



Target shooting is an enjoyable activity, popular with Scouts. Participation in the sport promotes self-discipline and the acquisition of a good safety culture and stress management techniques. In recent years our county competition has led to many Scouts developing in the sport and there are now several Shropshire Scouts in the GB Scouts Team. Perhaps one of your Scouts has the talent and application to follow the same route.

The 2026 County Shooting Competition for Scouts, Explorer Scouts and adult members will feature Air Rifle, Air Pistol and Sport Crossbow. It will be held over the **weekend 7<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> February** at the NSRA's Regional indoor range at the Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW. This range has now been fitted with electronic targets as well as the mechanical "whizzers" which we will use, and so all entrants must have some experience with air rifles prior to the weekend. **Training in air pistol will be available on Saturday morning.** Participants competent in both air rifle and air pistol may attend for an afternoon only. Adults holding "Non-member" roles in Shropshire Scouting may take part on an "Honours Only" basis, i.e. without being eligible for individual awards or inclusion in teams.

The age groups for this competition will be based on ages **on 11 April '26** and classes J1, J2, S1 & S2 will be the basis for selecting a Shropshire team for the Scout Inter-County Airgun competition to be held at the same venue on the weekend 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Juniors** - those aged under **13** years on **11 April '26** (i.e., born after 11/4/13):

- J1: 10m air rifle bench rested (see definition below)
- J2: 10m air pistol (two hand support)
- J3: 10m air rifle standing - Optional class for those with relevant prior training

**Seniors** - aged **13 - 17** years inclusive on **11 April '26** (i.e., born between 12/4/08 & 11/4/13 inclusive):

- S1: 10m air rifle standing
- S2: 10m air pistol (one hand support).
- SX: 10m Sport Crossbow

**Adults** - those aged **18** years and over on **12 April '26**

The basic format of the event will be a half day activity on either day for the competition shoots by those with some previous experience of the sport. **Please contact John Dohoo to arrange prior training in this activity at your own HQ during the Autumn term. Training in air pistol and in crossbow shooting will be available on the day.**

Shooting times will be allocated in advance. We will do our best to accommodate entrants who are available only for part of the weekend if this is declared on the team registration form. The results will be declared and medal presentations will take place after the Sunday afternoon session.

It is anticipated that most competitors will use the air rifles, pistols and sport crossbows supplied (pre-charged Air Arms S200 or MPR air rifles, Alfa air pistols and Petron or Jaguar 1 crossbows), however more experienced competitors with access to their own kit may use their "own" or their club's 0.177 air rifles, air pistols and sport crossbows subject to the relevant rules below and at the Range Officer's discretion.

Entry fee is £12.50 per entrant. The event is popular and early entry is recommended. Entries may be submitted in instalments. Entry should be followed up with electronic payment and confirmatory email or the hard copy form and payment by cheque within 5 days or the provisional allocation may lapse. Teams must register by 11<sup>th</sup> January (email to [john.dohoo@shropshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:john.dohoo@shropshirescouts.org.uk)) and confirm by 16<sup>th</sup> January (electronic payment or by post). Teams will be allocated a reporting time, which will be notified by email on or before 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Electronic payment to A/c No. 60814474, Sort code 20-77-85 with reference "Rifles[Groupname]" and email to [countytreasurer@shropshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:countytreasurer@shropshirescouts.org.uk); [john.dohoo@shropshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:john.dohoo@shropshirescouts.org.uk)) when payment is made.

If by hard copy, team registration forms and entry fees (cheques payable to "Shropshire Scouts") are to be returned to John Dohoo, Beech Croft, 31 Pear Tree Lane, Whitchurch SY13 1NG.

Individual entry & parental consent/declaration forms need not be sent with the team entry form but must be completed and brought to the competition and made available for inspection by the competition organisers. Any forms that contain information that should be made known to range staff must be handed in.

Groups must be accompanied by leaders. The supervision of scouts at the venue at all times other than whilst shooting is the responsibility of the Group leaders unless agreed otherwise in advance.

Questions to John Dohoo, County Shooting Activity Team Leader, by phone (01948 663249 or 07940 718924) or email ( [john.dohoo@shropshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:john.dohoo@shropshirescouts.org.uk) ).

# **Shropshire Scouts – Shooting Competition 2026**

## **Competition Outline & Rules**

Targets will be standard 10 metre targets for air rifle (NSRA Air 3/89) and air pistol (NSRA Air 4/89) and World Archery 40cm centre triples for Sport Crossbow. Target sights (i.e. iron sights) will be used.

### **For air rifle and air pistol:**

The air range has automatic target changers. The course of fire for each class will comprise sighting shots and 20 shots to count, all to be fired within a 20-minute detail time. Competitors will fire their 20 match shots onto four competition targets, 5 shots per card. Competitors may not return to their sighter once they have fired their first competition shot.

Competitors using their "own" guns may adjust their sights at their own discretion. Those using the guns supplied may not adjust the sights but may ask a member of the Range staff to do so only during and immediately after their sighting phase and provided that they have produced a tight group of 3 or more shots on the target but away from the centre of the aiming mark; they may not adjust sights after their first competition shot has been fired.

- Footwear giving ankle support may not be worn when shooting either rifle or pistol.
- Rifle shooting will be under "Sporter Rifle" conditions<sup>1</sup>. In summary, the use of a shooting glove, blinder and rifle stand is permitted but specialised shooting clothing and shooting glasses are forbidden.
- "Bench Rested" means that the firer's body and elbows (but no other part of either arm or hand) may be in contact with the bench and no part of the rifle may touch the bench. Slings may not be used.
- "Own" rifles must be of 0.177" (4.5mm) calibre, must have a muzzle energy not exceeding 6ftlb (8 Joules), have iron sights and must be "single shot" (i.e. not be of a self-loading, "revolver action" or "automatic" type).
- "Own" pistols must be of 0.177" (4.5mm) calibre and must be "single shot" (i.e. not be of a self-loading or "revolver action" type).
- Pellets used must be flat headed "wadcutter" type.
- Shooters who are unsafe or who cause damage to the range (and this includes "frame hits" on electronic targets) will be liable to disqualification.

The course of fire may be reduced to 15 shots to count within 15 minutes if necessary to accommodate a larger number of entrants.

### **For Sport Crossbow:**

- Sport Crossbow is open to Seniors and Adults.
- Competitors will shoot in the standing position. "Own bows" must be of the types supplied (either Petron Stealth or EK Archery Jaguar I). All must have a nominal 40lb draw weight.
- Bolts must be 8mm (20/64 inch) outside diameter. Scoring will be by inward gauging.
- The course of fire will be one practice end of 3 bolts followed by 4 competition ends each of 3 bolts.
- Competitors using their "own" bows may adjust their sights at their own discretion. Those using bows supplied may not adjust the sights but may ask a member of the Range staff to do so only immediately after their practice phase if their shots, notionally transferred to a single target, form a tight group away from the centre.
- Shots in the central 10 "X-Ring" will score 10.1 and will act as the first tie break.

### **Aggregate Scores**

- For Juniors, the aggregate shall be the sum of the Bench Rested Rifle and the Pistol scores.
- For Seniors and Adults, the aggregate shall be the sum of the Standing Rifle and the Pistol scores.

### **Team competition**

- Teams will comprise members of the same Scout Group and a linked Explorer Scout Unit from the same District where applicable. The team trophy will be awarded on the basis of the aggregate scores achieved by the best 4 shooters the same team in the Junior and Senior age groups, to include at least one score by a Junior shooter and at least one score by a Senior shooter.

### **Awards:**

- Individual medals for the first three places in each discipline and the aggregate for the Junior and Senior age groups and in first place in the adult age group.
- Individual medals for the shooters in the Junior and Senior age groups showing the greatest improvement over their performance in the 2025 competition.
- Team medals for members of the three highest placed teams of four in the team competition as defined above.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nsra.co.uk/index.php/downloads/sporter-air/category/82-rules?download=71:sporter-air-rifle-rules-1-jan-2013>

## Team Registration Form

Group &/or Explorer Unit:			Entry Sheet No.	
District:				
Team Contact Name:				
Team Contact Address:				
Telephone Number:		E-mail:		

### Team Member Details

Name	Date of birth if under 18 <u>OR</u> Membership number if 18 and over	Tick if Entered last year	Tick for air pistol training (whole day attendance required)	Tick if a Junior entering class J3 (standing air rifle)	Limited availability? Delete any when <b>NOT</b> available	Emergency Contact Phone Number
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Total number of entrants @£12 each:		x £12.50 =				

### Certificate:

I confirm that all the above entrants are Members of the Scout Association as defined in POR and that I will obtain individual entry forms, including completed parental permission forms for entrants aged under 18 years of age on the day of shooting, as required by POR Rule 9.11.5.4.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Association Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

## **INDIVIDUAL DECLARATION (one per competitor)**

**Return this form with payment to your Leader.**

I wish to enter the County Air Rifle and Air Pistol Competition at the Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW on the weekend of **7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Scout Group/Explorer Unit:</b>	
<b>Entrant's Signature:</b>	

**Classes entered (tick as applicable):** For those aged under 13 years on **11 April '26** (i.e. born after 11/4/13):  
☐ J1: 10m air rifle bench rested;      ☐ J2: 10m air pistol (two hand support);  
☐ J3: 10m air rifle standing (optional addition).

For those aged 13 years & over on **11 April '26** (i.e. born on or before 11/4/13):  
☐ S1: 10m air rifle standing;    ☐ S2: 10m air pistol (one hand support);    ☐ SX: Sport Crossbow

I enclose the entry fee of £12.50

**Availability** (ring all periods of availability):      Sat am,    Sat pm,    Sun am,    Sun pm

**Complete either this box for entrants aged under 18 on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026:**

**Entrant's Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARENTAL CONSENT FORM - SHOOTING ACTIVITIES**

I being the parent/guardian of the person named above declare that he/she is not subject to restrictions by virtue of the regulations set out in Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968, which applies only to persons who have been sentenced to a period of custody (including suspended sentences) by the Courts, and give permission for my child to take part in air rifle, air pistol and sport crossbow shooting as detailed above.

Please indicate here any information about your child that may be relevant to this activity and which should therefore be made known to the range staff:

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact 'phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Or this box for entrants aged 18 and over on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026:**

**Entrant's Scout Association Membership Number** \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that I am not a person subject to restrictions by virtue of the regulations set out in Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968, which applies only to persons who have been sentenced to a period of custody (including suspended sentences) by the Courts.

Please indicate here any information about yourself that may be relevant to this activity and which should therefore be made known to the range staff:

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ & Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_