and Olympic Trap 28 gram shot loads will be allowed for “D” class and unclassified shooters only. Shooters attending away shoots must declare on their return form shot load used. Only scores shot with 24 gram loads can be recognised for MQS/MCS

See use of unauthorised cartridges rule 11

All clubs and shooters must abide by these rules so that everyone has the same opportunity to enjoy their day at a registered shoot.

Many thanks in anticipation of your co-operation.

UCPSA Championships, Trophies and Ulster Cups

UCPSA Championships and Registered shoots will be competed for over whatever layouts are available to that particular ground on the day of competition or as the event progresses.

Members who win trophies at UCPSA events or Home International Tournaments are reminded that trophies are held for **One Year Only** and **Must Be Returned** in good time for competition the following year. To ensure compliance with this rule with this rule members will be asked to sign for all trophies and to keep them safe.

Ulster Cups which are awarded annually for the best performance over the year at UCPSA Registered events, Ulster Cups are only presented to current UCPSA members who compete under their UCPSA number. They are awarded per discipline as follows:

Automatic Ball Trap Best 4 scores, maximum 2 from any one ground.

Down The Line Best 4 Scores from 4 different grounds.



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English Sporting Best 4 Scores from a minimum of 3 different grounds.

FITASC Sporting Best 4 scores (50 & 75 target events averaged up to 100.

National Skeet Best 4 scores from a minimum of 3 different grounds.

Olympic Skeet Best 3 scores, maximum 1 from any ground.

Olympic Trap Best 4 scores.

In the event of a tie, the next best score will be taken and so on until a winner is found, limit of counting grounds used until exhausted then any ground may count,

Contact and venue details relating to clubs hosting registered shoots.

Annaloiste CPC Birches, Co. Armagh 54.487516 6.580018 contact Mark Simpson
07837720771

Ballydugan SGC Downpatrick, Co Down BT30 8HA Contact Edward Manning Buller
07765651552

Banbridge CPC (DTL) 53 Flough Road, Co. Down BT32 3SX Contact Gordon
McDowell 07808099443

Banbridge Sporting Gun Club Gibneys Quarry Co. Down Contact Richard
McCracken 07759416806

The Bull Ring Tamney Martin Road, Maghera Contact Richard McCaughern
07834589227 email thebullring.maghera@gmail.com

Carrickfergus Sporting gun Club Co. Antrim BT38 9LE email
carrickfergusclays@yahoo.co.uk

Culbann CPC Portglenone Co. L'derry BT44 8NZ Contact Martin 07753207352



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Culdrum CPC Aghadowey Co. L'derry 55.065526 - 6.652557 Contact William Armstrong 07740716400

Dennett Valley CPC 60 Church Road Co. L'derry BT47 3QQ Contact Robert McLaughlin 07715788864

Derryboye Sporting Gun Club Crossgar Co. Down BT30 9DR Contact David Logan 028 9187 8013

Donegal Sporting Gun Club Email sprattstuart@gmail.com

Dungannon CTC Co. Tyrone BT69 6PB 54.448827 - 6.934665 Contact Mark Nicholson 07736774804

Hillsborough Sporting Gun Club Hillsborough Co. Down BT26 6PB Contact Trevor Wilson 07768188421 email catwil59@btinternet.com

Kilroot CPC Ballyboley Co. Antrim BT40 2PR Contact George Dillon 07731660983

Logues Hill CPC Galbally Co. Tyrone BT70 2PQ Contact Noel 07748988340 Tel 028 8775 9602

Moyola CPC Magherafelt Co. L'derry 54.79891 - 6.662313 Contact Keith 028 7964 3740

Mulroy Gun Club Milford Co. Donegal 55.068951 - 7.690979 Tel 00353 74915 3230

Omagh CPC Co. Tyrone BT79 7UD 54.687179 - 7.293341 Contact Derek Monteith 07850260731 Fergal McGurgan 07712865848

Rathfriland CPC Co. Down BT34, 54.244491 - 6.180543 Contact Hugh Irvine 0780113377



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Route Gun Club Ballymoney 55.100665 - 6.534661 Contact John Church 028 2955 8843

Thatch CTC 94 Rocavan Road Broughshane BT42 4QZ Contact William Donnelly 07841698475

Please contact secretary with venue details or to update contact details.

Authorised Clubs for under 16's

Currently the clubs hosting registered shoots for young shooters 12 - 15 years are:- Banbridge CPC, Culdrum Gun Club, Dungannon CTC, Logues Hill CPC, Moyola CTC, Thatch CTC and Route Gun Club.

Please check the list on the website regularly as the list will be updated as clubs become PSNI Authorised.

Please Note: Spent cartridges, cartridge boxes, cartons and other rubbish be taken away and disposed of correctly from the following venues:- Annaloiste CPC, Banbridge Sporting Gun Club, Ballydugan CPC, Carrickfergus SGC, Derryboye SGC, Dungannon CTC, Hillsborough SGC, Kilroot CPC, Omagh CPC.

Anti-Doping Policy

The anti-doping rules of the Ulster Clay Pigeon Shooting Association are the Anti-Doping rules published by the UK Anti-Doping (or its successor), as amended from time to time.

These anti-Doping rules can be viewed on www.ukad.org.uk

The following regulations (together with those listed earlier on these pages) have been designed for the proper conduct and administration of UCPSA



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Registered events and are binding both on competitors and shoot organisers. They are a primary condition of individual membership or club registration.

Definition

By definition all competitions and County Competitions entered in the UCPSA calendar are Registered events unless otherwise indicated. The competitions will take place on the date and ground notified in the Calendar. In exceptional circumstances changes to the published Calendar can be requested via the Discipline Sub-Committee and forwarded to the board for approval.

All Registered Competitions are run in strict accordance with the current technical rules regulating the discipline as issued from time to time by the relevant governing bodies.

All Registered Competitions consist of 100 targets, unless otherwise indicated in the calendar. Re-entry is not permitted to any Registered Shoot.

All scores from these events are recorded with the UCPSA Statistical Officer for the purpose of Classification and Team Selection in line with the discipline selection procedures.

Eligibility

Registered events are open exclusively to current UCPSA members or members of other National Clay Shooting Associations recognised by the UCPSA provided that:

They have proof of membership of UCPSA or another National Clay Shooting Association. Shooters may only join or renew their membership with the secretary of the UCPSA.

They pay the required fee and enter by the published entry closing time.



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They fully comply with the provisions contained herein and in the current rule book for the discipline concerned and/or any additional conditions approved by the UCPSA and published in advance.

Winners of trophies, titles or badges at County Championships must be members of the UCPSA and shoot County as declared on joining the UCPSA.

Non-Association entrants will pay the full entry fee plus an insurance day rate and are not entitled to win any prize except one offered from the clubs own funds.

Return of Scores

All scores at Registered events (including “Birds Only” but with the exception of practice and tie breakers) will be used for the compilation of Association averages and Classifications. It is a condition of Registration that all clubs holding Registered events shall return to the UCPSA within 7 days of the event the scores of **ALL** participants. If any participant should retire from the event after having started, his or her score and the actual number of targets shot at will be included in the return form.

Entry Fees and Prizes

The UCPSA requires organisers of Registered events to display prominently:

The entry fee, which must include the full amount to be paid back in prizes.

The “Birds Only” entry fee, which must exclude all prize money.

The amount to be returned in prizes, the difference between the two lines above less any junior entry fee.



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Special Entry Categories

Late entries (LE) Anyone wishing to enter after the published entry closing time may do so, only at the discretion of the club and providing they enter one hour (2½ in ABT) of the published entry closing time; they will pay the birds only entry fee and have their score returned.

The score will be used for classification and Team Selection but they cannot win any trophy, badge or prize money at that event.

Birds only entries (BO). Only UCPSA members or members of other National Clay Shooting Associations who enter before the entry close time are entitled to enter as “Birds Only”, their scores must be included in club returns.

Any member entering “Birds Only” is entitled to win any Association Trophy, Badge or sponsored prize at that event, they are excluded from the prize fund only.

Junior Entry Fee. The junior entry fee is for those under 21 years of age or under 25 still in full time education. It applies to UCPSA members and is extended to members of other National Clay Shooting Associations, includes ICTSA, SCTA, CPSA & WCTSA, these scores must be included in club returns and the junior qualifies for all prizes.

Non-Association members. All other Non-Association members will pay the full entry fee, plus a day insurance fee they will not be entitled to any trophy or prize except should the club offer a prize from their own funds. Their names and scores must be included in the clubs score returns.

Practise Shooting.

Practise shooting on the layouts and targets used for a Registered event may only be permitted on the day (s) before the individual shooters first day of competition,



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Any competitor, who shoots any practise on the competition layouts after having completed the prescribed course and before any possible shoot-offs, will be automatically disqualified from the latter.

Coaching.

Once a Registered event has commenced no coaching or tuition from any quarter will be permitted while the competitor is actually at the shooting stand or in the process of completing a round.

Cartridge

Any shooter found to be using an unauthorised cartridge will in the first instance have their score withdrawn by the jury who in turn will inform the board of the incident. The board will take action as per the disciplinary code of conduct.

Cancellation

A club/ground may only cancel a Registered event before the start of shooting. The appointed jury, however, shall have power to curtail the number of targets being shot at their discretion if extraordinary circumstances so dictate. The jury must include a representative of the shoot organiser, senior representative of the shooters and if possible a qualified referee and/or the most experienced of the persons available.

Jury

A jury consisting of no less than three (preferably 5) persons shall be appointed and posted up before shooting starts at all Registered events. The role of the jury is that of supervising the running of the event, checking the target settings, carrying out the duties and responsibilities allocated to them as per the rule book



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for the discipline concerned and make all decisions directly relating to the fairness of the competition.

Whenever possible the appointed person shall be highly experienced in the roles of juries and have deep knowledge of all technical aspects and rules of the discipline.

A minimum quorum of three jury members will be required for all decisions.

Unclassified shooters

Any paid-up member who does not appear in the current Classifications in the discipline being shot, shall be classified on the day.

Novice Championships

Novice - Will only be those who are in their first year of membership or under 18 years of age (on date of championship) Lapsed and returning members, plus those with previous membership of another National Clay Shooting Association (>18) are not eligible.

Ladies, juniors and veterans

At all UCPSA Registered events and Championships, unless previously excepted by the executive board, all competitors regardless of age or sex will shoot for all prizes in their own “lettered class”, i.e, AA,A, B, C or D as applicable (unless they chose the “Birds Only” option). Additionally, the trophies, badges, titles or any other individual awards offered specifically for the categories of Ladies, Juniors or Veterans at these events, will be won by the highest scoring eligible competitors in these categories regardless of what “lettered” class they happen to be competing in.

The definition of these special shooting categories are as follows:



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Juniors must be under the age of 21 on 1st January in year of competition.

Veterans will had their 55th birthday, Super Veterans their 65th birthday on 1st January in year of the competition.

Events under the jurisdiction of the BICTSF, ICTSC and ICTSF different rules may apply.

Tie Breakers

In the event of s tie, whenever practicable and in accordance with the jury's instructions, a shoot-off will decided the individual High Gun and the winners of all badge or trophy prizes. Should any of the ties have left the ground they will forfeit the High Gun prize/trophy/badge. Should all ties have left the ground then the count back system will be used to determine the winner.

All class ties for cash prizes shall be decided on an "add and divide" basis. At all Registered shoots and Championships the following shoot-off procedure shall be adopted where necessary:

OT, ABT, UT All involved in a tie-breaker will shoot a standard full round (i.e. 25 targets) with normal scoring, to establish final positions. If after this round, two or more shooters are still tied, they will enter into a sudden death, one bird shoot-off, loading just a single barrel. If after a full round a tie still exists, the shooters involved will shoot a further full round under the same conditions to reach a decision.

DTL If a tie exists a full round will be shot under normal scoring (use of both barrels) If after this round, two or more shooters are still tied, they will enter into another full round loading just a single barrel. If a tie still exists then they will enter single barrel, sudden death one bird shoot-off starting on peg 3. All shooters involved must shoot at the same number of targets.



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National Skeet - One full round, if a tie still exists then a sudden death shoot-off will be held on station 4 to determine a winner, same format as Olympic Skeet below.

SKD - “sudden death” station 4 same format as Olympic Skeet below.

Olympic Skeet - Shoot-off on stand 4 , two pairs, high target shot first on first pair, low target shot first on second pair.

English Sporting - Ties will be broken by shooting initially at 5 pairs from stand (s) decided by the jury or organisers. Scoring will be out of 30.

If a tie still exists, a sudden death shoot-off on pairs will follow (scoring out of 2) until the tie is broken. All shooters involved must shoot at an equal number of pairs.

All Round - In the event of a tie break one of the four disciplines is drawn at random by the jury or the shoot organisers and then the procedure for tie breaks in that discipline is applied.

FITASC Sporting - Refer to chapter 18 of the FITASC Sporting rule book.

Hearing & Eye Protection

The wearing of visible hearing protection on both ears, as specified below, is compulsory at all Registered shoots in all Disciplines.

Shoot organisers are responsible for ensuring that a recognised and purpose made hearing protection product is visibly worn by all persons taking part in Registered events while in the act of shooting, refereeing, scoring, trapping officiating in any capacity, or spectating near the shooting stands.



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The wearing of high impact shatterproof shooting glasses or safety goggles is mandatory at all UCPSA events including any activities run by a UCPSA affiliated club. All persons in, or in the vicinity of, or any shooting stand or anyplace where clay debris is likely to fall must wear suitable eye protection.

Safety Officers, Referees and Jury members will have the power and the responsibility to stop anyone stepping on to a shooting stand or standing nearby, or officiating in an event unless they are seen to be wearing some form of proprietary hearing and eye protection.

English Sporting

The minimum number of stands required to operate simultaneously at a Registered shoot is as follows: A 100 - bird shoot - 10 stands, B National Selection Shoots a minimum of 10 stands will be used.

A maximum of 10 birds is permitted on any one stand.

All shooters are obliged to take good care of the score card handed to them at the time of entry and must return it to the organisers by the required time whether they have completed the course or not and regardless of their scores.

On completion of their round all squad members must sign against their score on the squad sheet, number one and two on the squad shall be responsible for the safe return of the squad sheet to the club house for checking by adjudicator's.

In cases of discrepancies with cards the official club adjudicator's calculation will take precedence and will be used by the club for the total score to be returned to the UCPSA for classification purposes and/or prize awarding purposes.



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Squad Etiquette

With there being no referee on the stand to indicate the flight direction of the targets, a squad, coming into an empty stand may view 2 targets from each trap, in the case of a following squad that has had the opportunity to see the targets flight direction only 1 target from each trap may be viewed.

Shooters must remain with their squad and following squads must stay a respectful distance from the squad shooting, maintain a reasonable quietness and must not leave their squad to crowd the squad already shooting on the stand.

All Round

All Registered All Round competitions must consist of 100 targets as follows:

25 Single Barrel DTL, 25 National Skeet, 25 ABT, 25 English Sporting.

No deviation from the above will be permitted and all four disciplines must be shot in accordance with their own technical rules and regulations and shot from approved registered layouts in each case.

Team Events

In order to be eligible for selection for county teams, apart from fulfilling the necessary residential qualifications, shooters must be current members the UCPSA. Membership of any other Association, whether recognised by the UCPSA or not, will not entitle them to be part of any County Team.

Size and composition of official teams will be determined by the respective discipline, whilst team selection is a responsibility of the respective discipline sub-committees. Acceptance of a place on the team is the responsibility of the shooter.



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Rules to be applied by club & ground officials

The following rules, which must always be implemented, are the responsibility of the club officials and constitute a primary condition of Registration.

A All registered events must always comply with all these rules and regulations in every respect.

B Classification for a shooter shall be given in accordance with the current issue of Classifications on the UCPSA website or UCPSA Handbook Only.

C Any member not in the current issue of the Classifications and not in possession of an official UCPSA certificate shall be classified on the day.

D If a shooter withdraws before the completion of an event, their actual score and the number of targets shot at must always be included in the return, i.e. 52 x 75

E Score returns must be submitted to the UCPSA within 7 days of the event.

F All participants in Registered events must have their scores submitted for classification. Clubs must not offer any 'opting out' alternatives.

G Shoot organisers must always satisfy themselves as to the eligibility of competitors and may ask for proof of membership.

H All Registered events must have been previously advertised as such and notified to the UCPSA a minimum of 4 weeks in advance. They may not be 'deregistered' once the event has started.

I A current rulebook for the discipline concerned must always be made by the organising club for the benefit of the jury and competitors alike. Equally, a copy of the current issue of the members Classifications must also be made available in the entries office.



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J Club official's attention is drawn to the rules regarding pay outs.

K When more than 1 layout for the discipline concerned is used at a Registered event, organisers must ensure the fairness of the competition. The number of layouts used must not exceed the number of stages needed to complete the event, except with the prior approval of the UCPSA.

Shoot organisers must not run non-registered events or practise concurrently with a Registered shoot in the same discipline and on the same layouts used for the Registered event. Re-entry is not permitted at any Registered event.

Of interest to shooters

Please read with care the foregoing rules and regulations as they spell clearly your rights and responsibilities when entering registered events.

It is the UCPSA's intention to standardise procedures as much as possible Throughout Northern Ireland and to clarify the ambiguities and correct the misunderstandings that have crept in over the years concerning the running and administration of Registered events. Your help and co-operation in this task will be greatly appreciated and any suggestions for the improvement of these rules and regulations will be gratefully received and carefully considered.