



NSRA Shooting Council – 25th July 2020 (Videoconference)

Key Messages

Operations:

- The NSRA has been operating with a skeleton staff throughout most of the pandemic as the majority of staff have been on furlough.
- Due to the COVID-19 situation constantly and rapidly changing, the Board of Management (BoM) have been meeting regularly, roughly every two weeks or so. This has helped to ensure that the NSRA can successfully navigate what is a challenging period for us all.
- Following announcements by the Government with respect to COVID-19, the NSRA has been issuing advice based upon government guidelines. This will hopefully assist club's decision making with regards to whether or not they are in a position to resume at least some of their operations.
- In terms of reopening, particularly concerning indoor facilities, there was much discussion on the topic of ventilation. Post meeting, more information was published on the NSRA website, which can be found [here](#).

Competitions:

- The NSRA are taking a pragmatic and flexible approach to competitions where possible.
- Winter Postal 2019-20 competitions that were not able to be completed prior to 'lockdown' were given an extension until 31st August 2020 for the last day of shooting, with cards to be received by the scorers no later than 5th September 2020.
 - There were some exceptions, notably Stage 2 of the ELEY Competition, and the County and BSA Cups. Dates for the ELEY competition have been communicated on the NSRA website ([here](#)) and County contacts have been notified about the BSA Cup and County Cup.
 - Results are being published on the NSRA website.
- Information has already been published on the NSRA website regarding the 2020 summer season.
- There have been further communications post meeting regarding some of the competitions that have continued to be affected by COVID-19.

Refunds:

- Information regarding any refunds can be found [here](#)

NSRA Organisational Change:

- NSRA Organisational Change is still on the agenda and the first of several surveys designed to gather vital feedback from shooters will be issued sometime in August. After the first few survey phases have been completed there are plans to run virtual focus groups allowing the NSRA to further consult with the shooting community about Organisational Change.

Rifle Committee:

- An electronic target systems sub group has been established and they are reviewing the current rules regarding electronically scored targets with a view to updating the rules so as to better align with the modern systems that are available and in use today.
- Amendments to the shooting conditions have been agreed with our colleagues overseas in order to facilitate some of the International Prone Matches that would normally take place this year. There will be postal trials to select the teams for the Drew, “Goodwill” Dewar and Wakefield.
 - Drew – **Captain:** Mr. R. J. Dowling **Adjutant:** Miss S. N. Carr
 - “Goodwill” Dewar - **Captain:** Mr. M. J. A. Arnstein **Adjutant:** Mr. P. Duxbury
 - Wakefield - **Captain:** Mr. R. J. Dowling **Adjutant:** Mr. D. White
- In order to increase the strength of the Great Britain Team and to be more inclusive for members who are unable to participate in the NSRA 50m Team League and/or the Bisley Week Aggregate, it has been proposed to include scores from the Individual 50m League (comp. 303) in the Wakefield selection policy (in a normal year), in addition to the current events that are considered for selection, namely the NSRA 50m Team League (comp. 103) and competitions 1, 4, & 5 from the Bisley Week Aggregate.
- The decision has been made to allow the use of air rifles in the NSRA short range rifle competitions this winter. Details will be communicated as part of the competition conditions.
- A ‘Benchrest Booklet’ to provide more detail around the NSRA rules and a general discipline introduction is being drafted.
- The Scottish and Bisley Rifle meetings are being reviewed in detail.
- Competition 610 (Intercounty Short Range Winter League) will be open to teams of 12, instead of 20. This decision has been made in order to increase participation and the competitiveness of the league. Counties will be able to enter multiple teams (‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’...). Consequently, the Intercounty Reserves League, competition 611, will no longer run.

Other:

- The CEO notified all of the proposed merger of Lothian Small-bore Shooting Association (LSSA) and Scottish Southern Counties Association (SSCA), which will hopefully be a topic of discussion at the next shooting council meeting.
- Following questions, it was made clear that, given the absence of the usual summer National Meetings, any national classifications that were valid at the end of 2019 will be carried forward to 2021.