



2021 Great Britain Dewar Team

Selection Policy

Team Officials: M. Arnstein (*Captain*), P. Duxbury (*Adjutant*)

The Dewar Match is an annual postal smallbore prone rifle competition. Australia, Canada, Ceylon, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa, and the USA have, at some point, competed for the Dewar Trophy. The course of fire is a Single Dewar (20 shots at 50 metres/yards and 20 shots at 100 yards) shot outdoors on NSRA approved targets. Each team has 20 shooters, two reserves and several officials. Normally, it is a requirement that the team shoot the Match together on the same range at the same time.

The continuing impact from the COVID-19 pandemic on the shooting calendar has necessitated that the 2021 Great Britain Dewar Team Selection Policy be revised. This revised policy, which is outlined below, has been designed to afford the NSRA the opportunity to try and hold at least one selection event during what is another extraordinary year. In order to accommodate for the possibility that a 'shoulder to shoulder' trial might not be possible, **all individuals* who wish to be considered for team selection will be required to shoot the postal trial**, even if they were listed as having qualified for the trial in the Winter 2019 edition of 'On Target' (issue 812). Providing the COVID-19 situation allows, these individuals will be invited to the 2022 'shoulder to shoulder' trial. **wild cards' are exempt from having to shoot the postal trial.*

As a result of the uncertainty associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent need for flexibility, the Selection Policy is fluid and is therefore subject to change. The dates and number of competitors involved in each stage may vary.

The 2021 Great Britain Dewar Team will be selected from a series of trials:

Only individuals who are British Citizens or UK residents and are either an Individual (full) member, Junior/FTE member, or Life member of the NSRA are able to qualify.

- **Stage 1** - postal Double Dewar (40 shots at 50metres/yards and 40 shots at 100 yards) shot on any suitable range and on NSRA approved targets. The trial can be shot as two separate Single Dewars on two separate days or as a Double Dewar on a single day. The last day for shooting is **Sunday 18th July 2021**.
- **Stage 2** - the **top 50** competitors from the postal trial will shoot a 'shoulder to shoulder' trial on NSRA approved targets on **21st August 2021** at **Appleton, Cheshire**. There will be a minimum of two squads. Depending on the COVID-19 restrictions at that time, additional squads might be necessary. The course of fire will be a Double Dewar.
- **Stage 3** – assuming there are two squads, the **top ten** competitors from each squad at the Appleton trial will form the team, the 11th place competitors from each squad will be the reserves. If there are more than two squads, the number of competitors from each squad that form the team will be amended accordingly. The team will shoot the Match immediately after the trial.

The Team Captain may, at his sole discretion, offer places at any stage of the trial to 'wild cards'.

This is a very important competition. As always, effective witnessing is paramount. Therefore, the NSRA reserves the right to appoint a nominated witness for any trialist.

Contingency plans:

Should it not be possible for the planned 'shoulder to shoulder' trial to take place, the 20 shooters and two reserves will be selected from the top 22 scores from the postal trial. If possible, these athletes will shoot the Match together on the same range. In the event that it is not possible for the team to shoot the Match together on the same range, it is hoped that a "Goodwill" postal match can be held, which will enable team members to shoot on their home range (or any other suitable range).