



BSRC Manual



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“If all else fails, read the instructions.” - Anon.

Preface

This document contains the rules and regulations of the British Sporting Rifle Club and other information relating to the running of the club. The majority of the content comprises material which previously existed in other club documents, e.g. the BSRC Rules, and that has been updated and reorganised. New material has, however, been added to fill perceived gaps and provide additional information where deemed helpful.

The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive, easy to use, single point of access, controlled source of information to Members with the aim of improving awareness and promoting the efficient operation of the club.

With the exception of the Constitution of the BSRC, which shall take precedence, this document supersedes all previously issued documents. Whereas every effort will be made to maintain this document, it should be noted that instructions or other information contained in Club Newsletters post-dating the issue of this document, or otherwise communicated to Members by or on behalf of the Executive Committee, will take precedence.

BSRC MANUAL - Revision Record

Date	Issue No.	Rev. No.	Pages Affected	Comments
21.09.02	1.0	N/A	All	Initial issue.
16.11.02	1.0	1	1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-0, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 3-0, 3-3 through 3-20, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-5, 4-6, 5-5, 5-7, 6-7, A2-2, A4-3, A4-4, A4-5, A4-6, A6-2.	Miscellaneous minor modifications and corrections following Exec review of initial issue.
22.03.03	1.0	2	3-9, 3-14, A1-2, A3-1.	Two minor corrections and amendments to cover the new telephones and the revised application form.
22.11.03	1.0	3	1-7, 2-2, 3-13, A1-1, A1-2, A2-2, A2-3, A4-1, A4-3 through A4-6.	Reduction in membership lapsing period agreed at 18 May 2003 AGM. Minor correction to clarify that provisional members with an FAC may shoot unsupervised. New arrangements for provision of range radio. Changes to composition of Exec Committee, revised selling prices for 2003, and clarification of CRO's duties in respect of Provisional Members, all agreed at 19 July 2003 Exec.
27.03.04	1.0	4	4-2, 5-11, 5-19, 5-20, A2-1.	Increase in permitted weight for Class B rifles to 5.5kg and introduction of rifle-mounted or hand held bipod for Class B Roebuck competition agreed at 22 November 2003 Exec. Update of Life Membership rates applicable from 01 January 2004.
18.09.04	1.0	5	3-6 through 3-9, 5-2,5-19, 5-20, 5-21, 6-8, 6-9,6-10, 6-11, A1-1, A1-2, A3-1, A4-1 through A4-6.	Corrections to description and operation of Running Target system. Correction to sub-section 5.1.2. Addition of Short Siberia Match in Sections 5 and 6. Addition of NRA rule 247 on shooting aids to Section 5. Update of Family Fun Day material and addition of Junior Shoot in Section 6. Update of Club Officers and Executive Members following 16 May 2004 AGM. Update of membership application form. Modification of notes to CROs/ROs to add use of electronic targets (Statics) on Range Days, and added emphasis on rifle orientation during bolt operation as agreed at 24 July 2004 Exec.

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19.03.05	1.0	6	3-17 through 3-20, 4-5, Section 5, 6-3, A2-1, A2-2, Appendix 3, A4-3 through A4-7.	Revision to course of fire for Running Deer Championships in Section 6.1.3 as agreed at 24 July 2004 Exec. Revision of rules concerning malfunctions in Sections 5.1.2, and 5.2.2 and 3.9.7, including addition of examples of malfunctions that are/are not the fault of the shooter, and clarification of procedures in the case of malfunction in the Running Deer Doubles and the Swedish Deer Test. Change of command from 'fire' to 'shoot' for Buck and Fox, and changes to interval between shots for the Buck in Section 5.2 as agreed at the 18 September 2004 Exec. Introduction of new safety rule covering interaction between shooters on Statics range to Section 3.9 and Appendix 4 as agreed at the 27 November 2004 Exec. Update of Club rifle tally numbers in Section 4.4.1. Incorporation of 2005 membership and range hire fees in Appendix 2. Update of membership application form in Appendix 3. Correction of error in Section 5.2.5 to allow use of slings in all 5 shooting positions for the Stalker's Test.
19.03.05	2.0	N/A	All.	Pdf version of Issue 1.0 Rev. 6, produced for Club website.
26.11.05	2.0	1	1-2 to 1-11, 2-2 to 2-8, 3-1 to 3-20, 5-2 to 5-22, 6-2, to 6-14.	Change to procedures for election of Club Officers in Sections 1.3.2 and 1.8.2 agreed at 15 May 2005 AGM. Introduction of new classification system in Section 2.7 agreed at 22 January 2005 Exec. Addition of reference to NRA/NSC Bisley Range Safety Regulations in Section 3.9 as agreed at 19 March 2005 Exec. Change to rule on shooting jacket marking in Section 5.1.2 as requested by Captain.

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				Addition of 10m Running Target to Spring Match, Annual Championships and Monthly Matches in Sections 6.1.2 and 6.2.2 as agreed at 08 May 2004 Exec. Addition of Butterworth Memorial Medal to Section 6.2.3 as agreed at 17 September 2005 Exec. Update of competitions shot at Inter-Club Matches in Section 6.2.7. Addition of Running Deer and Running Boar Unlimiteds and Standing Boar to Section 6.2.
22.07.06	2.0	2	2-1, 2-2, 3-1 to 3-9, 3-11, 3-13, 3-15 to 3-17, 3-19 to 3-23, 4-4 to 4-6, 5-5 to 5-10, 5-15 to 5-20, 6-2 to 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-9, A1-1, A2-2, A2-3, A3, A4-1 to A4-7.	Update to procedures for Provisional Members in Section 2.1.2. Addition of description and operation of electronic scoring on Running Deer in Section 3.2.1, removal of material on Mid Boar from Section 3.3, addition of new Section 3.4 for Time Limit Running Boar (Running Target and Statics become Sections 3.5 and 3.6 respectively). Update of radio procedures in Section 3.7.1 and range safety regulations in Section 3.9.7 as agreed at 18 March 2006 Exec. Update throughout Manual to reflect new definitions of Firing Point and Firing Area as agreed at 18 March 2006 Exec. Update of telephone directory in Section 3.7.2. Reorganisation of Section 4.2 to reflect addition of Time Limit Running Boar range. Update of Club rifle inventory in Section 4.4.1. Change to tie-breaking rules in Sections 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.5, 5.2.2, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4, 5.4.2, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 5.5.2, and 5.5.3 as agreed at 18 March 2006 Exec. Update of awards and trophies in Sections 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.5, 6.2.4, and 6.2.6 as agreed at 15 January 2006 Exec, and update of entry fees for Stalkers' Match in Section 6.2.4. Addition of Officers' e-mail addresses and Club postal address in Appendix 1. Update of range hire and other fees in Appendix 2 to reflect 2006 prices. Addition of Provisional Member attendance record sheet (May 2006 version) to Appendix 3. Update of Notes for CROs/ROs to reflect changes to main body of Manual, including new section on safety and security.

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25.11.07	2.0	4	1-10, 1-11, 4-5, 4-6, 6-2, App.3.	Addition of new material in Section 1 (Section 1.9) covering the Club's website, reflecting the agreements of the 18 September 2004, 26 November 2005 and 26 November 2006 Execs, and the 17 June 2007 AGM. Update to Club rifle inventory at Section 4.4.1. Addition of glassware trophies for under 21's at the Spring Match and Annual Championships Exec in Section 6.1.2 as agreed at the 12 May 2007. Addition of the Fred Grote trophy to the awards presented at the Annual Championships Exec in Section 6.1.2 as agreed at the 28 July 2007 Exec. Change to Provisional Member Record Sheet to allow ROs to sign for Running Deer competency as agreed at 12 May 2007 Exec.
15.03.08	2.0	5	1-1, 3-20, 4-4, 4-5, 6-6, A1-1, A2-1, A2-2, A2-3, A4-5.	Update of maximum permitted muzzle energy for Running Deer and Statics ranges in Sections 4.2.1, 4.2.5 and A4.7 in line with new NRA rules. Addition of Running Boar Mixed Runs competition to Memorial Match in Section 6.2.3. Addition of Secretary's dedicated telephone number and update of Club's generic postal address in Appendix 1. Addition of D. Jennings as a co-opted Exec Member to Appendix 1 as agreed at 25 November 2007 Exec.

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				Update of Appendix 2 to reflect 2008 fees agreed at 25 November 2007 Exec. Addition of Constitution in new Appendix 7 and reference from Section 1.1. Addition of NRA/NSC Bisley Range Safety Regulations in new Appendix 8 and reference from Section 3.9.1.
06.09.08	2.0	6	1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-8, 1-9, 2-1, 2-2, 3-17, 5-13, 5-15, 5-17, 5-18, 5-20, 6-6, 6-7, 6-9, A1-1, A1A-2, A3, A4-1, A4-2, A4-3, A4-7, A7 all, A8 all.	Update of Sections 1 and 2, and Appendix 7 to reflect changes to the Constitution agreed at the 15 June 2008 AGM. Update of Section 3.7.1 and Appendix 4 (A4.2, A4.3, and A4.9) to reflect introduction of Club radios. Addition of Running Boar Mixed Runs event to Memorial Match in Sections 5.3 and 6.2.3, and to Stalkers' Match in Sections 5.4 and 6.2.4. Addition of criterion for rifle slings in Section 5.6.2. Update of Inter Club Match material in Section 6.2.7. Update of Appendix 1 following 15 June 2008 AGM elections. Update of Provisional/Full membership application form in Appendix 3. Update of Appendix 8 to Issue 3 of NRA Range Safety Regulations dated 01 May 2008.
09.05.09	2.0	7	3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, A2-1, A3, A4-2, A8 all.	Update of Running Deer operating instructions in Section 3.2.1 and Appendix 4. Addition of new section (4.6.3) to cover the modification to Bisley Range Safety Regulations as applied to the Sporting Rifle Complex administered by the BSRC (noted at the 14 March 2009 Exec). Update of inventory of Club rifles in Section 4.4.1. Addition of new Section 4.4.3 to cover Club policy regarding the acquisition of specialist equipment for sale/loan to members as agreed at the 06 September 2008 Exec and modified at the 23 November 2008 Exec. Update of joining fee (to £100) in Appendix 2. Addition of rule concerning part year issue of annual shooting passes as agreed at 14 March 2009 Exec. Update of Provisional/Full membership application form in Appendix 3. Update of Appendix 8 to Issue 1 of NRA Range Safety Regulations dated 01 January 2009.

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22.11.09	2.0	8	1-11, 3-2 to 3-4, 5-19, A1-1, A2-3, A3, A4 all.	Update to description of Club website in Section 1.9 to reflect changes agreed at 05 July 2009 Exec. Corrections to Running Deer operating instructions in Section 3.2.1. Correction to Section 5.5.3 regarding permitted rifles. Update to Appendix 1 following election of new Executive Committee at 2009 AGM. Update to ammunition and target prices in Appendix 2. Update to Provisional/Full Membership form and Provisional Membership Attendance Record Sheet in Appendix 3. General update to Appendix 4.

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Constitution

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1. Constitution

1.1 Introduction

The British Sporting Rifle Club (BSRC) has a constitution which forms the basis of its operation and management. This section and Section 2 cover all of the subject areas included in the Constitution and, for the most part, comprise the original text. The material contained in the Constitution is deliberately non-exhaustive, however, and has therefore been expanded and restructured as necessary to broaden its scope and improve its clarity. To facilitate cross-referencing, subsection headings have been annotated to indicate the corresponding clauses in the Constitution. In the event of any discord between this material and the Constitution, the Constitution shall take precedence. The formal BSRC Constitution is contained in Appendix 7 for reference.

1.2 About the Club

(ref. Constitution clauses 1, 2, 3 & 32)

1.2.1 General

The name of the Club is the “British Sporting Rifle Club” (BSRC); it will comprise at least ten members of ‘good character’; the current membership is about 280. The Club leases the Sporting Rifle Complex from the National Rifle Association (NRA), and is the sole agency through which these ranges may be used.

1.2.2 Objectives of the Club

The objectives of the Club are:

- a) To encourage and promote competitive shooting with the sporting rifle, in particular the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) and Nordic Shooting Region (NSR) Moving Target and similar matches.
- b) To seek to improve the facilities available for such competitions in Great Britain, and to do everything in its power to ensure that this country is worthily represented in the moving target and sporting rifle events at International Championships and Olympic Games.
- c) To work for the greatest safety and accuracy in the use of the sporting rifle on the range and in the field.
- d) To work for the highest standards of sportsmanship and fellowship in both competitive and leisure shooting activities.

To achieve its objectives, the Club will maintain shooting facilities suitable for the categories of firearms and ammunition in use and ensure that members are facilitated in their training in the use of the sporting rifle. The Club will hold copies of any Safety Certificates for the ranges it is responsible for.

The Club will ensure that suitable members are trained and qualified to instruct members in relevant shooting techniques and to advise on the purchase and use of suitable shooting

equipment. The Club will also ensure that an adequate number of members, and others who may use the range facilities, are suitably trained to supervise shooting on its ranges.

The Club shall be affiliated to its National Governing Bodies (NGB) being the NRA for centrefire rifle disciplines, and the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA) for rimfire and air rifle disciplines.

1.2.3 The Constitution

The Constitution is a binding agreement between the Club and its members, stating how the Club is to be run for the members. It also ensures that the Club conducts its affairs according to the requirements of the Firearms Acts and other Home Office regulations, and is a requirement for Home Office Approved Clubs. It can only be added to, or amended by, a decision taken at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting as described in Section 1.8.2. However, should changes in the Firearms Acts or other Home Office requirements be made that might conflict with the Constitution, the Executive Committee is empowered to make such changes as are necessary to ensure compliance with the law, before ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

1.3 Management of the Club

(ref. Constitution clauses 4, 5, 6, 33 & 34)

1.3.1 General

The Club and its property are managed by the Executive Committee, which shall include the Officers of the Club.

1.3.2 Officers of the Club

The Officers of the Club are a Chairman, a Captain, a Vice Captain an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer. Additional Offices may be created by the Executive Committee, and filled from elected Executive Committee Members, as and when it deems necessary for the efficient running of the Club. The Hon. Secretary and/or Hon. Treasurer may serve on the Committee in a Non Executive (i.e. non voting) capacity if he/she is not a Full Member of the Club. The names and contact details of the current Club Officers are given in Appendix 1.

The elected Club Officers have responsibilities, some of which are embodied in the Constitution. They also have duties which are allocated at the first practicable opportunity following the election of the Executive Committee. Those duties may also be allocated to other members of the Executive Committee or, in exceptional circumstances, to other Club Members. The allocation of duties may be made, in the first instance, by mutual agreement with the Chairman and subject to ratification by the Executive Committee at their next full meeting. The allocation of duties will be recorded in the minutes of the corresponding Executive Committee meeting.

The duties of the Club's Officers include:

Chairman:

- a) To chair all Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee of the Club.

- b) As an Ex-Officio member of the NRA Council, to attend meetings of the NRA Council and represent the interests of the Club.
- c) Overall responsibility for the stewardship of the Club's material assets.
- d) To ensure that the Executive Committee and, when necessary, the membership are kept informed of all matters affecting the management of the Club.
- e) To prepare and present an annual report at the BSRC Annual General Meeting.
- f) To co-ordinate the use of the Club's range facilities by the Club, its Members, other organisations and individuals.
- g) To co-ordinate midweek range bookings and notify them to the NRA.
- h) To be custodian of the Club's Firearm Certificate.

[In the absence of the Chairman, the responsibilities of the Chairman devolve to one of the Club Officers among the members of the Executive Committee present.]

Captain:

- a) Overall responsibility for all shooting matters of the Club, including the programme of Club and National Championships, monthly competitions and regular training days.
- b) Responsibility for the organisation of shooting events involving Club representation on ranges or facilities not under the direct control of the BSRC.
- c) To prepare and present an annual report at the BSRC Annual General Meeting.

Vice-Captain:

- a) To advise and assist the Captain in the execution of his responsibilities and, by mutual agreement, to share his duties.
- b) To make an appropriate contribution to the annual report by the Captain at the BSRC Annual General Meeting.
- c) To co-ordinate the use of the Club's range facilities by the Club and other organisations.

Hon. Secretary:

- a) To maintain accurate and comprehensive records of the Club's business.
- b) To allow members, on request, to have access to the minutes of the Executive Committee, subject to the agreement of the Chairman where personal matters affecting a third party are involved.
- c) To be responsible for all membership matters and specifically for the administration of applications for admission to membership and annual renewals.
- d) To be responsible for maintaining adequate insurance of the Club's facilities.
- e) To be the liaison officer with the Police and the Home Office on all matters concerning the implementation of the Firearms Acts in so much as they affect the Club, and the maintenance of Home Office approval for the Club.
- f) To maintain such records of members' shooting activities as are required by Home Office Rules and pass such of this information to the Police as is required by those Rules.
- g) To prepare and present an annual report at the BSRC Annual General Meeting.

Hon. Treasurer:

- a) To ensure that all fees and subscriptions are collected.
- b) To ensure the prompt payment of all expenditure authorised by the Executive Committee (which may include direct responsibility for payments within general limits agreed by the Executive Committee).

- c) To maintain accurate and comprehensive records of the Club's financial affairs and to arrange for their annual audit by an independent person or persons.
- d) To prepare and present an annual report at the BSRC Annual General Meeting and regularly appraise the Executive Committee of the Club's financial affairs.

Additional duties will be agreed between the members of the Executive Committee (see Section 1.3.3).

1.3.3 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than ten Executive Members which shall include the Officers of the Club but not include any Non Executive Officers. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be four, of whom at least two shall be Officers of the Club. Duties of the members of the Executive Committee, additional to the duties of the Officers of the Club, include the following:

NB: The Club Officer(s) with current overall responsibility is indicated in brackets. The allocation of responsibilities is, however, likely to be amended as circumstances dictate. With the agreement of the Executive Committee, some of these duties may be allocated to Club Members who are not members of the Executive Committee.

- a) Preparation, editing and distribution of the Club's regular Newsletters. (Chairman)
- b) Development and maintenance of the Club's ranges and range equipment. (Chairman)
- c) Maintenance of the Club's target frames and targets. (Chairman)
- d) Maintenance of a suitable supply of ammunition with the NRA for the Club's use. (Chairman)
- e) Ensuring that adequate supplies of range materials such as targets and patches are available. (Currently Mr C Glaister)
- f) Liaison with the NRA and Clubs affiliated to the BSRC on all administrative matters. (Chairman)
- g) Liaison with the NRA and Clubs affiliated to the BSRC on all shooting matters. (Captain)
- h) Maintaining records of the scores achieved by members in Club sponsored events and keeping accurate records of the disposition of the Club's permanent trophies. (Captain)
- i) Maintaining supplies of minor trophies, medals and certificates for minor awards and Club records. (Captain)
- j) Supporting Club members selected to represent Great Britain or individual Home Countries in representative international shooting events. (Captain/Vice Captain)
- k) Responsibility for the instruction, training and coaching of members and prospective members. (Captain/Vice Captain)
- l) Responsibility for the overall safe conduct of shooting on the Club's ranges in accordance with the NRA's Range Safety Regulations, and the preparation of appropriate safety instructions, directives and notices for approval by the Executive Committee. (Captain/Vice Captain)
- m) Responsibility for the training, assessment and accreditation of the Club's Range Officers, and the training and accreditation of Range Conducting Officers on behalf of the NRA, to supervise Sporting Rifle and Moving Target Shooting on MoD ranges. (Captain/Vice Captain)
- n) Recording and distributing the minutes of Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings and meetings of the Club Executive Committee. (Hon. Secretary)

- o) Issuing the agenda for Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings and meetings of the Club Executive Committee. (Hon. Secretary)
- p) Issuing reminders and following up the renewal of individual Club membership. (Hon. Secretary/Hon. Treasurer)
- q) Liaising with potential sponsors for the Club's activities. (Chairman)
- r) Maintaining the Club's rifles in good order. (Club Armourer, currently Mr K Scott)
- s) Representing the Club in all matters concerning Historic Rifle and organising Range Officers when the NRA have use of BSRC's ranges for meetings concerning these. (Currently Mr A Dagger)

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly as it deems necessary to fulfil its responsibilities and carry out its duties, but typically about six times per annum. In order to expedite Club business, the Chairman may request that some routine business of the Executive Committee be conducted by post. If any member of the Executive Committee should object to any matter being decided in this manner, the matter in question will be deferred until a meeting can be convened. The response from members of the Executive Committee to a request to conduct business by post must be in writing and be signed and dated. A quorum of Executive Committee members must respond within a time scale determined by the Chairman. Any business conducted by post must be minuted and formally validated at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Exceptionally, when timeliness is important, the Chairman may seek opinions on any matter from all available members of the Executive Committee, by telephone, e-mail or other means. Subject to a quorum, and written verification of the views expressed by the members of the Executive Committee being delivered as soon as practicable, he may take any consequent action.

If any Officer of the Club or Member of the Executive Committee does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee, the Executive Committee may, by majority vote, remove him from Office.

The Executive Committee may co-opt, with their written assent, Full Members of the Club to fill any vacancies on the Committee. These co-opted members will have the full rights of elected members of the Executive Committee and serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Committee may also co-opt additional Non Executive members to advise them on any matter, to assist in the organisation and running of any Club Match or function or to provide expertise in managing the Club's business affairs. Such Non Executive members, who need not be members of the Club, shall not vote at Executive Committee Meetings but they may attend such meetings when they are invited by the Executive Committee. Non Executive members who are not members of the Club must be granted Associate Member status by the Executive Committee before they may be co-opted.

The Executive Committee will propose two Independent Examiners for election by the AGM each year to inspect the Club's accounts and verify their accuracy. The Independent Examiners need not be members of the Club and must not be members of the Executive Committee or related to anybody who is. If an Independent Examiner elected by the AGM is unable to fulfil his duties, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement.

The Executive Committee will nominate a member of the Committee who holds a personal Firearms Certificate to be the Responsible Officer of the Club to hold a Firearms Certificate on behalf of the Club (see Sections 4.4.1 and 4.5.1).

1.3.4 Trustees

The property of the Club shall be vested in two Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee from amongst their number, who must deal with the property as the Committee may from time to time direct by minuted resolution. The Club may not distribute assets to members. If the Club were to be dissolved all its assets would be divested to the National Shooting Centre Ltd, the NRA or its successor body.

The Trustees, whose liabilities under the terms of the NRA Lease are limited to the realisable value of Club assets, shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The terms of the Lease do not entitle the Landlord to pursue exercise or enforce any right or remedy in respect of any breach against the personal estate property effects or assets of any Trustee. Trustees hold office until death, resignation or removal from office by the Executive Committee. Following any of these events the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement. The Chairman must give effect to the nominations of the Executive Committee by appointing by deed the person or persons so nominated within the meaning of the Trustee Act 1925 Section 36.

1.4 Membership

(ref. Constitution clause 7)

Members of the Club are:

- a) Honorary Members
- b) Full Members comprising:
 - (i) Honorary Life Members
 - (ii) Life Members
 - (iii) Annual Members
- c) Provisional Members
- d) Junior Members
- e) Junior Provisional Members
- f) Associate Members

Details of application and election procedures, and the privileges and limitations of the various grades of membership are given in Section 2.

1.5 Subscriptions & Fees

(ref. Constitution clauses 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22)

The 'Joining Fee' and 'Annual Subscription' required of Full Members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year and shall apply from the beginning of the following Club year. Members who are elected after the AGM shall pay the new rate or, if elected during the second six month period, one half of the new rate. Exceptionally, where a Full Member has made a significant contribution to the running of the Club during the past year, the Executive Committee may waive part or all of the annual subscription, or waive the range fees for the Club's regular Match or Training Days. Full Members of the Club may elect to pay a single life membership subscription under terms and conditions determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

The 'Annual Subscription' required of Associate Members will be determined by the Executive Committee. Where an Associate Member makes a significant contribution to the assets or running of the Club, the Executive Committee may waive part or all of the Associate Membership 'Annual

Subscription'. The Executive Committee is empowered to waive part or all of the 'Joining Fee' for Associate Members of long standing who subsequently apply for Full Membership of the Club.

Members who resign their membership shall not be entitled to any refund of their subscription. Members who do not renew their membership by paying their annual subscription within two months after the due date will be considered to have resigned from the Club. Members shall not be permitted to use the Club's facilities after the due date unless and until they have paid their subscriptions. Members seeking to renew their membership after this date, when notification will have been sent to the Police, will normally be accepted as Provisional Members up to six months after the due date on payment of half the 'Joining Fee'. Such Members may subsequently apply for exemptions from part of the Provisional Membership requirements but will be required to attend an Induction Course (see Section 2.1.3). The due date is currently 01 January.

Range fees for Match and Training Days, as well as fees for the private or commercial hire of the range facilities and their use by Affiliated Clubs, will be determined by the Executive Committee.

A list of all current subscriptions and fees is given in Appendix 2.

1.6 Regulations & Shooting Rules

(ref. Constitution clauses 26 & 27)

The Executive Committee will make and publish such Regulations as may be necessary to manage the day to day running and use of the Club's ranges, property and competitions. Breaches of such Regulations will be deemed to be an infringement of Clause 23 of the Constitution and shall be dealt with under the procedure set out in that clause (see Section 1.7). On Club Match and Training Days, the Chief Range Officer appointed by the Executive Committee has delegated powers from the Executive Committee to ensure that the Regulations are obeyed, particularly where they deal with safety matters, and to warn or dismiss from the range any person who breaks them.

The Executive Committee will also publish Rules to govern shooting procedures in Club Matches and Training Events. These Rules will be based, when appropriate, on the published rules of the ISSF, and the NSR. The Match Rules will specify the penalties to be applied if the Rules are broken. The Chief Range Officer is responsible for ensuring that competitions are shot according to these Rules. For major Championships, a Jury approved by the Executive Committee may be given the responsibility of applying and, if necessary, interpreting the rules. Members of the Jury will normally hold a relevant licence granted by the ISSF or the Great Britain Target Shooting Federation (GBTSF), particularly in matches such as a British Championship when a National Record might be set.

The current Range Safety Regulations are detailed in Section 3.9. The current Shooting Rules are detailed in Section 5.

1.7 Discipline

(ref. Constitution clauses 23, 24 & 25)

The Executive Committee will immediately expel from membership any member who is known to be prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition under the provisions of the Firearms Acts.

If a complaint is made against any Member by at least three Members, or by an Officer of the Club or Member of the Executive Committee, or by a Range Officer appointed under the Rules and Regulations of the Club, as described in the Constitution, the Executive Committee shall fully investigate the complaint. The chairman will usually confer with at least a quorum of the Executive to determine the appropriate form of the investigation. This would especially be so if it is considered that it should be formalized as set out below when the names of the subject individuals would be agreed.

A complaint that will justify such an investigation will include one of outrageous or inconsiderate behaviour, bringing the Club into disrepute, conviction in the courts of an offence under the Firearms Acts, infringement of the Safety Regulations of the Club or any range on which the Club is invited to shoot, or behaviour that is inconsistent with the good conduct of the Club's shoots, functions or meetings. The result of these investigations shall be recorded as a separate Minute of the Executive Committee and the Member against whom the complaint has been made shall be informed in writing at least seven days before the date, time and place of the Executive Committee Meeting at which the complaint will be considered. He shall be invited to be present in person to present his case or, at his option, to put a written statement before the committee. In the interests of a fair hearing, the member against whom the complaint has been made may be accompanied by another member of his choice (who shall not be a Club Officer or member of the Executive Committee). This accompanying Member may speak in defence against the complaint.

Should the Executive Committee find the complaint proven it may either warn or expel the member. A decision to warn shall require a simple majority; expulsion shall require a two thirds majority. The decision of the Executive committee shall be sent to the Member in the form of a copy of the separate Minute recording this decision. A note recording the names of Members expelled under this Clause shall be included in the next appropriate Club Newsletter. No appeal against expulsion will be entertained, but re-application for Club membership after a lapse of five years will not be debarred. Members warned under this Clause shall, if a second proved complaint is established against them within five years, be expelled from the Club.

Members expelled under Clause 23 shall immediately be barred from the use of the Club's ranges, premises and property and they shall not be permitted to take part in any public or private shoot or function organised by the Club. Members expelled under Clause 23 shall have the unexpired portion, calculated from the annual subscription, refunded to them, except that the Club reserves the right to withhold from such a refund any sum that the expelled Member may owe to the Club. An expelled Member who has paid a Life Subscription shall have a refund of the subscription after deduction of the Annual Subscriptions that would have been payable in the years since the life subscription was paid.

A member who shoots or attempts to shoot whilst incapacitated due to the use of drugs (including alcohol), whether prescribed by a doctor or self administered, will be disciplined under Clause 23. A member who is disciplined under that Clause may not use the action of drugs or alcohol to excuse his conduct. Otherwise the Club has no policy on the use of drugs and medication by its members during competition and training. However, when the Club organises a match on behalf of a National Governing Body (NGB), such as the British Running Deer, Running Boar or Running Target Championships, or when scores may be used to justify International Team selection by an NGB, the anti-doping regulations of the NGB will be strictly applied. These include the random selection of shooters for drugs testing. Under current rules, the NGBs allow shooters who take prescribed medicines that are otherwise prohibited to compete but only subject to strict safeguards. The rules are published annually in the Championship Programme of the NGBs.

1.8 Annual & Extraordinary General Meetings

(ref. Constitution clauses 15, 16 & 17)

1.8.1 General

Only a Full Member may vote at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, propose or second applications for membership of the Club, propose or second nominations for election to the Executive Committee, or be elected to the Executive Committee except in the Office of Non Executive Hon. Secretary or Non Executive Hon. Treasurer. Affiliated Clubs (whose subscriptions are up to date) shall be entitled to send two delegates to Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Club and such delegates shall have the voting powers of Full Members.

1.8.2 Annual General Meetings

As early as possible in each fiscal year, the Club will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which two Officers of the Club and the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to hold office until the next AGM. A quorum for an AGM of the Club will be twelve Full Members of the Club or one half of the current Full Members if this is less. An agenda shall be sent to each member giving three weeks notice of the meeting, including date, time and venue. The agenda will include:

- a) Details of the AGM;
- b) Minutes of the last AGM;
- c) Matters arising from the Minutes;
- d) Reports from Club Officers;
- e) Election of Club Officers and Executive Committee
- f) Election of Independent Examiners
- g) Any other business.

Nominations of candidates desiring election to the Executive Committee must include the signature of the proposer and seconder, and the written consent of the candidate. Nominations must be submitted to the Hon. Secretary seven days before the date set for the AGM. The notice calling the AGM will include a list of the existing Executive Committee showing their record of attendance at Executive Committee Meetings.

The AGM will elect a Chairman, an Hon. Secretary and the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Candidates may be nominated for Chairman and Hon. Secretary, but may not be elected to more than one Office. A candidate who is nominated for election as Chairman and/or Hon. Secretary but who is unsuccessful will automatically have his name added to those seeking election as ordinary members of the Executive Committee if eligible unless he signifies otherwise. The Offices of Captain, Vice Captain, Hon. Treasurer and any other Offices deemed necessary by the Executive Committee will be allocated by the Executive Committee from the remaining elected committee members, normally at its first meeting following the AGM. The complement and allocation of the Offices other than Chairman and Hon. Secretary may be altered at other times during the year by the Executive Committee. No member of the Executive Committee may occupy more than one Office.

In the event that the AGM fails to elect a Chairman or Hon. Secretary, the existing office bearers will remain in office until the first Executive Committee meeting after the AGM at which it may nominate members of the Executive Committee to assume the duties and responsibilities of the

vacant Office(s). If there are the same number or fewer nominations than there are vacancies, the nominees will be declared elected. If there are more nominations for Chairman, Hon. Secretary or membership of the Executive Committee than there are vacancies, a vote will be taken after each candidate has had the opportunity to address the meeting for not more than three minutes. Voting will be by simple majority, with separate votes for Chairman and Hon. Secretary and a collective vote for the ordinary members of the Executive Committee with each member eligible to vote having as many votes to cast as there are vacancies, but not more than one vote for each candidate. If there are no valid nominations for Chairman or Hon. Secretary, or if any other Executive Committee posts are left unfilled, the Chairman of the meeting will accept nominations for these from the floor.

Motions proposing changes to the Constitution must include the names of the proposer and seconder and be sent to each member giving three weeks notice. Amendments to any proposed constitutional changes, duly proposed and seconded, must be submitted to the Hon. Secretary seven days before the meeting. Changes to the Constitution can only be implemented by the consent of at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

During the AGM, the Chairman has the discretion to accept, from the floor of the meeting, other motions except those which call for changes to the Constitution. He will reject or postpone a vote on such motions if they involve matters that may need advice or lengthy consideration before their implementation.

1.8.3 Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Club may be called at any time by unanimous decision of the Executive Committee, or by the Chairman receiving a request in writing from ten members or one tenth of the Full Members of the Club as stated at the last AGM, whichever is the greater. Such requests will carry the signatures of the members requiring the meeting and it shall include a clear statement of the matter or matters it wishes to discuss at the meeting. At least seven days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to members and a quorum for such a meeting shall be twelve Full Members of the Club or one half of the Full Members as stated at the last AGM, if this is less.

An EGM shall debate and vote only on those matters notified to members. It may not vote to dismiss existing members of the Executive Committee, who are elected to serve until the next AGM, but it may elect Members to fill existing vacancies. Otherwise an EGM shall have the powers and authority of the Annual General Meeting.

1.9 Internet Web Site

1.9.1 General

The Club has an internet web site at www.bsrc.co.uk. The agreed objectives of the website are to:

- a) meet the needs and aspirations of the Membership for the provision of electronic information and communication services;
- b) to provide an interface between the Club and the general public for the purposes of providing general information concerning the Club to interested parties.

The site comprises an open area with unrestricted access, and a Members' area which is password protected.

1.9.2 Open Area

The open area contains general information about the Club a list of the names of the Club Officers with their Club e-mail addresses, the shooting calendar, the BSRC Manual and the Club's Constitution. For reasons of security, no names or contact details of any Members are given in this area of the web site.

1.9.3 Members' Area

The Members' area contains copies of recent Newsletters, results of recent major matches and the score ladders.

This area is protected by a password which is changed annually; the new password is issued to Members with their new membership number at renewal. Provisional Members are issued with a separate password which could be changed at short notice with minimal inconvenience should this prove necessary. Provisional Members are provided with the Members' password on election to Full Membership.

The Members' area contains the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses (via the Club or direct) of all Club Officers and members of the Executive Committee. It is a condition of entry to all Club Matches that the Member's name may be published in the secure, Members' area of the website.

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Membership

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2. Membership

2.1 Provisional Membership and Full Membership

(ref. Constitution clause 8)

2.1.1 General

Membership of the Club is open to all under the Admissions Procedure described in this section. Before becoming a Full Member, individuals must first join as Provisional Members and serve a minimum probationary period. The Club shall not have more probationary Provisional Members than Full Members at any time. The Executive Committee will not knowingly accept into Full or Provisional Membership any person who is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under the Firearms Acts.

2.1.2 Provisional Membership

Applications to join the Club as a Provisional Member will be made on the form approved by the Executive Committee (see Appendix 3), accompanied by payment of the current 'Joining Fee' and 'Annual Subscription'. The 'Joining Fee' is waived for all applicants under 25 years of age at the time of application. This form shall normally be signed by two Full Members of the Club, who are prepared to propose and second the election of the applicant. The applicant must be sponsored by at least one Full Member. If the applicant can only find one Full Member to sponsor him, a suitable reference in lieu may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be accepted. Applications are submitted to and considered by the Executive Committee who vote by secret ballot on the suitability of each candidate. Two or more adverse votes will cause the rejection of the applicant. The Executive Committee may require any candidate to be interviewed by its nominee(s) before his/her application is accepted.

If the vote is favourable the applicant will be declared 'elected to Provisional Membership'. Provisional Membership must last for the minimum period specified by the Home Office (currently 3 months). During this time Provisional Members must attend an Induction Course which includes instruction on the Club rules and regulations, the operation of the ranges and range equipment, manual marking in the butts, the safe handling of firearms and familiarisation with the Club's competitions. This attendance must be recorded on the attendance form provided (see Appendix 3). The Instructor for the Induction Course will be a Coach, Instructor or Range Officer holding a qualification recognised by the Great Britain Target Shooting Federation, NRA or NSRA, or a Training Officer (i.e. a Club Officer or Member of the Executive Committee who holds a Firearms Certificate and has at least two years Full Membership of the Club).

Provisional Members must also participate in Club shooting fixtures on at least three occasions, at least one of which must be a Monthly Match, having their attendance recorded by a Range Officer on the attendance form provided (see Appendix 3). The other two may be any Club shooting activity at the Club's ranges at Bisley, e.g. Range Day, Memorial Match, Stalker's Match, Historic Match, Christmas Match or Monthly Match. Not more than one attendance per calendar month is eligible for recording (although they may attend more frequently if they wish). Provisional Members will be expected to take part in a substantial part of the Club's shooting activities on the occasions they attend and to submit evidence in the form of score cards, though lack of prowess will not be a criterion affecting transfer to Full Membership. Provisional

Members are also required to familiarise themselves with the rules of the Club's competitions and gain competence in the operation of the moving target ranges and electronic scoring systems, such that they are capable of operating the ranges from the Firing Areas.

Provisional Members will be under constant supervision of the Range Officer and/or a Full Member who holds a Firearms Certificate when in possession of a firearm or ammunition, unless they have a personal authorisation to possess firearms and ammunition (e.g. a Firearms Certificate), or until they have completed the Induction Course. When shooting the Running Deer, Provisional Members will be required to adopt a ready position with the rifle held horizontally until they are deemed competent by a Training Officer. Provisional Members are responsible for arranging for a Training Officer to observe them shoot, confirm their competency and sign the attendance form (see Appendix 3).

Provisional membership will be reviewed regularly by the Executive Committee. Provisional Members who fail to achieve the prescribed criteria during the first six months of membership may have their membership terminated. The Executive Committee has the power to extend the probationary period in exceptional circumstances. If membership is terminated, the 'Joining Fee' will be forfeited. Termination for this reason will not prejudice subsequent re-application.

2.1.3 Full Membership

When the criteria detailed in Section 2.1.2 above have been achieved, subject to the minimum probationary period Provisional Members may submit their completed attendance forms to the Hon. Secretary for review by the Executive Committee who will vote by secret ballot on the proposal that Full Membership be confirmed. Two or more adverse votes will cause the rejection of the applicant.

NB: It is the Club's view that a strong NGB is imperative to the well being of the sport. It is therefore a pre-requisite of Full Membership and of the future election to Life Membership that the applicant be an Individual Member of the NRA. Life Members are expected to maintain their NRA membership beyond the year of their election.

A person applying to join the Club as a Full Member who is already a full (shooting) member of another club approved for the same type of firearms or who is a Firearms Certificate holder or who is otherwise authorised to possess the same type of firearms for which the BSRC is approved, may be exempted from part of the Provisional Membership requirements. This exemption may include the, otherwise mandatory, probationary period at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The minimum requirement is that the applicant attends an Induction Course. If this exemption is claimed, the applicant must provide verifiable evidence of his right to that exemption.

2.2 Junior Provisional Membership and Junior Membership

(ref. Constitution clause 9)

Young persons over the age of 12 years applying for and granted membership of the Club will be known as Junior Provisional Members and Junior Members respectively until they reach the age of 18 years. The conditions attached to Junior Provisional Membership will be the same as those for Provisional Membership in Section 2.1.2 above. No 'Joining Fee' is required and the 'Annual Subscription' is one half of the rate for adult membership but, in all other respects, applications for membership are dealt with as in Section 2.1. Junior Members and Junior Provisional Members

under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult Full Member at all times when attending Club shooting fixtures.

2.3 Associate Members

(ref. Constitution clause 10)

Anyone who has an interest in the activities of the Club as a non-shooter may apply to the Executive Committee to become non-shooting Associate Members of the Club. An Associate Member may receive copies of the BSRC News Letters. An Associate Member may not vote at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings. An Associate Member may be elected to the Office of Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer of the Club, serving in a Non Executive (non voting) capacity but to no other Office. Associate Membership may not be used as 'good reason' to acquire or possess a firearm or ammunition under the Firearms Acts. In respect of the handling and use of firearms or ammunition, Associate Members shall be subject to the same conditions as Members Guests (see Section 2.6.2).

2.4 Honorary Members, Presidents & Vice Presidents

(ref. Constitution clauses 11, 12 & 13)

The Club may, at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, elect to Honorary Membership of the Club such persons whose services to the club or to shooting with the sporting rifle it desires to recognise. Should the person already be a Full Member of the Club, he will retain that status and be known as an Honorary Life Member, otherwise an Honorary Member shall not vote at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, nor be elected to the Executive Committee of the Club.

The Club may, at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, elect as President or Vice Presidents of the Club such persons whose services to the Club or to shooting with the sporting rifle it desires to recognise. A Vice President may be nominated by the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting to be Deputy President of the Club. The President and Vice Presidents may be either Honorary or Full Members of the Club.

Honorary Membership, Presidency or Vice Presidency alone may not be used as 'good reason' to acquire or possess a firearm or ammunition under the Firearms Acts, and does not confer any authorisation in respect of the handling and use of firearms or ammunition at the Club's ranges. Honorary Members, Presidents and Vice Presidents who are not Full Members of the Club shall be subject to the same conditions as Members Guests in this regard (see Section 2.6.2).

The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed one twentieth of the Full Membership of the Club. The number of Vice Presidents shall not exceed four at any one time.

2.5 Affiliation

(ref. Constitution clause 14)

A Home Office approved rifle club, or a club whose members each have a valid Firearms Certificate or other authority to possess firearms and ammunition, may seek affiliation to the BSRC. The range hire fee for Affiliated Clubs will be reduced. The members of Affiliated Clubs will be Associate Members of the Club and may be invited to take part in matches normally confined to BSRC members. The annual affiliation fee will be determined by the Executive Committee. Exceptionally, where an Affiliated Club has made a significant contribution to the assets or running

of the Club during the past year, the Executive Committee may waive part or all of the annual affiliation fee. In respect of the handling and use of firearms or ammunition, members of Affiliated Clubs have the same status as Full Members.

2.6 Guests

(ref. Constitution clauses 28, 29, 30 & 31)

2.6.1 General

The Club will not operate a day or temporary membership scheme.

2.6.2 Members' Guests (Visitors)

Full Members may bring one shooting guest to take part in a Club Range Day as a Visitor, but such Visitors shall not shoot if by so doing a Member is denied the opportunity to shoot. Visitors under the age of 12 years may shoot only with an Air Rifle and when under the constant supervision of an adult. To conform with Home Office requirements, other Visitors must be over the age of 12 years and may shoot only with a calibre .22" Rimfire or Air Rifle unless they have a personal authorisation to possess the firearms and ammunition to be used and are 14 years of age or older. A personal authorisation to shoot includes a Firearms Certificate that is valid for the firearm and ammunition to be used, Full Membership of a Home Office Approved Club affiliated to the BSRC or Full Membership of the National Rifle Association. The Range Officer may demand to see evidence of such authorisation before the Visitor is allowed to shoot. Without such authorisation the Visitor will not be allowed to have a centre fire rifle or ammunition in his possession. No person will be accepted as a Visitor if any Officer of the Club, including a Range Officer, has reason to believe that they are prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under the Firearms Acts. Visitors will be asked to sign a certificate to that effect before they are allowed to handle firearms or ammunition.

The names of Visitors must be registered with the Range Officer immediately on arrival at the range and the Range Officer shall decide when and if such Visitors shall shoot. Registration shall include the signature of the Visitor. The Member introducing the Visitor shall be responsible for the payment of range and entry fees for his/her Visitor, for the observance of the Club's Regulations by his/her Visitor and for the behaviour of the Visitor. The Range Officer or an Officer of the Club may, if the Visitor does not conform to the foregoing requirements, require the Member to remove his/her Visitor from the range immediately and the Member shall be reported to the Executive Committee as if he/she himself/herself had failed to conform.

2.6.3 Guest Days and Other Events

The Club may hold guest days, up to the maximum number allowed each year under Home Office regulations (currently 12), at which persons known to the Club may be permitted to attend at the invitation of the Club Secretary to assess their fitness to handle firearms and ammunition safely, and their suitability to become Provisional Members. On these limited occasions guests must be under the constant personal supervision of a Club Member of not less than two years Full Membership when handling firearms and ammunition. The local Police must be given reasonable notice (currently 48 hours minimum) of such guest days by the Club Secretary. No one will be knowingly accepted as a Guest Shooter if any Club Officer, including a Range Officer, has reason to believe that they are prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition

under the Firearms Acts. Guests will be asked to sign a certificate to that effect before they are allowed to handle firearms or ammunition.

Members of another club visiting the BSRC for the purposes of a match, including members of an Affiliated Club invited to take part in a BSRC match, must shoot under the authority of their own club's Home Office approval, and hold a personal Firearms Certificate or other authorisation to possess the type firearms and ammunition which are to be used.

2.7 The BSRC Classification System

2.7.1 General

The BSRC employs a classification system for the two main Club matches each year; the Spring Match and the Annual Championships. The principle objectives of the classification system are to:

- a) Provide members with a goal to work towards during Monthly Club Matches, and to encourage attendance at those matches in order to maintain or improve their classification,
- b) Provide all members, irrespective of experience or skill, an opportunity to win a prize in the Club's major matches.

Classification is based on scores recorded during Monthly Club Matches, the Spring Match, the Annual Championships, the Memorial Match and the British Running Deer and Running Boar Championships. The classifications are reviewed after the Annual Championships each year, and one year after a Provisional Member is first accepted into the Club. A member may be reclassified at any time if, in the opinion of the Club Captain, he is shooting well out of class. The current classifications are posted in the Clubhouse.

Initial Classification:

A Provisional Member who has not previously been a member of the Club, and who has not had the opportunity to record sufficient match scores, will be assigned to the Tyro class. Unless otherwise promoted, a newly elected Full Member may retain his Tyro classification for up to one year after which he will be deemed unclassified if he has not recorded at least three scores in the corresponding competition. A member who is unclassified will be classified on the average of his best three scores recorded over a period of not more than two years.

Promotion:

If the average of a member's best two scores out of at least three recorded during the previous two years exceed the threshold for a higher classification, that member will be promoted to the higher class. A member who wins an award in a major match will be promoted immediately if any score recorded in the previous two years exceeds the class threshold. A Tyro who competes in a major match (or in the British Running Deer or Running Boar Championships in the case of moving target classification) will be re-assigned to a class appropriate to his best score in that competition.

Demotion:

If a member fails to record the minimum score for his current classification at least once during the preceding two year period, he will be demoted by one class. An established member will not be demoted below Club class.

Unclassified Members:

A member who has recorded less than three scores during the preceding two year period will be unclassified for the corresponding competition, and will only be eligible for 'Open' awards .

Awards:

The Classifications are used to award class prizes in the Spring Match and Annual Championships, with up to three prizes in each class (except the top classes) according to the size of the entry as follows:

No. Entries	No. Awards
2 - 5	1
6 - 10	2
11 or more	3

If there is only one entry in a class the result will be included in the results of the next higher class. If a member has received an Open award in a competition, he will not be entitled to any class award in the same competition, and any class award that he would have received does not go to another competitor. Separate awards will not be made for either of the top classes. If there is an unbreakable tie a duplicate award may be made.

2.7.2 Moving Target Classification

Members are classified separately for the Running Deer and Running Boar competitions. For the Running Deer, classification will be based on scores recorded for both the Singles and Doubles competitions, and pro-rata on scores recorded for the 10 shot Running Deer Test, and will apply equally to all Running Deer competitions. For the Running Boar, only scores recorded in a full match (i.e. Normal Runs or Normal Runs Club Event - see Section 5.1.4) will be used to determine classifications, although the classifications will be applied to all Running Boar competitions including the Normal Runs Class B Event. The classifications and their corresponding score ranges are as follows:

Competition		Classification			
Name	No. Shots	Tyro	Club	Expert	Marksman
Running Deer	20	-	0 - 69	70 - 84	85 - 100
Running Deer	10	-	0 - 34	35 - 42	43 - 50
Running Boar	60	-	0 - 419	420 - 509	510 - 600
Running Boar	40	-	0 - 279	280 - 339	340 - 400
Running Boar	20	-	0 - 139	140 - 169	170 - 200

2.7.3 Static Sporting Target Classification

Members are allocated a single classification for all Static Sporting Target competitions based on scores recorded for the Sitting Fox competitions only. Classification can be based on scores from either the Open Class or Class B competitions or a combination of both. The classifications and their corresponding score ranges are as follows:

Competition	Classification			
	Tyro	Club	Expert	Marksman
Fox Open Class	-	0 - 59	60 - 74	75 - 100
Fox Class B	-	0 - 64	65 - 89	90 - 100

2.7.4 'Improver' Awards

The 'Improver' awards are allocated annually and are usually announced at the Club Christmas Lunch. They are determined in the first instance from the Club's Classification System, and are allocated primarily on the basis of recent class promotion. Consideration is also given to all of the relevant scores recorded by the shooter over the past two years as well as his placing on the Club's 'Score Ladder' (see Section 2.8).

2.8 The BSRC Score Ladder

In order to promote competition, the Club runs a 'Score Ladder' for the principle competitions shot during the Monthly Club Matches as follows:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>HPS</u>
Running Deer Singles Club Event	100
Running Deer Doubles Club Event	100
Running Deer Test	50
Running Boar Normal Runs Club Event	400
Roebuck (Open and Class B)	100
Sitting Fox (Open and Class B)	100
Stalker's Test	100
Running Target Normal Runs	600

The ladder is based only on scores recorded during the current calendar year, hence the scores from the January match form the first stage of the ladder. The best score of each shooter in each competition will subsequently be recorded on the ladder. The Club record score along with the name(s) of the record holder(s) will be recorded at the top of the ladder for each competition. A new ladder will be started at the beginning of each year. No prizes are awarded, however the ladder scores will be used to help determine the Club's annual 'Improver' awards (see Section 2.7.4).

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3. Ranges

3.1 General

The BSRC ranges, known as “The Sporting Rifle Complex”, comprise the 100 metre Running Deer, 50 metre Running Boar, 100 yard Statics, and 50 metre Time Limit ranges. The ranges form a field firing area as defined in UK MoD Pamphlet 22 and, as such, have been designed and constructed in accordance with the required Safety Template which incorporates a Danger Area.

The BSRC also has a 10 metre indoor air rifle range, known as the Running Target range, which is contained within the Club House.

This section covers the description, operation and use of the ranges and associated equipment, and the Range Safety Regulations.

3.2 Running Deer

3.2.1 Description & Operation

Description:

The Running Deer range is a 100 metre moving target range equipped with an electronic scoring system, and comprises a Firing Area hut and a moving target system. Limitations regarding the type and calibre of firearms that may be used on this range are covered in Section 4.2.1.

The Firing Area hut contains two shooting bays (Firing Points) and a Line Officer’s (LO’s) station. All shooting takes place from the right hand bay above which the main electronic target display is located; the left hand bay is for dry firing only. A red safety light is positioned above each bay (see Section 3.8). The range is operated from the LO’s station using the target control unit, and the electronic scoring system controller. The printer and an auxiliary target display for the electronic scoring system is also located at the LO’s station together with a telephone (see Section 3.7.2), and a red safety light operating button (see Section 3.8) and an emergency stop button for the moving target mechanism. The Firing Area hut also contains the master switch for the red safety lights.

The moving target system comprises a rail mounted target trolley which is driven by a braked electric motor via a system of cables and pulleys. The electronic scoring system sensor bar and electronics are mounted on the target trolley and communicate with a fixed base station via a radio link. The motor, drive gear, switch gear, electronic scoring system base station and the ‘normal’ Marker’s station are all contained in the right hand butt (motor room). The Marker’s station contains a telephone (see Section 3.7.2) and a scoring clock.

Operation:

a) Opening up the range:

At the Firing Area hut:

- (i) Open up the Firing Area hut.

- (ii) Switch on and operate the red safety light system, set the AUTO/MANUAL switch on the control unit to AUTO, check that the DELAY switch is OFF, the MIX/O/STOP AT WALL switch is set to 'O', and check that the EMERGENCY STOP switch adjacent to the right hand shooting bay is released (quarter turn clockwise to release).

At the motor room (right hand butt):

- (iii) Enter the right hand butt (motor room) and ensure that the POWER KEY (bottom left) on the motor control panel is OFF (top to the left).
- (iv) Open and secure the target exit doors and walk the target track to check that it is clear of obstructions and that the towing cables are correctly routed in their guides (see signs on target exit doors).
- (v) Disconnect the charging lead from the green box on the target trolley and connect it to the yellow junction box.
- (vi) On the target trolley, move the black 'run key' from the red junction box to the green junction box, and cover the open socket on the red junction box with the cap provided.
- (vii) Switch on the power to the electronic scoring system at the switch on the wall near the main junction box (labelled "Master Switch for Electronic Scoring").
- (viii) On the motor control panel set the MAN/AUTO switch to AUTO, the HALF/FULL switch to FULL, the DELAY switch to OFF, the OPERATE FROM HERE/FIRING POINT to HERE, the MIXED/O/STOP switch to 'O', and switch the POWER KEY ON (top to the right). The green RUN light should illuminate.
- (ix) Run the target out and back by momentarily switching the FORWARD/BACKWARD switch to the appropriate position checking that the target operates correctly. Switch the OPERATE FROM HERE/FIRING POINT to FIRING POINT on completion.
- (x) Close and lock the personnel entrance door to the motor room to prevent unseen (behind the bank) unauthorised access.

At the Firing Area hut:

- (xi) Open the computer cabinet below the right hand shooting bay and open the printer box on the seat at the Line Officer's station.
- (xii) Switch on the power to the electronic scoring system at the switch on the wall in front of the Line Officer's station, and switch on the computer by pressing the black button on the front of the computer above the white label.
- (xiii) Wait until the computer has started up – the target will be displayed on the screen above the right hand shooting bay when the system is ready.
- (xiv) Switch on the secondary display screen above the printer at the Line Officer's station, and use the mouse to move the cursor off the screen.
- (xv) Reset the red safety light system by turning the master switch key clockwise (see Section 3.8).

NB: Omit steps (vi), (vii) and (xi) through (xiv) if the electronic scoring system is not to be used ensuring that the open socket on the green junction box is covered with the cap provided.

b) Normal operation (AUTO and electronic scoring):

- (i) Open up the range as described in a) above.
- (ii) On the electronic scoring control box (the box with four green and four red buttons) – press the 'Menu' button, then use the '↑' '↓' buttons to select the course of fire required

on the electronic scoring display, then press the 'Menu' button again, and finally confirm by pressing the 'OK' button.

- (iii) The electronic scoring system will initialise with sighting runs as indicated by a green 'flag' in the top right hand corner of the target display.
- (iv) The target may now be run by switching the MAN/AUTO switch to AUTO, and thereafter momentarily switching the OUT/BACK switch to the appropriate position. Note that the target will not run unless the green light on the target control unit is illuminated.
- (v) On completion of the sighting runs **wait until the green light on the target control unit is illuminated** then press the 'Sighters/Match' button on the electronic scoring control box to set the system up for the scoring runs. This is indicated by the absence of the green 'flag' from the top right corner of the target display.
- (vi) Run the target as described in (iv) above for the scoring runs. The system will momentarily display a message on the target display when the series has been completed; this can be closed by pressing the 'OK' button or will disappear after a short time if left.
- (v) Press the 'Print' button on the electronic scoring control box when the end of series message has closed to print the scores. Note that the scores for the sighting runs will not be printed.
- (vi) To reset the system for the next shooter, press the 'Next Shooter' button on the electronic scoring control box and press the 'OK' button while the confirmation message is displayed on the target display.

NB: Omit all steps except for (i) and (iv) if the electronic scoring system is not to be used. **If scoring manually, at the start of the day's shooting or if shooting is about to recommence after a significant break (e.g. after target patching on the statics or after the lunch break), the Line Officer must telephone the butts to ensure that all personnel are clear of the mechanism prior to running the target.**

c) Using the STOP AT WALL facility:

The STOP AT WALL facility may be used during AUTO running only. Select either STOP AT WALL switch (i.e. normally on the target control box in the firing area but the switch on the motor control panel could be used instead) to STOP AT WALL (or STOP). Momentary operation of the OUT/BACK switch will then run the target out to the start of the target run where it will stop. The target will then continue to the end of the run after a second momentary operation of the OUT/BACK switch.

d) Manual target operations:

The target may be operated in manual (MAN) mode. This mode of operation is normally only used to position the target in the middle of the run and stop it, or to retrieve the target if the EMERGENCY STOP system has been used during AUTO operation. For manual operation, both MAN/AUTO switches (i.e. on the control panel on the motor unit and on the control unit in the Firing Area) must be set to MAN. To run the target out and back, operate and hold the OUT/BACK switch in the appropriate position (i.e. OUT to go left and BACK to go right). If for any reason the target has stopped short of the normal stopping place, drive the target back out into the target run and drive it in again.

e) Closing the range:

At the Firing Area hut:

- (i) Return the target to the right hand butt (motor room), and select the MAN/AUTO switch to AUTO.
- (ii) On the electronic scoring control box press the 'Menu' button, then the 'Off' button followed by the 'OK' button to confirm.
- (iii) When the computer has completely shut down and the target screen is blank, switch off the power to the electronic target system at the switch on the wall in front of the Line Officer's station.
- (iv) Close and lock the computer cabinet under the right hand shooting bay, and the printer cabinet on the seat at the Line Officer's station.
- (v) Close up the Firing Area as necessary (access to the master switch for the red safety lights will be required if any of the other BSRC ranges other than Time Limit are in use).

At the motor room (right hand butt):

- (vi) Turn the POWER KEY (bottom left) on the front of the motor control panel to off (top to the left).
- (vii) Switch off the power to the electronic scoring system at the switch on the wall near the main junction box (labelled "Master Switch for Electronic Scoring").
- (viii) On the target trolley, move the black 'run key' from the green junction box to the red junction box.
- (ix) Disconnect the charging lead from the yellow junction box and connect it to the green box on the target trolley. Cover the open socket on the yellow junction box with the cap provided.
- (x) Close the target exit doors, check that the brake fans are switched off, check that the tubular heater is left on in winter only, check that the motor room light is switched off, close and lock the motor room entry door.

NB: Omit steps (ii), (iii), (iv), (vii) and (viii) if the electronic scoring system was not used.

3.2.2 Dimensions

The dimensions of the BSRC Running Deer range are as follows (NSR specification in brackets):

a) Shooting distance:	102.3 metres	(99.5 to 101.0)
b) Variation of the position of the Firing Point from the centre of the target track:		
- horizontal	4.0 metres	(4.0)
- vertical	minimal	(4.0)
c) Height of target centre (measured above ground level at the Firing Point):	1.66 metres	(-4.0 to +4.0)
d) Bench height:	1.0 metres	(0.8 to 1.0)
e) Target run as seen by the shooter:	23.28 metres	(23.0 ± 0.25)
f) Target crossing time:	4.4 seconds	(4.3 ± 0.2)
g) Antler run:	1.1 to 1.2 seconds	(1 to 2)
h) Bench height:	0.87 meters	(0.8 to 1.0)

NB: The target must reach full speed at least 0.5 seconds before the full target appears.

3.3 Mid Running Boar

3.3.1 Description & Operation

Description:

The Mid Running Boar range is a 50 metre moving target range equipped with an electronic scoring system, comprising a Firing Area building and a moving target system. The Mid Running Boar range also incorporates a 50 metre fixed target zeroing range. Limitations regarding the type and calibre of firearms that may be used on this range are covered in Section 4.2.2.

The Firing Area building contains the Firing Area and a separate waiting room. The Firing Area comprises two shooting bays (Firing Points) and a Line Officer's (LO's) station. All shooting takes place from the right hand bay above which the main electronic target display is located; the left hand bay is for dry firing only. A red safety light is positioned above each bay (see Section 3.8). The range is operated from the LO's station using the target control unit, and the electronic scoring system controller. The auxiliary target display for the electronic scoring system is also located at the LO's station together with a telephone (see Section 3.7.2) and an emergency stop button for the moving target mechanism.

The moving target system comprises a rail mounted target trolley which is driven by a braked electric motor via a system of cables and pulleys. The motor, drive gear, switch gear, and the 'normal' Marker's station are all contained in the right hand butt (motor room). The Marker's station contains a telephone (see Section 3.7.2) and a scoring clock.

The 50 metre zeroing range comprises a sheltered Firing Area attached to the left hand wall of the Running Boar Firing Area building, and a stop butt in front of the left hand Running Boar butt. A red safety light is located in the roof of the Firing Area (see Section 3.8). The stop butt is equipped with a target frame which is designed to accommodate target boards 2 feet (0.6 metres) in height.

Operation:

a) Opening up the range:

At the motor room (right hand butt):

- (i) Enter the right hand butt (motor room) via the door at the back and ensure that the MAIN SWITCH in the top right hand corner of the Häring motor control panel above the marker's table is OFF.
- (ii) Unbolt, open and secure the target exit doors and check that the target track is clear of obstructions.
- (iii) Disconnect the charging lead from the green box on the target trolley and connect it to the yellow junction box.
- (iv) On the target trolley, move the black 'run key' from the red junction box to the green junction box, and cover the open socket on the red junction box with the cap provided.

- (v) Switch on the power to the electronic scoring system at the switch on the wall to the left of the Håring motor control panel (switch labelled “Electronic Scoring”).
- (vi) Turn the MAIN SWITCH to ON, check that the row of switches in the lower half of the panel are all vertical.

At the Firing Area hut:

- (vii) Open up the Firing Area hut.
- (viii) Open the computer and printer cabinets below the right hand and left hand shooting bays leaving the doors open, and open the auxiliary target display at the Line Officer’s station.
- (ix) Switch on the power to the electronic scoring system (switch labelled “Electronic Master Switch”) and the auxiliary target display at the switches on the wall in front of the Line Officer’s station, and switch on the computer by pressing the black button on the front of the computer above the white label.
- (x) Wait until the computer has started up – the target will be displayed on the screen above the right hand shooting bay when the system is ready.
- (xi) Switch on the secondary display screen at the Line Officer’s station, and use the mouse to move the cursor off the screen.

NB: Omit steps (iii), (iv), (v) and (viii) through (xi) if the electronic scoring system is not to be used.

b) Normal operation (AUTO and electronic scoring):

- (i) Open up the range as described in a) above.
- (ii) On the electronic scoring control box (the box with four green and four red buttons) – press the ‘Menu’ button, then use the ‘↑’ ‘↓’ buttons to select the course of fire required on the electronic scoring display, then press the ‘Menu’ button again, and finally confirm by pressing the ‘OK’ button if required.
- (iii) The electronic scoring system will initialise with sighting runs as indicated by a green ‘flag’ in the top right hand corner of the target display.
- (iv) On the control unit in the firing area select the DELAY (delayed start) switch to OFF, and set the MIXED (mixed runs) and SLOW/FAST switches as required.
- (v) The target may now be run by switching the MAN/AUTO switch to AUTO, and thereafter momentarily switching the OUT/BACK switch to the appropriate position. Note that the target is ready to run when the green run lamp on the target control unit is lit.
- (vi) On completion of the sighting runs **wait 3 seconds** then press the ‘Sighters/Match’ button on the electronic scoring control box to set the system up for the scoring runs. This is indicated by the absence of the green ‘flag’ from the top right corner of the target display.
- (vii) Run the target as described in (iv) above for the scoring runs. The system will momentarily display a message on the target display when the series has been completed.
- (viii) Press the ‘Print’ button on the electronic scoring control box when the end of series message has closed to print the scores. The end of series message can be closed by pressing the ‘OK’ button. Note that the scores for the sighting runs will not be printed.
- (ix) To reset the system for the next shooter, press the ‘Next Shooter’ button on the electronic scoring control box and press the ‘OK’ button while the confirmation message is displayed on the target display.

NB: Omit all steps except for (i), (iv) and (v) if the electronic scoring system is not to be used. **If scoring manually, at the start of the day's shooting or if shooting is about to recommence after a significant break (e.g. after target patching on the statics or after the lunch break), the Line Officer must telephone the butts to ensure that all personnel are clear of the mechanism prior to running the target.**

c) Closing the range:

At the Firing Area hut:

- (i) Return the target to the right hand butt (motor room), and select the MAN/AUTO switch to MAN.
- (ii) On the electronic scoring control box press the 'Menu' button, then the 'Off' button followed by the 'OK' button to confirm.
- (iii) When the computer has completely shut down and the target screen is blank, switch off the power to the electronic target system (switch labelled "Electronic Master Switch") and the auxiliary target display at the switches on the wall in front of the Line Officer's station.
- (iv) Close and lock the computer and printer cabinets under the right hand and left hand shooting bays, and the auxiliary display cover at the Line Officer's station.
- (v) Close up the Firing Area as necessary.

At the motor room (right hand butt):

- (vi) Turn the MAIN SWITCH in the top right hand corner of the Häring motor control panel above the marker's table to OFF.
- (vii) Switch off the power to the electronic scoring system at the switch on the wall to the left of the Häring motor control panel (switch labelled "Electronic Scoring").
- (viii) On the target trolley, move the black 'run key' from the green junction box to the red junction box.
- (iv) Disconnect the charging lead from the yellow junction box and connect it to the green box on the target trolley. Cover the open socket on the yellow junction box with the cap provided.
- (v) Close and bolt the target exit doors, check that the motor room light is switched off, close and lock the motor room entry door.

NB: Omit steps (ii), (iii), (iv), (vii), (viii) and (ix) if the electronic scoring system was not used.

3.3.2 Dimensions

The dimensions of the BSRC Running Boar range are as follows (ISSF specification in brackets):

- a) Shooting distance (measured from a line on the floor, usually below the edge of the bench nearest the shooter): 49.95 metres (50.0 ± 0.2)
- b) Maximum horizontal variation of the position of the Firing Point either side of a line perpendicular to the centre of the target

track:	0.6 metres	(2.0)
c) Height of target centre (measured above ground level at the Firing Point):	TBA metres	(1.4 ± 0.2)
d) Target run as seen by the shooter:	10.02 metres	(10.00 to 10.05)
e) Target crossing time: slow	TBA seconds	(5.0 to 5.2)
fast	TBA seconds	(2.5 to 2.6)
f) Minimum width of Firing Point	1.08 metres	(1.0)
g) Minimum height of roof above shooter	2.8 metres	(2.2)
h) Bench height:	0.87 meters	(0.7 to 0.8)

3.4 Time Limit Running Boar

3.4.1 Description & Operation

Description:

The Time Limit Running Boar range is a 50 metre moving target range equipped with an electronic scoring system, and comprises a Firing Area hut and a moving target system. The range may also be used as a 50 metre fixed target range. Limitations regarding the type and calibre of firearms that may be used on this range are covered in Section 4.2.3.

The Firing Area hut contains two shooting bays (Firing Points) and a Line Officer's (LO's) station. All shooting takes place from the right hand bay above which the main electronic target display is located; the left hand bay is for dry firing only. The range is operated from the LO's station using the target control unit, and the electronic scoring system controller. The auxiliary target display for the electronic scoring system is also located at the LO's station together with a telephone (see Section 3.7.2) and an emergency stop button for the moving target mechanism.

The moving target system comprises a rail mounted target trolley which is driven by a braked electric motor via a system of cables and pulleys. The electronic scoring system sensors and electronics are mounted on the target trolley and communicate with a fixed base station via a radio link. The motor, drive gear, switch gear, electronic scoring system base station and the 'normal' Marker's station are all contained in the right hand butt (motor room). The Marker's station contains a telephone (see Section 3.7.2) and a scoring clock.

The range incorporates a sheltered Firing Area outside of the Running Boar Firing Area hut, and slots in the moving target parapet designed to accommodate target boards up to 20 inches (0.5 metres) wide for use as a 50 metre fixed target range.

Operation:

a) Opening up the range:

At the motor room (right hand butt):

- (i) Enter the right hand butt (motor room) via the front door, ensure that the MAIN SWITCH on the front of the motor unit control panel is OFF and that the back door is locked.
- (ii) Unbolt and remove target exit trapdoor, open and secure the target exit doors and check that the target track is clear of obstructions.

- (iii) Disconnect the charging lead from the green box on the target trolley and connect it to the yellow junction box.
- (iv) On the target trolley, move the black 'run key' from the red junction box to the green junction box, and cover the open socket on the red junction box with the cap provided.
- (v) Switch on the power to the electronic scoring system at the switch on the wall under the range telephone (switch labelled "All Electronics").
- (vi) Turn the MAIN SWITCH to ON, check that the MIXED SPEED / 0 / STOP AT WALL switch is set to '0', check that the LOW / HIGH switch is set to LOW (i.e. slow), check that the DELAYED START switch is set to '0' (i.e. off), check that the BRAKE SYSTEM switch is ON, check that the LOC / DIST switch is set to DIST, and press the blue RESET button. The green "READY" light should stop flashing. If the RESET button does not respond, recheck that the target door is properly hooked back and that the EMERGENCY STOP switch on the motor unit control panel is released.
- (vii) Set the AUTO/MANUAL switch to AUTO, and run the target out and back by momentarily switching the FORWARD/BACKWARD switch to the appropriate position (i.e. FORWARD for out and BACKWARD for back) checking that the target operates correctly. Return the AUTO/MANUAL switch to MANUAL on completion.

At the Firing Area hut:

- (viii) Open up the Firing Area hut.
- (ix) Open the computer and printer cabinets below the right hand and left hand shooting bays leaving the doors open, and open the auxiliary target display at the Line Officer's station.
- (x) Switch on the power to the electronic scoring system (switch labelled "All Electronics") and the auxiliary target display at the switches on the wall in front of the Line Officer's station, and switch on the computer by pressing the black button on the front of the computer above the white label.
- (xi) Wait until the computer has started up – the target will be displayed on the screen above the right hand shooting bay when the system is ready.
- (xii) Switch on the secondary display screen at the Line Officer's station, and use the mouse to move the cursor off the screen.

NB: Omit steps (iii), (iv), (v) and (ix) through (xii) if the electronic scoring system is not to be used.

b) Normal operation (AUTO and electronic scoring):

- (i) Open up the range as described in a) above.
- (ii) On the electronic scoring control box (the box with four green and four red buttons) – press the 'Menu' button, then use the '↑' '↓' buttons to select the course of fire required on the electronic scoring display, then press the 'Menu' button again, and finally confirm by pressing the 'OK' button if required.
- (iii) The electronic scoring system will initialise with sighting runs as indicated by a green 'flag' in the top right hand corner of the target display.
- (iv) On the control unit in the firing area select the DELAYED START switch to '0' (i.e. off), and set the MIXED SPEED / 0 / STOP AT WALL and the LOW/HIGH switches as required (NB: LOW for slow runs, HIGH for fast runs).
- (v) The target may now be run by switching either AUTO/MANUAL switch (i.e. on the control panel on the motor unit or on the control unit in the firing area) to AUTO, and thereafter momentarily switching the OUT/BACK switch to the appropriate position.

- (vi) On completion of the sighting runs **wait 3 seconds** then press the 'Sighters/Match' button on the electronic scoring control box to set the system up for the scoring runs. This is indicated by the absence of the green 'flag' from the top right corner of the target display.
- (vii) Run the target as described in (iv) above for the scoring runs. The system will momentarily display a message on the target display when the series has been completed.
- (viii) Press the 'Print' button on the electronic scoring control box when the end of series message has closed to print the scores. The end of series message can be closed by pressing the 'OK' button. Note that the scores for the sighting runs will not be printed.
- (ix) To reset the system for the next shooter, press the 'Next Shooter' button on the electronic scoring control box and press the 'OK' button while the confirmation message is displayed on the target display.

NB: Omit all steps except for (i), (iv) and (v) if the electronic scoring system is not to be used. **If scoring manually, at the start of the day's shooting or if shooting is about to recommence after a significant break (e.g. after target patching on the statics or after the lunch break), the Line Officer must telephone the butts to ensure that all personnel are clear of the mechanism prior to running the target.**

c) Closing the range:

At the Firing Area hut:

- (i) Return the target to the right hand butt (motor room), and select the AUTO/MANUAL switch to MANUAL.
- (ii) On the electronic scoring control box press the 'Menu' button, then the 'Off' button followed by the 'OK' button to confirm.
- (iii) When the computer has completely shut down and the target screen is blank, switch off the power to the electronic target system (switch labelled "All Electronics") and the auxiliary target display at the switches on the wall in front of the Line Officer's station.
- (iv) Close and lock the computer and printer cabinets under the right hand and left hand shooting bays, and the auxiliary display cover at the Line Officer's station.
- (v) Close up the Firing Area as necessary.

At the motor room (right hand butt):

- (vi) Turn the MAIN SWITCH on the front of the motor unit to OFF.
- (vii) Switch off the power to the electronic scoring system at the switch on the wall under the range telephone (labelled "Master Switch for Electronic Scoring").
- (viii) On the target trolley, move the black 'run key' from the green junction box to the red junction box.
- (iv) Disconnect the charging lead from the yellow junction box and connect it to the green box on the target trolley. Cover the open socket on the yellow junction box with the cap provided.
- (v) Close and bolt the target exit doors, fit and bolt target exit trapdoor, check that the motor room light is switched off, close and lock the motor room entry door.

NB: Omit steps (ii), (iii), (iv), (vii), (viii) and (ix) if the electronic scoring system was not used.

3.4.2 Dimensions

The dimensions of the BSRC Time Limit Running Boar range are as follows (ISSF specification in brackets):

a) Shooting distance (measured from a line on the floor, usually below the edge of the bench nearest the shooter):	TBA metres	(50.0 ± 0.2)
b) Maximum horizontal variation of the position of the Firing Point either side of a line perpendicular to the centre of the target track:	TBA metres	(2.0)
c) Height of target centre (measured above ground level at the Firing Point):	TBA metres	(1.4 ± 0.2)
d) Target run as seen by the shooter:	TBA metres	(10.00 to 10.05)
e) Target crossing time: slow	TBA seconds	(5.0 to 5.2)
fast	TBA seconds	(2.5 to 2.6)
f) Minimum width of Firing Point	TBA metres	(1.0)
g) Minimum height of roof above shooter	TBA metres	(2.2)
h) Bench height:	TBA meters	(0.7 to 0.8)

3.5 Running Target

3.5.1 Description & Operation

Description:

The Running Target range is an electronically scored indoor 10 metre moving target range, housed within the BSRC Club House. Limitations regarding the type and calibre of rifles that may be used on this range are covered in Section 4.2.4.

The range is operated using the computer control unit within the Firing Point and the operating console located to the right of the Firing Point. Shot placement is displayed on a monitor also located at the Firing Point.

Operation:

a) Opening up the range:

- Switch on the lighting at the wall socket opposite the door in the cupboard at the right hand end of the target run.
- Check that the pellet catcher is not full; the green canvas bag can be removed and emptied by removing the thumbscrew.
- Check the target head as described in d) below.
- At the Firing Point, switch on the power at the wall sockets to the left of the Firing Point, switch on the computer control unit, the operating console and the monitor. If necessary press the “START” button to return the target to the right hand end of the target run.

b) Normal operation:

Open up the range as described in a) above, and proceed as follows:

- On the computer control unit:
 - Press “NEXT WINDOW” until “DISCIPLINES” appears on the screen.
 - Press “2x30” (F1), “40MX” (F2), or “2x20” (F3) as required.
 - Press “Sigh” (F1) for slow sighters, “Slow” (F2) for slow series, “Sigh” (F3) for fast sighters, “Fast” (F4) for fast series or “Finl” (F5) for final as required.

The target is now ready for the first shot as indicated by the “Ready” message which will be displayed in the bottom left corner of the monitor, together with the shooting programme selected. The scale of the target on the monitor may be changed by pressing “Zoom” (F1).

- On the operating console:
 - Select “SLOW” or “FAST” runs as required.
 - Press “START” or pass the rifle barrel up through the yoke of the optical switch for each run of the target when ready to shoot. A delayed start can be selected from 1 to 9 seconds using the control knob on the light barrier yoke.

The above sequence (apart from the last two steps on the computer control unit which are only required at initial set up) must be repeated between sighting shots and a series (except in the case of a final), and between series. The black paper roll on the target head should be checked after each series (see d) below).

c) Printing scores:

When a slow or fast series has been selected, the computer will print out a sub-total after each set of ten shots, and will display “STOP” and will not register any further shots after the number of shots corresponding to the full course of fire selected have been registered. Scores will be printed in integer form.

If either sighters or a final have been selected, no sub-totals will be printed and the computer will continue to register shots indefinitely. Scores will be printed to one decimal place. The computer will only print out a score total if “Tot” (F5) is pressed on the computer control unit which will terminate the programme; “STOP” will be displayed on the monitor.

To obtain a hard copy of the image on the monitor at any time, press “HardC” (F2) on the computer control unit.

d) Target head maintenance:

The target head comprises a white front card, a rubber membrane, a black paper roll and a rear card. (The catch to open the target head is on the left and it opens to the right).

- White front card - this defines the aiming point and can be shot away without affecting scoring. When required, the card can be repaired using the masking tape and/or repair centres.
- Rubber membrane - this need only be replaced if badly torn.

- Black paper roll - the purpose of this is to produce a distinctive sound when hit; shots will only register if the black paper is hit. Rolls can be re-used several times albeit with an increasing (but minimal) risk of failure to register.

The roll should be checked after each series to ensure that it is spooling correctly (the spool should be taut), and that there is sufficient paper remaining on the roll. When fitting a new roll, take the paper once around the spool, fit the retainer with its two prongs, and then take up two or three turns of paper firmly around the prongs.

- Rear card - this only needs to be replaced if badly shot away. It can be replaced effectively by a well repaired front card.

e) Closing the range:

- Return the target to the right hand end of the target run.
- Reset the computer as if making ready for a new series of sighters.
- Switch off the computer control unit, the operating console and the monitor.
- Switch off the power at the wall sockets to the left of the Firing Point.
- Check the pellet catcher and empty if required.
- Check the target head as described in d) above.
- Switch off the range lights.

3.5.2 Dimensions

The dimensions of the BSRC Running Target range are as follows (ISSF specification in brackets):

a) Shooting distance (measured from a line on the floor, usually below the edge of the bench nearest the shooter):	10 metres	(10.0 ± 0.05)
b) Maximum horizontal variation of the position of the Firing Point either side of a line perpendicular to the centre of the target track:	0.0 metres	(± 0.4)
c) Height of target centre (measured above ground level at the Firing Point):	1.4 metres	(1.4 ± 0.05)
d) Target run as seen by the shooter:	2 metres	(2.0 + 0.02, - 0.0)
e) Target crossing time: slow	5.0 seconds	(5 + 0.2, - 0.0)
fast	2.5 seconds	(2.5 + 0.1, - 0.0)
f) Minimum width of Firing Point:	1.0 metres	(1.0)
g) Height of bench:	0.75 metres	(0.8 to 1.0)
h) Range lighting standards: target	1580 lux	>1000
Firing Point	139 lux	>300

3.6 Statics

3.6.1 Description

The Statics range is a 100 yard fixed target range comprising a sheltered Firing Area, a stop butt and a removable red flag located in front of the Firing Area. Limitations regarding the type and calibre of firearms that may be used on this range are covered in Section 4.2.5.

The Firing Area contains an operating switch and three lights associated with the red safety light system (see Section 3.8), a telephone point (see Section 3.7.2), and electrical connections and a mounting bench for the electronic target system control/display units (see Section 3.5.3).

The stop butt is equipped with two target frames. The target frames are designed to accommodate target boards 3 feet (0.9 metres) in height, and each frame is wide enough to hold three DJV roebuck or sitting fox targets. The target shed to the left of the target frames contains four electronic targets which are mounted on a wheeled trolley. When required for use, the target frames are removed and the trolley rolled out to take their place.

3.6.2 Dimensions

The distance from the Firing Area canopy pillars to the target frames is 95 metres (104 yards).

3.6.3 Electronic Targets

General:

The Statics range is equipped with four Suis Ascor electronic target systems. Each system comprises a target assembly and an associated control/display unit. Each target assembly comprises a sound box, a microphone system and a detachable target fascia. Each control/display unit comprises a keypad, a display screen and a printer. Any of the four channels may be set up for either the DJV roebuck or sitting fox target.

An electronic timing device is available for use with either the Lane 1 and Lane 2, or Lane 3 and Lane 4 target pairs. The timer comprises a light unit housing three lights (white, green and red) and an operating switch, and is normally used for the Roebuck competition.

System Set Up:

The system is set up as follows:

- a) At the stop butt, remove the target frames and lay them flat on the ground in front of the left hand Running Deer antler run. Roll the electronic target trolleys into the space vacated by the target frames and plug the target leads into the sockets on the wall inside the target shed, taking care to connect the plugs to the correct sockets to avoid cross connecting the targets.
- b) At the Firing Area, withdraw the four control/display units from the Running Boar Firing Area building waiting room where they are stored, place them on the mounting benches and connect the plugs to their respective sockets, taking care to avoid cross connecting the control/display units.
- c) When required, place the electronic timer light unit in front of the firing point bay corresponding to the target pair for which it is to be used, and connect the cable to the socket on the left hand Firing Area side wall. Connect the operating switch to the appropriate socket on the rear Firing Area wall, located in between the control/display unit sockets for the corresponding pair of targets.

NB: All three electronic timer sockets are fitted with dummy plugs to prevent ingress of moisture; these must be refitted when the range is closed.

- d) Switch on the power to the system at the socket in the Running Boar waiting room, switch on the printers at the control/display units (black rocker switch on front of unit below keypad), and proceed as described in “ System Operation” below.

System Operation:

a) Initial configuration:

- If connected, ensure that the timer operating switch is set to “OFF”.
- Press “NEXT WINDOW” until “DISCIPLINES” appears on the screen.
- Press “DJV” (F2).
- Press “Left.” (F1).
- Press “Buck” (F1) or “Fox” (F2).
- Press “Sngl”.

The target is now ready for the first shot as indicated by the “Ready” message which will be displayed in the bottom right corner of the screen.

b) During the series:

When using the electronic timer, with the target ready to use the white light will be illuminated. To start the timer, select the operating switch to the “TIMER ON” position. The green light will then illuminate. After 4.1 seconds, the green light will extinguish and the red light will illuminate. Any shot fired while the red light is illuminated will automatically be scored as zero and the time, in hundredths of a second, that the shot was fired after the red light illuminated will be displayed on the control/display unit screens in place of the score. Return the operating switch to the “OFF” position to reset the timer for the next shot.

The position of each shot is indicated on the target on the screen with a cross (“+”), the last shot fired being highlighted. The mean point of impact (MPI) relative to the centre of the scoring rings, is marked on the screen together with the shots as a hollow square (“□”).

The position of the MPI and the extreme spread (ES) of the shots fired are both displayed in the middle box at the bottom of the screen in millimetres, and are updated after each shot. The total score of the shots fired is also displayed in this box.

The box to the right of the target on the screen lists the details of the shots fired, the last shot also being displayed in large font at the bottom. The details given are:

- “No” = shot sequence number, i.e. 1, 2, 3 etc.
- “Val” = value of the shot.
- “ ‘100’ ” = score represented as a percentage, i.e. a score of 10 will be represented by a value between 91 and 100, a 9 between 81 and 90, an 8 between 71 and 80 etc. Anything greater than 96 is awarded a ‘star burst’ on the screen and the value marked with an asterisk. These percentages are only relevant where the rules of the competition call for the use of the counting out procedure where the worst shot loses. Note that these values are more accurate than the positioning of the shots on the screen due to the limited resolution of the latter.

c) End of series:

- Press “TOTAL” whereupon “STOP” will be displayed in the bottom right corner of the screen and no further shots will be registered.
- Determine which format the shooter prefers (whole target or scoring rings only at larger scale) and press “HARD COPY” (or “OPT”) to print the screen content.
- Enter details in the Electronic Score Register if required.

d) Configuration for next shooter:

Repeat the operations as for initial configuration detailed in a) above. As regards the last three entries, if the previous configuration is to be repeated, pressing “ENTER” three times after pressing “DJV” will produce the same result.

e) Competitor Numbers:

When Competitor Numbers are required:

- Press “NEXT WINDOW” until “OPTIONS” appears on the screen.
- Press “FiDa” (= Firer Data) (F1).
- Press “IdNum” (F1).
- Press “DEL” (F4) once to delete each digit of the previous competitor’s number.
- Enter the new Competitor Number using the numerical keypad and then press “ENTER” to confirm the entry. The Competitor Number will appear in the bottom left corner of the screen.

NB: Do not alter the Range Type on the OPTIONS screen. This must remain set to “S150”.

Pressing “EXIT” (F5) will exit the screen without update. The competitor Number can be entered or changed at anytime during the series.

f) Print Format:

During normal Club Matches it is necessary to print only the screen content, containing either the complete target or scoring rings only at larger scale together with the details described in b) above.

For major Club Matches such as the Annual Championships, the printer should be configured to print an additional shot by shot record for adjudication and/or retention. This facility is enabled as follows:

- Press “NEXT WINDOW” until “OPTIONS” appears on the screen.
- Press “Prnt.” (F4).
- Press “On” on “Print Protocol” screen.

NB: Do not alter the Range Type on the OPTIONS screen. This must remain set to “S150”.

This setting is retained after system shut down. To disable the facility, repeat the above operations except press “Off” instead of “On” at the last step.

System Testing/Demonstration:

When required proceed as follows:

- Press “NEXT WINDOW” until “OPTIONS” appears on the screen.
- Press “Demo ON” (F2).
- Press “INSERT” to fire a shot.
- Repeat as required.

This function is automatically switched off when the system is shut down.

3.7 Radio & Telephones

3.7.1 Radio

Description:

Two-way radio sets are provided for communication between the BSRC “Sporting Rifle Complex” and the NRA Range Office only. Two radio sets are stored, mounted in their chargers, on the shelf opposite the door in the back office of the Club House. The radios must be used to make contact with the Range Office and obtain clearance to start prior to commencing shooting, must be monitored for messages from the Range Office at all times while shooting is taking place, and must be used to inform the Range Office when shooting has ceased. This means that the CRO and the RO must **both** have a radio with them **at all times**. It is strongly recommended that either the CRO or RO use one of the ear pieces provided to ensure effective monitoring in the noisy environment of the firing areas. The ear pieces plug into the top of the radio and fit over the ear underneath a normal set of ear defenders. **Note that the speaker on the radio does not operate when an ear piece is plugged in.**

Operation:

To operate the radio, check that Channel 16 is selected and switch the set on using the volume control. Listen to the channel and, if necessary, wait for a suitable gap in any communications before attempting to make contact with the Range Office. When ready to proceed, hold down the press to talk (PTT) button and call “Sporting Rifle to Range Office”, then release the PTT button and await their response. During exchanges, it is normal radio operating practice to say “over” at the end of each message to indicate to the other party that you have finished talking and are expecting a reply. It is also normal practice to conclude an exchange with the phrase “over and out”.

Back-Up System:

A land telephone line connecting the NRA Range Office to the BSRC telephone system is provided as a back-up in the event that the NRA Range Office is unable to contact the BSRC ranges by radio. In the event of an incoming call, all the telephones and the yard bell mounted on the Running Deer Firing Area hut will ring. To answer the call, lift any receiver and dial 9152.

Note that it is not possible to obtain an external connection via the land line. This also applies to 999 emergency calls which, in any event, must be routed via the NRA Range Office.

3.7.2 Telephones

Description:

The BSRC “Sporting Rifle Complex” is equipped with a system of interconnected telephones to assist communications, primarily between Firing Areas and their respective butts, but also between the ranges and/or the Club House as and when required. The telephones are connected via an exchange located in the Club House 10 metre range room which must remain switched on at all times. There is no connection to the external public telephone system.

The directory for the system is as follows:

Club House (office)	200
Club House (10 m range room)	201
Club House (kitchen)	208
Deer Firing Area	202
Deer butts (motor room)	203
Statics Firing Area	207
Mid Boar Firing Area	204
Mid Boar butts (motor room)	205
Mid Boar waiting room	206
Time Limit Boar Firing Area	209
Time Limit Boar butts (motor room)	210

Operation:

The telephones are operated in the same manner as ordinary domestic telephones, i.e. lift the handset and dial the number required; ensure that the handset is replaced properly after use in order that incoming calls can be received. The labelled buttons on the right hand side of the telephones can be used for single button dialling. The telephones can be used ‘hands-free’ if preferred.

3.8 Red Safety Lights - Description and Operation

The Running Deer, Running Boar (including the 50 metre zeroing range), and Statics ranges are equipped with an interconnected system of red safety lights to supplement the red flags (see Section 3.9.3). The operation of the system is as follows:

- a) On opening the range the Range Officer must:
 - Switch on the power to the red lights in the Running Deer Firing Area hut - all red lights will flash.
 - Turn the key on the master switch in the Running Deer Firing Area hut - all lights will extinguish, provided that all the red buttons have been released.
- b) For anyone to close the range:
 - Hit a red button at either the Running Deer, Running Boar or Statics Firing Areas - red lights will flash at all Firing Areas except for Time Limit.

NB: For convenience, release the red button just pressed by rotating it a quarter of a turn.

- c) For the Range Officer to re-open the range when it is safe to do so:
- Release the red button used to activate the red lights by rotating it a quarter of a turn.
 - Turn the key on the master switch in the Running Deer Firing Area hut - all lights will extinguish.
- d) When closing the range at the end of the day's shooting:
- Ensure that all red buttons have been released.
 - Switch off the power to the red lights in the Running Deer Firing Area hut.

NB: It is imperative that the red safety lights are operated as described above. Operating the lights using the power switch will disable the red buttons at the Firing Areas, removing the ability to quickly signal a cease fire on all ranges in an emergency.

The red safety lights should not be left operating for extended periods, e.g. during the lunch break; the red flags should be used in such instances.

NB: The power supply must be switched off at the end of the day's shooting. Failure to do so will result in the lights operating for, perhaps, several days in the event of an interruption to the electricity supply. The flashing units have a relatively short life and are expensive.

3.9 Range Safety Regulations

3.9.1 General

The National Rifle Association/National Shooting Centre (NRA/NSC) Bisley Range Safety Regulations apply to all ranges at Bisley which includes the Sporting Rifle Complex administered by the BSRC. Issue No.1 dated 01 January 2008 is provided in Appendix 8 for convenience, but it should be noted that these range regulations are subject to amendment. The current version is displayed in the NRA Range Office and can also be accessed via the NRA website. The Bisley Range Safety Regulations have been incorporated in, and are supplemented by the BSRC Range Safety Regulations contained in this Section (3.9).

NB: While shooting on the Sporting Rifle Complex, compliance with the BSRC rules and regulations contained in this Manual will ensure compliance with the NRA/NSC Bisley Range Safety Regulations. When shooting on other ranges at Bisley, whether as part of a Club event (e.g. Short Siberia Match – see Section 6.2.8) or not, CROs/ROs and shooters must ensure that the NRA/NSC Bisley Range Safety Regulations are followed.

Range Officers (ROs) appointed by the BSRC are responsible for ensuring that the Range Safety Regulations are adhered to. Breaches of the Range Safety Regulations will be treated as a disciplinary matter under the Constitution of the BSRC (see Section 1.6).

All persons using the BSRC Ranges have an individual responsibility for safety. Any person, at any time, must act immediately to prevent any infringement of safety regulations, including the use of unsafe ammunition or rifles. In particular, all shooters should be alert for persons or

domestic animals being on or near the stop butts, or within sight of a Firing Point whilst shooting is taking place.

Any safety related incident or accident, including a 'near miss', must be reported to the CRO who will take the responsibility to report it to the NRA Range Supervisor if necessary. He must prepare a written report of any such occurrence and submit it to the BSRC Chairman without delay. The report should include the details of the occurrence, the names and statements of witnesses, and a description of the actions taken. Any accident involving an NRA paid Marker or incident involving any other NRA range facility must be reported to the NRA Range Office as soon as practicable. The NRA may ask for an additional report.

A whistle blast is the BSRC signal for a complete and immediate CEASE FIRE on the BSRC ranges. Shooting will not recommence until authorised by the Chief Range Officer (CRO). Repeated blasts on the NRA Siren with about a 15 second interval between is the signal to CEASE FIRE on all ranges at Bisley. For reasons of safety, however, anyone may order "STOP, STOP, STOP; CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD" or activate the red safety lights at any time.

Shooting may only take place at times authorised by the NRA. These are normally signalled by a single blast on the siren to start and two blasts to stop. Shooting normally starts at 08.30 but ceases at different times throughout the year (i.e. 16.00 Winter, 17.30 Summer weekends). Shooting must usually cease between the hours of 12.30 and 13.30 unless specially authorised by the NRA Range Supervisor. In any event, contact must be made with the Range Office using the radio to obtain clearance to start prior to commencing shooting (see Section 3.7.1). Special permission may be given for shooting to take place outside the normal times. This permission is specific to a particular range or event. It must not be assumed that because shooting is taking place on a nearby range that this permission extends to other ranges. It may sometimes be necessary to suspend firing on the BSRC ranges for a short period to allow access to the Stickledown butts.

3.9.2 Emergency Procedures

First Aid equipment is kept in the BSRC Club House. If required, medical assistance (e.g. an ambulance) should be summoned using the most expeditious means available. There is a public telephone near the NRA Range Supervisor's office and other telephones in some of the club houses. However called, the NRA Range Office must be informed as soon as possible, normally using the radio link to the NRA Range Office but by runner if necessary. Additional radio links to the NRA Range Office may be available on the Melville, Winans or Stickledown ranges during major events there.

For all other emergencies, such as a fire or security alert, assistance should be summoned through the NRA Range Office. However, should the emergency services be called direct from the range area for any reason (e.g. using a mobile telephone), the Chief Range Officer must ensure that the NRA Range Office is informed immediately.

3.9.3 Red Flags/Safety Lights

Unless the ranges are closed (i.e. after the NRA Range Office has been informed that shooting has ceased), a red flag must be placed immediately in front of the firing point if it is not safe to shoot. The flag must remain displayed until the Range Officer (RO) is satisfied that it is safe for shooting to commence. In addition, a red flag must be carried by any persons exposed forward of

the firing point when the range is not closed. Exposed means not within the protected area of a butt, and includes the middle and long target sheds; occupation of a target shed when the range is not closed must be indicated by placing a red flag in the post hole adjacent to the occupied shed.

Any red flag displayed on a range indicates that no shooting is permitted on that range. When a red flag is shown, all rifles must be unloaded, their bolts removed or actions opened and breech flags fitted. Rifles on the Firing Point must not be handled. Rifles may not be removed from a Firing Point unless and until the RO or Line Officer has verified that they are safe.

On the BSRC ranges, apart from the Time Limit range, the red flags are supplemented by a system of interconnected red warning lights (see Section 3.8). A red light showing on any Firing Point has exactly the same meaning as a red flag, i.e. all shooting must cease and rifles must be made safe and not handled further.

3.9.4 Interaction Between Ranges

All persons using the BSRC ranges should understand the interaction between the four ranges. Time Limit range may operate independently of all other BSRC ranges; the Running Deer, Running Boar and Statics ranges are all interdependent.

No shooting may take place on any range (apart from Time Limit) whilst marking or target changing is taking place on the Statics range, or whilst persons enter or leave the left hand Running Deer or either of the Running Boar range butts. Access to the right hand Running Deer butt whilst shooting is taking place on any range (apart from Time Limit) must be made from behind the protection of the earth bank.

3.9.5 Interaction Between Shooters

On the Statics range it is normal for a number of shooters to be firing simultaneously. During matches, all shooters will be adopting the same shooting position at any given time hence interaction will be minimal. During Range Days however, it is possible that adjacent shooters may wish to fire from a bench, or fire from the prone, sitting, kneeling or standing positions. In the interests of safety:

- no shooter may fire from the prone position forward of the shooting benches (grass bank) unless there are at least two unused shooting lanes either side of his lane;
- no shooter may fire from the sitting, kneeling or standing positions forward of the shooting benches (rubber strip) unless there is at least one unused shooting lane either side of his lane.

3.9.6 Moving Target Range Butts

Persons in the Running Deer or Running Boar butts are safe only so long as they remain behind the protective walls. All persons present in the butts must be aware of the dangers of stepping outside the protection of the marking butts whilst shooting is taking place. Even when instructed that it is safe to leave the butts, a red flag must be shown. Persons present in the Running Deer and Running Boar butts must also be aware of the danger from the adjacent statics range. No-one may be in either Target Shed whilst shooting is taking place on any range (apart from Time Limit).

All persons present in the butts should be aware of the dangers associated with the mechanisms of the Moving Target ranges. The range may operate without warning. No-one may place a foot on the target frame or step inside or across the rails unless the power supply is isolated. At no time is it permitted to enter or leave the butts via the target doors unless the power supply has been isolated and the Range Officer has verified that it is safe to do so.

3.9.7 Rifles & Ammunition

For reasons of safety all rifles must be made safe at all times when they are not on a Firing Point or if the range is not in a safe condition for shooting to take place. This means that rifles must be unloaded and either have their bolts removed, their actions opened and breech flags fitted, or be 'cased'. Rifles may only be loaded or fired on a Firing Point and under the command of the Range Officer (RO). Rifles must not be handled on a Firing Point (including the dry firing area) if a red flag is showing or if the safety lights are operating, or if any person is exposed forward of a Firing Point. Rifles may not be removed from a Firing Point unless and until the RO or Line Officer has verified that they are safe.

Rifles that are demonstrably safe (i.e. as described above) may be placed in the racks in the Firing Areas or, if 'cased', may be placed on the shooting benches at any time. Rifles must not be handled away from the Firing Areas other than to carry them to/from the Firing Area, except in the dry firing area and with the express permission of the RO. Rifles that are demonstrably safe may only be 'worked on' (e.g. cleaned) away from the Firing Areas (e.g. under the old statics canopy) with the express permission of the RO.

NB: The Firing Areas are the moving target firing point huts and the walled area under the statics canopy. The Firing Points are the firing bays within the moving target huts, and the firing line under the statics canopy. Note that the latter may be anywhere from the grass bank forward of the canopy to the shooting benches.

Rifles must be held horizontally and pointed down range in the general direction of the stop butt whilst the action is being closed (or opened after being closed) on a live round. Except only where prescribed otherwise in the rules of a competition, a loaded rifle must at all times point towards the stop butt. If a set trigger is used, the trigger must not be 'set' until the rifle is securely mounted in the shoulder and pointing towards the stop butt. Once the trigger has been 'set', the action must be opened before any changes are made to the shooter's position or the way he supports the rifle. No aiming, 'snapping' or 'dry firing' of an unloaded rifle is permitted except when at a Firing Point, and then only if it would in all respects be safe to shoot.

A shooter deemed to be acting in a dangerous manner will be forbidden to fire again until the circumstances have been investigated. This includes accidental discharge of a rifle or use of an unsafe rifle or ammunition. The signs of dangerous ammunition are described in Appendix 14 of the NRA's Rules of Shooting and include difficult extraction, split or marked cases, 'popping' or flattened primers and excessive recoil. In addition, rifles and ammunition must respect all range limitations corresponding to the range(s) on which they are to be used. The current range limitations are detailed in Section 4.2.

If a shooter experiences technical problems with his rifle or ammunition making it impossible or unsafe to continue to shoot (e.g. a misfire), the rifle must be placed on the ground or on the bench with the muzzle pointing down range in the general direction of the stop butt and not handled further. The RO must then be called and advised of the nature of the problem. The rifle

must be made safe before it is moved or persons are allowed forward of the firing point. If this cannot easily and quickly be accomplished, professional assistance must be called (e.g. NRA Armourer).

In the event of a misfire no attempt may be made to open the action until at least one minute has elapsed after the attempt to fire. Shooters and ROs must be aware of the possibility of the apparently misfired cartridge firing and ejecting the bolt when the action is opened and take appropriate precautions (i.e. wear safety spectacles or avert eyes, keep head out of line with bolt, keep rifle pointing down range with butt supported, clear area to the rear, open bolt slowly with the finger tips only and do not grasp). When a misfired cartridge is removed from a rifle, **make sure that the cartridge comes out complete with the bullet.**

No attempt may be made to fire any apparently misfired cartridge if there is any marking on the primer. The primer could be weakened and a second strike may pierce the case with potentially dangerous consequences. It is the responsibility of the shooter to dispose of the misfired cartridge safely. Misfired ammunition must not be placed in a rubbish bin; the NRA Armoury has facilities for the safe disposal of misfired ammunition.

The rifle and magazine of every shooter must be inspected and demonstrated to be safe and unloaded to the RO before they are removed from the firing line. If the rifle cannot be unloaded in the normal manner, the shooter must leave it on the Firing Point pointing towards the stop butt and inform the RO. The rifle must remain pointing at the stop butt until the detail has finished and all shooters have cleared the Firing Point. If necessary, the RO must arrange for the NRA Armourer to attend the range and make the rifle safe on the firing point. At no time may a loaded rifle be taken from the firing point behind shooters or spectators.

Shooters are responsible for the security of their rifles and ammunition which must never be left unattended. This means that all rifles (either with or without the bolt installed) and ammunition must at all times either be secured or remain under the immediate control of a relevant person. Secured means either locked in a car, locked in the back office of the Club House or locked in a firing point hut with the front shutters bolted. A relevant person is the owner of the rifle or ammunition or, at BSRC events only, any BSRC Member.

No-one may touch or handle the rifle of another shooter without his permission. If a rifle is thought to be in an unsafe condition and the owner cannot be found immediately, or it has been left unattended at a Firing Area, the CRO may take whatever action is necessary to make it safe or to remove it to the temporary custody of the BSRC Club House. If practicable, this should be witnessed by another person. He will report his actions to the BSRC Chairman or other Officer of the Club.

3.9.8 Targets

Only paper targets attached to wood, hardboard, stiff card or similar penetrable target boards may be fired at. No target materials likely to cause ricochets may be used. Shooting at informal targets such as drink cans is prohibited.

On the Statics range, target boards must be placed in the frames and in the locations provided. A shooter wishing to shoot at a shorter than normal range must move forward to fire, but only under the direction of the Chief Range Officer and never when shooting is taking place on the

Running Deer or Running Boar ranges. The targets must be fired at from a position that is directly in line with the 100 metre Firing Area so as to maintain the normal angle of fire.

On Time Limit range, all targets must be placed behind the sleeper wall in front of the stop butt. If shooting is to take place at less than 50 metres, shooters must go forwards; targets may not be placed nearer. Metal plates may only be used if with approval of the NRA, and only if within shrouds supplied by them, and of a design approved by the relevant authority.

3.9.9 Personal Protective Equipment

Suitable hearing protection **must** be used by all persons on or near a Firing Area. Ear plugs alone are not adequate whilst shooting regularly with a centre fire rifle. The Range Officer or Line Officer should check that shooters are properly equipped before commencing the course of fire. Safety spectacles are recommended for all shooters.

3.10 Hire of Ranges

3.10.1 General

Any or all of the ranges may be hired, when available, by advance arrangement with the nominated Officer of the BSRC (currently the Chairman - see Section 1.3.2.). This may be accomplished by e-mail or by telephone, and would include arrangements for payment of the appropriate Hire Charge as detailed in Appendix 2.

The Moving Target ranges will only be hired to BSRC Members, Affiliated Clubs, or their members and a BSRC qualified Range Officer must be present with at least one other person. Hirers must act under their own Home Office authorisation which is likely to be a Firearm or Dealer's Certificate, Approved Club status, or Home Office Guest Day arrangements.

Before shooting on any range, a member of the party must call at the NRA Range Office, sign the Shooting Register ("Blue Book") and draw the appropriate set of keys. The designated Range Conducting Officer for the day must make and maintain radio contact with the Range Office as described in Section 3.7.1. He is responsible for ensuring all rules and regulations are adhered to (see Section 3.9), for locking up, returning the keys and signing out. This responsibility may be transferred to another hirer during the day. An individual shooter on the Statics will be regarded as his own RCO.

3.10.2 Ranges

The Running Deer and/or Running Boar ranges may be hired separately, together, or in combination with the Statics range. A BSRC qualified Range Officer must be present. The Running Target range in the Club House may be used by BSRC Members only.

The Statics range may be hired separately or in combination with one or both of the moving target ranges. Sole use of the ranges while using the Statics range only may be secured for an additional charge.

Time Limit range may be hired and used independently of any other BSRC range.

3.10.3 Personnel, Equipment and Facilities

Arrangements can sometimes be made to enlist the services of a qualified Coach and/or BSRC qualified Range Officer. NRA markers, if available, may be hired at cost.

The BSRC club rifles (see Section 4.4) may be hired by BSRC Full Members, members of BSRC Affiliated Clubs or recognised commercial organisations provided that a BSRC Full Member will be present and take responsibility. Ammunition for use with the Club's rifles on the Club's ranges on the day of hire may be purchased from the BSRC; no unused ammunition may be taken away from the ranges.

The 'Long Room' and Kitchen in the Club House may be hired provided that a named BSRC Member will be present and take responsibility.

SECTION 4

Rifles & Ammunition

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4. Rifles & Ammunition

4.1 Definitions

4.1.1 BSRC Class A Centrefire

Any rifle is permitted which meets the following standards:

General:

Only manually reloaded single barrelled rifles are permitted.

The length of the system measured from the rear of the mechanism in the discharged condition to the end of the system, including any extension (whether part of the barrel or not), must not exceed one metre.

An adjustable buttplate is permitted. The curvature of the buttplate must not exceed a depth of 20 mm, nor a length of 150 mm measured across the arc. No part of the buttplate, in its lowest position, may be more than 200 mm below the centre line of the bore of the barrel.

Weight:

The weight of the rifle and sight must not exceed 5.5 kg.

Sights:

All types of sight are permitted. The centre line of the sight must not be more than 75 mm above the centre line of the bore of the barrel.

Compensating Weights:

Compensating weights are part of the total rifle weight and must not be added or removed after equipment control. Such additions to the rifle must not exceed a radial measurement of 60 mm from the centre line of the bore of the barrel.

Calibre:

The calibre of the rifle must not exceed 8.0 mm, and the cartridge case capacity must not exceed that of the .30-06 round.

Trigger:

The trigger pull must not be less than 500 grams. A set trigger may not be used.

4.1.2 BSRC Class B Centrefire

Any rifle is permitted which meets the following standards:

General:

The rifle must be of a normal hunting-type. Fixed extensions to raise the comb or lengthen the stock are permitted, but adjustable target rifle stocks are excluded. A slip on butt 'shoe' or recoil pad may be used.

Weight:

The weight of the rifle including the sight and any rifle-mounted bipod or sound moderator used must not exceed 5.5 kg.

Sights:

All types of sight are permitted. The sight must be adjusted so that the rifle will shoot to 'point of aim' at the normal hunting distance of up to 200 metres.

Compensating Weights:

Additional barrel weights which are not part of the original rifle equipment are not permitted.

Calibre:

The calibre of the rifle must not be less than 0.240" (6.0 mm) nor greater than 8.0 mm. The muzzle energy with the ammunition in use must not be less than 1700 ft.lb.

Trigger:

The trigger pull must not be less than 500 grams. Set triggers are not allowed in the Moving Target or 'Open' statics competitions. They are not prohibited in the statics 'Tests', however, subject to additional safety procedures (see Section 3.9.6). The minimum trigger pull of 500 grams also applies to set triggers when 'set'.

4.1.3 **Rimfire .22LR**

Any rifle is permitted which meets the following standards:

General:

The length of the system measured from the rear of the mechanism in the discharged condition to the end of the system, including any extension (whether part of the barrel or not), must not exceed one metre.

An adjustable buttplate is permitted. The curvature of the buttplate must not exceed a depth of 20 mm, nor a length of 150 mm measured across the arc. No part of the buttplate, in its lowest position, may be more than 200 mm below the centre line of the barrel.

Weight:

The weight of the rifle and sight must not exceed 5.5 kg.

Sights:

All types of sight are permitted. The centre line of the sight must not be more than 75 mm above the centre line of the barrel.

Compensating Weights:

Compensating weights are part of the total rifle weight and must not be added or removed after equipment control. Such additions to the rifle must not exceed a radial measurement of 60 mm from the centre line of the bore of the barrel.

Calibre:

Only rifles chambered for rimfire .22" Long Rifle (5.6 mm) cartridges may be used.

Trigger:

The trigger pull must not be less than 500 grams. A set trigger may not be used.

4.1.4 **Air Rifles**

Any rifle is permitted which meets the following standards:

General:

The length of the system measured from the rear of the mechanism in the discharged condition, or air cylinder, to the end of the system, including any extension (whether part of the barrel or not), must not exceed one metre.

An adjustable buttplate is permitted. The curvature of the buttplate must not exceed a depth of 20 mm, nor a length of 150 mm measured across the arc. No part of the buttplate, in its lowest position, may be more than 200 mm below the centre line of the bore of the barrel.

Weight:

The weight of the rifle and sight must not exceed 5.5 kg.

Sights:

All types of sight are permitted but if an optical sight is used it must be of fixed magnification not exceeding 4x (+0.4) and its overall length must not exceed 300 mm. The centre line of the sight must not be more than 75 mm above the centre line of the bore of the barrel.

Compensating Weights:

Compensating weights are part of the total rifle weight and must not be added or removed after equipment control. Such additions to the rifle must not exceed a radial measurement of 60 mm from the centre line of the bore of the barrel.

Calibre:

In the 10 metre Running Target events only air or CO₂ rifles of 4.5 mm (.177") may be used.

Trigger:

A set trigger may not be used.

4.2 Permitted Calibres

4.2.1 Running Deer Range

The general limitations on the Running Deer range are:

Calibre .577"

Muzzle Velocity 3275 ft/sec

Muzzle Energy 3320 ft lbs (4500 Joules)

Competition Rules do not permit the use of a calibre greater than 8.0 mm. The BSRC imposes the further limitation that the case capacity of any ammunition used must not exceed that of the .30-06 round. In addition, although within the range limits, the use of any .338 calibre is prohibited on all Bisley ranges due to the MoD requirement for a Range Danger Area (RDA) of 3700m; the RDA for the Running Deer range is 2900m. The .22-250 and the .220 Swift are banned from BSRC ranges due to the likelihood of exceeding the range muzzle velocity limitation.

4.2.2 Mid Running Boar Range

The general limitations on the Running Boar range are:

Calibre .455"

Muzzle Velocity 2150 ft/sec

Muzzle Energy 1496 ft/lbs

Only rifles using .22" calibre rimfire ammunition may be fired on the 50 m Running Boar range without the authority of the Club Chairman or Captain. The use of .17HMR is expressly prohibited as it exceeds the range muzzle velocity limitation.

4.2.3 Time Limit Running Boar Range

The general limitations on the Time Limit range are:

Calibre .455"

Muzzle Velocity 2150 ft/sec

Muzzle Energy 1496 ft/lbs

The use of the Time Limit range is confined to air rifles and pistols, .22 rim fire and gallery rifles, and centre fire gallery rifles as defined by the NRA. The use of .17HMR is expressly prohibited as it exceeds the range muzzle velocity limitation.

4.2.4 Running Target Range

Only rifles powered by compressed air or CO₂, and with a muzzle energy of less than 12 ft lbs may be fired on the 10 m Running Target range. In formal competition, only rifles with a calibre of 4.5mm (0.177") may be used.

4.2.5 Statics Range

The general limitations on the Statics range are:

Calibre .577"

Muzzle Velocity 3275 ft/sec

Muzzle Energy 3320 ft lbs (4500 Joules)

Although within the range limits, the use of any .338 calibre is prohibited on all Bisley ranges due to the MoD requirement for a Range Danger Area (RDA) of 3700m; the RDA for the Statics range is 2900m. The .22-250 and the .220 Swift are banned from BSRC ranges due to the likelihood of exceeding the range muzzle velocity limitation.

Out of consideration for other shooters, Members are asked to test or zero rifles using ammunition that exceeds 8.0 mm calibre or the case capacity of the .30-06 round on week days and not on a Club Range day.

4.2.6 Modification to Bisley Range Safety Regulations as Applied to the Sporting Rifle Complex Administered by the BSRC

(ref. letter from M.J.Farnan, dated 26th February 2009)

Notwithstanding what is stated in current Range Regulations, the following dispensations will apply until further notice:

1. HME rifles and ammunitions with a ME between 4500 and 7000 Joules may be used subject to the provision that the Range Officer, who may not be the shooter but must be qualified to shoot on the range, must be satisfied that the rifle is zeroed. This would normally be achieved by bore-sighting using the special sighting cross and rifle holding rig available on the Statics range. Both shooter and Range Officer would be jointly and severally responsible for ensuring that these procedures are properly carried out.

There is an additional requirement for Provisional Members who must be supervised on a 1:1 basis, and for those with new or altered equipment where the rifle must be bore-sighted before a shot is fired.

When check zeroing or HME ammunition testing is to be carried out it should only be performed from a supported position from a minimum height of one metre and on a target placed centrally in the upper frame on the HME lane on the Statics range.

2. Bullets designed for use on dangerous game, including those without a lead core may be used but only from a supported position from a minimum height of one metre and on a target placed centrally in the upper frame on the HME lane on the Statics range.
3. Vermin calibre cartridges with an MV up to but not exceeding 1350 m/s (4429 ft/s), may be used providing the ME does not exceed 2600 Joules (1918 ftlbs).

4.3 Use of Sound Moderators & Muzzle Brakes

4.3.1 Sound Moderators

The BSRC encourages the use of sound moderators where possible when shooting on its ranges. As well as contributing to the comfort of other range users, they add weight and length to the rifle which improves its stability. They can also be used as a base for the addition of further weights up to the overall length and weight limits specified in Section 4.1. The BSRC knows of no logical or legal reason why they may not be so used.

4.3.2 Muzzle Brakes

The main purpose of muzzle brakes in the context of the use of sporting rifles is to reduce recoil. However, in situations where shooters are shooting in close proximity to each other, or in the confines of the moving target range firing points, their use may cause discomfort or disturbance to other shooters. The use of muzzle brakes is therefore actively discouraged and, for rifles fitted with permanently attached muzzle brakes, the use of range adaptors is actively encouraged.

4.4 Club Rifles

4.4.1 General

The BSRC currently owns twelve rifles all of which, apart from two, are fitted with telescopic sights. The rifles and their corresponding BSRC and NRA Armoury rack numbers are as given in the following table:

BSRC & NRA Rack No.	Calibre	Manufacturer	Serial No.	Description
1	.22LR	Walther	21032	Running Boar rifle
2	.22LR	Anschutz	170736Y	Running Boar rifle
BSRC & NRA Rack No.	Calibre	Manufacturer	Serial No.	Description
3	.308	Tikka	043176	Medium weight sporting rifle
4	.308	Remington	G 651 3529	Light weight sporting rifle
5	.223	Remington	E 652 3522	Heavy barrel sporting rifle
6	.223	Remington	G 442 947	Medium weight sporting rifle
7	.223	CZ (BRNO)	A 0427	Light weight sporting rifle
8	.308	Parker Hale	R 57183	Mauser action sporting rifle #1
9	.308	Parker Hale	R 56455	Mauser action sporting rifle #2 - iron sights
10	.22LR	Sako	869563	Light weight sporting rifle with sound moderator

11	.22LR	Sako	859647	Light weight sporting rifle with sound moderator
NRA Museum	.222	BSA	2P 4146	Don Thurlow's rifle
Club House	.177	Feinwerkbau	-	Running Target air rifle

NB: Care must be taken to ensure that the **correct bolts are only used in the correct rifle**; it is possible to interchange the bolts between rifles 3 and 8, and between rifles 5 and 6.

With the exception of the Feinwerkbau air rifle for which no legal controls currently exist, the Club's rifles are covered by the Club's Firearms Certificate which is held by a nominated member of the Executive Committee (currently the Chairman) on behalf of the Club (see Section 1.3.3).

4.4.2 Storage and Use

All the Club rifles, except for the Feinwerkbau air rifle, are stored in the in the NRA Armoury under the tally numbers listed in Section 4.4.1 above. The CRO or a member of the Executive Committee may draw the rifles from storage for use by Members and Visitors on the Club's ranges only. Visitors are only permitted to use the rim fire rifles or the air rifle; they are not permitted to use any of the centrefire rifles. The CRO is responsible for the safe custody of the rifles on the range, and for returning them to secure storage at the end of the day's shooting. The Feinwerkbau air rifle is stored in the BSRC Clubhouse.

4.4.3 Specialist Equipment

The Club will purchase shooting equipment, in particular specialist Moving Target rifles and/or 'scopes, if it believes that it would benefit Members. These will be offered to Members considered by the Executive Committee to be most likely to get the greatest benefit having regard to the effort they are putting into improving their performance. Especially where an Executive Member is interested in receiving any such equipment, the Executive will be mindful of the need to be fair to all members who have indicated an interest. Any Members that are interested should notify the Training Co-ordinator. The allocation of such equipment may carry the obligation for the recipient to offer for sale at a reasonable price any equipment that the allocation was replacing.

Such equipment may also be loaned to individuals 'showing promise'. In these cases, rifles will remain on the Club's FAC and reside in the NRA armoury. Loans will be for 6 months (renewable if there are no competing demands), and limited to those who have been Members for less than two years.

4.5 Ammunition

4.5.1 Supply and Use

Ammunition is the responsibility of individual Members and is governed by the Firearms Acts. Ammunition suitable for use in the BSRC club rifles may be purchased by Firearms Certificate

holders from the NRA Armoury or Fultons. Members should be aware of the legal and safety implications of supplying ammunition to fellow Club Members, or buying it on their behalf.

The BSRC has a supply of ammunition which is kept in a box in the NRA Armoury under tally number 135. The CRO or a member of the Executive Committee may draw such ammunition from storage for use on the Club's ranges only; any unused ammunition must be returned to storage. The CRO is responsible for accounting for any ammunition drawn from storage, for ensuring that it is only issued to an authorised person (centrefire ammunition to BSRC Members, or Visitors having authority to possess the ammunition on their Firearms Certificate; .22LR rimfire ammunition to BSRC Members or any Visitor over the age of 16 years), and for the return of any surplus to secure storage at the close of the day's shooting. The Club's ammunition is covered by the Club's Firearms Certificate which is held by a nominated member of the Executive Committee (currently the Chairman) on behalf of the Club (see Section 1.3.3).

4.5.2 Restrictions

The BSRC range restrictions given in Section 4.2 must be adhered to by Members, and particular care should be exercised by those producing 'hand loads'. For any given range, all three limits (i.e. maximum calibre, muzzle velocity, and muzzle energy) must be respected.

No incendiary, explosive nor tracer ammunition may be used on any range at Bisley. No ammunition containing depleted uranium may be used without written permission from the Chief Executive of the NRA.

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Shooting Rules

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5. Shooting Rules

5.1 British Moving Target Shooting Rules

5.1.1 General

There are six moving target competitions:

- 100 m (centre fire rifle) Running Deer Singles
- 100 m (centre fire rifle) Running Deer Doubles
- 50 m (small bore rifle) Running Boar Normal Runs
- 50 m (small bore rifle) Running Boar Mixed Runs
- 10 m (air rifle) Running Target Normal Runs
- 10 m (air rifle) Running Target Mixed Runs

The formal rules for these competitions can be found in the NSR rules for the Running Deer events, and in the ISSF "Technical Rules for all Shooting Disciplines" and "Running Target Rules". These NSR and ISSF rules are concerned with all Moving Target events included in regional, national and international championships. Sections 5.1.2 through 5.1.5 contain extracts of the major items.

In domestic shooting in Great Britain, variations to these rules are permitted provided that they are clearly stated in the rules of the competition. For Monthly Club Matches, the Spring Match and the Annual Club Championships, the following modified versions of the Running Boar and Running Deer competitions are shot:

- 100 m (centre fire rifle) Running Deer Singles Club Event
- 100 m (centre fire rifle) Running Deer Doubles Club Event
- 100 m (centre fire rifle) Running Deer Test
- 50 m (small bore rifle) Running Boar Normal Runs Club Event

The principal difference between these variants and the formal versions is the adoption of a shortened course of fire (see Sections 5.1.3 and 5.1.4).

In addition, at the Spring Match and the Annual Club Championships the following competitions are shot:

- 100 m (centre fire rifle) Swedish Deer Test
- 50 m (small bore rifle) Running Boar Class B Club Event

The Swedish Deer Test comprises a combination of static and moving target shooting; the Running Boar Class B Club Event comprises a shortened version of the Running Boar Normal Runs Club Event (see Sections 5.1.3 and 5.1.4).

5.1.2 Rules Applicable to all Moving Target Competitions

The following rules apply to all BSRC moving target competitions:

Clothing:

The shooting jacket must be marked to allow the Range Officer to see the position of the rifle stock below the shooter's trailing arm while in the 'READY' position. The shooter must bend his trigger arm into the fully closed position with the upper arm touching his body. The mark, 250 mm long and 30 mm wide must be permanently attached so that it is below the point of the shooter's elbow. The official ISSF mark is yellow with a black border.

The use of ear defenders is required for all shooters and persons near the firing line. Shooters are not permitted to use ear defenders containing a receiving device.

Shooting Position:

The shooting position is standing without support. The rifle must be held against the body and supported only with both hands. The leading arm must not rest on the hip or chest. The shooter must take a position in relation to the bench, table or wall in such a way that it is clearly visible that they give him no support. The use of a sling is not permitted.

Until the moment when any part of the target becomes visible in the opening, the shooter must assume the ready position, holding the rifle with both hands in such a way that the lower tip of the buttplate is level with or below the mark on the shooting jacket. This mark must be visible to the Range Officer or a member of the Jury while the shooter is in the ready position.

NB: For the Running Deer only, BSRC Members in the Novice class (see Section 2.7.2) and all non-BSRC members must adopt a ready position with the rifle held horizontally.

Competition Rules:

Facilities should be provided near to the Moving Target range, to allow shooters to warm up and zero their rifles on a static target before they shoot the competition. In addition, a point shall be marked on the firing line from where the next shooter in succession only may dry fire. Before the start of the competition, the first shooter must be given the opportunity to dry fire a full series in the event being shot. Dry firing means the release of the cocked trigger mechanism of an unloaded rifle, or the release of the trigger mechanism of a rifle fitted with a device which enables the trigger to be operated without discharging the rifle. Dry firing must not allow the release of propellant gas from an air or CO₂ rifle

The shooter must call "READY" for each sighting run and for the first run of each series. The Range Officer (RO) must start the target immediately (except in the case of the Swedish Deer Test - see Section 5.1.3). If the target is started before the shooter has called "READY" he should refrain from shooting. However, if he shoots, the result must be scored. There must be no contact or communication between the shooter and any trainer or team official after the call is given for the first sighting run. After completion of the sighting runs the shooter may pause to adjust his sights. Sighting shots are not compulsory.

The competition series always starts with a run from right to left. Only one shot may be fired on each run except in the Running Deer Doubles competitions and Swedish Deer Test where two shots are fired on each run. After each run, the score and location of each shot hole must be shown for at least four seconds. The end of the indication is the signal to the shooter for the continuation of the series.

Should anything occur which might be dangerous, disturb the shooter or otherwise interfere with the competition the RO must stop the shooting. Should the shooter fire at the moment of the command he is entitled to have the run cancelled if he requests it. If a series is interrupted for more than five minutes the shooter may ask for two additional sighting runs (four in the Running Boar and Running Target Mixed Runs competitions).

Tie Breaking:

For all events other than the British Championships, where it is necessary to break a tie (e.g. for a trophy or an award), the shooter whose worst shot has the highest value, including the decimal value where available, will be deemed to predominate.

At the British Running Deer and Running Boar and Running Target Championships, should there be two or more shooters tying for first place the winner will be decided by a shoot off. The shoot off will comprise two sighting shots followed by ten competition shots. The shots will be singles or doubles as appropriate for the Running Deer, and fast runs for the Running Boar. In the case of a tie in the Running Deer aggregate, the scores for first ten shots in the second series of singles and doubles will replace the shoot off. The British Running Target Championships are effectively covered by the Olympic Final (see Section 5.1.5).

Malfunctions:

If a shooter experiences technical problems with his rifle or ammunition making it impossible or unsafe to continue to shoot (e.g. a misfire), **the safety procedures described in Section 3.9.7 must be followed**. The shooter will be allowed to complete the series with that rifle and/or ammunition if the fault can be corrected and other shooters not inconvenienced. The RO's decision is final.

The RO should be familiar with the current NSR and ISSF Rules which give guidance on dealing with interruptions to a series of target runs. A run is repeated if the RO determines that the malfunction was not caused by the shooter (e.g. if the rifle is in a discharged state with a round of the correct type in the chamber and a clear indentation on the primer). In the case of the Running Deer Doubles and the Swedish Deer Test the first shot of the run, if taken, is ignored and the whole run repeated. A miss is scored if the RO determines that the malfunction was caused by the shooter (e.g. failure to chamber a round or incorrect operation of the bolt).

5.1.3 100m Running Deer

The following rules apply in addition to those detailed in Section 5.1.2:

Rifles & Ammunition:

For the Running Deer Test and the Swedish Deer Test, any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.2, i.e. BSRC Class B centrefire.

For all other Running Deer competitions, any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.1, i.e. BSRC Class A centrefire. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition other than the range limits (see Section 4.2.1).

Range Standards:

The range must conform to the NSR specifications (see Section 3.2.2).

Targets:

One target, which has two scoring diagrams, will be used for each pair of shots left and right running. Targets must be of a design approved by the NSR.

Shots will be covered with a patch of suitable colour after each shot or pair of shots prior to the next run. At formal Club Matches, the value of the shots will be entered into a register kept in the butts before they are patched. If gauging should be necessary, an 8.00 mm diameter plug gauge will be used.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire for the various Running Deer competitions are as detailed in the table below, together with the number of sighting runs and number of shots per run allowed. In the first five competitions, the rifle may be raised to the shoulder during the 1 - 2 seconds 'antler run' prior to the 23 m run when the whole target is exposed.

In the Swedish Deer Test, the first shot is taken with the target stationary at the start of the target run, positioned using the "Stop at Wall" facility (see Section 3.2). As soon as this shot has been taken, the Range Officer will start the target and the shooter must reload and take the second shot with the target in motion. No sighting shots nor any 'dry firing' are allowed. Shooting is otherwise in accordance with the NSR Rules.

Competition	Course of Fire	No. of Sighting Runs
Running Deer Singles	Two series of 20 shots: 10 shots in each direction	4
Running Deer Doubles	Two series of 20 shots: 10 shots in each direction (two shots per run of the target)	4
Running Deer Singles Club Event	One series of 20 shots: 10 shots in each direction	4
Running Deer Doubles Club Event	One series of 20 shots: 10 shots in each direction (two shots per run of the target)	4
Running Deer Test	One series of 10 shots: 5 shots in each direction	2
Swedish Deer Test	One series of 12 shots: 6 shots in each direction (two shots per run of the target; the first static, the second with the target in motion)	0

5.1.4 50m Running Boar

The following rules apply in addition to those detailed in Section 5.1.2:

Rifles & Ammunition:

Any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.3. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition other than the range limits (see Section 4.2.2).

Range Standards:

The range must conform to the ISSF specifications (see Section 3.3.2).

Targets:

One pair of targets will be used for each series, either full targets, half targets or full targets with 'repair centres'. The same pair of targets will be used for the sighting runs. Targets must be of a design approved by the ISSF.

The sighting shots will be covered with black patches before the scoring shots are fired. If they are not fired the equivalent number of black patches must be stuck on the target outside of the scoring area. Scoring shots must be covered with transparent adhesive patches before the target runs again. In the event that a shot is not fired or fails to hit the target, the equivalent transparent patch will be stuck on the target outside of the scoring rings. At formal Club Matches, the value of the shots will be entered into a register kept in the butts before they are patched. If gauging should be necessary, the shot hole gauges specified in the ISSF General Technical Rules for the 50 m Running Boar event will be used.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire for the various Running Boar competitions are as detailed in the table below, together with the number of sighting runs and number of shots per run allowed.

Competition	Course of Fire	No. of Sighting Runs
Running Boar Normal Runs	Two series of 30 shots: 15 slow runs in each direction followed by 15 fast runs in each direction	4 slow
Running Boar Mixed Runs	Two series of 20 shots: 5 slow runs and 5 fast runs in each direction in random order (see note below)	2 slow + 2 fast
Running Boar Normal Runs Club Event	Two series of 20 shots: 10 slow runs in each direction followed by 10 fast runs in each direction	4 slow
Running Boar Class B Event	One series of 10 shots: 5 slow runs in each direction	2 slow

NB: For Mixed Runs, the target will run at random so that the shooter cannot anticipate whether it will be a 'slow' or a 'fast' run. There must not be more than five consecutive runs of the target at the same speed.

5.1.5 10m Running Target

The following rules apply in addition to those detailed in Section 5.1.2:

Rifles & Ammunition:

Any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.4. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition.

Range Standards:

The range must conform to the following standards:

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| a) Shooting distance: | | 10.0 ± 0.05 m |
| b) Horizontal variation of the position of the firing point either side of a line perpendicular to the centre of the target track: | | 0.40 m |
| c) Height of target centre (measured above ground level at the firing point): | | 1.40 ± 0.05 m |
| d) Target run as seen by the shooter: | | 2.00 - 2.02 m |
| e) Target crossing time: | slow | 5.0 - 5.2 s |
| | fast | 2.5 - 2.6 s |

Targets:

One target, which has two scoring diagrams, will be used for each pair of shots left and right running. It is the trailing diagram that is shot. A separate, specially marked target will be used for the sighting runs. Targets must be of a design approved by the ISSF.

If gauging should be necessary, the shot hole gauges specified in the ISSF General Technical Rules for the 10 m Running Target event will be used.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire for the various Running Target competitions are as detailed in the table below, together with the number of sighting runs and number of shots per run allowed.

Competition	Course of Fire	No. of Sighting Runs
Running Target Normal Runs	Two series of 30 shots: 15 slow runs in each direction followed by 15 fast runs in each direction	4 slow

Competition	Course of Fire	No. of Sighting Runs
Running Target Mixed Runs	Two series of 20 shots: 5 slow runs and 5 fast runs in each direction in random order (see note below)	2 slow + 2 fast

NB: For the Mixed Runs, the target will run at random so that the shooter cannot anticipate whether it will be a 'slow' or a 'fast' run. There must not be more than five consecutive runs of the target at the same speed.

'Olympic Final':

In the 10 m Running Target event the pre 2005 ISSF Rules specify an additional 'Olympic Final' for the leading six competitors. This consists of 4 sighting shots followed by 10 shots, all fast runs. The targets are scored to one tenth of a point using special gauges (at BSRC the electronic target system will be used). If a tie remains, the tied competitors will each shoot a pair of fast runs in turn until the tie is broken.

5.2 Rules for Shooting at Static Sporting Targets

5.2.1 General

There are three Static Sporting Target competitions:

- 100 yards/metres Roebuck
- 100 yards/metres Sitting Fox
- 100 yards/metres Stalkers Test

The rules for these non UIT competitions are determined by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The current rules are detailed in Sections 5.2.2 through 5.2.5.

5.2.2 Rules Applicable to all Static Sporting Target Competitions

The following rules apply to all BSRC Static Sporting Target competitions:

Clothing:

Specialist clothing designed for target shooting is only permitted in 'Open' competitions, i.e. those which require the use of BSRC Class 'A' rifles (see Section 4.1.1). When shot in 'Test' format, i.e. competitions confined to the use of BSRC Class 'B' rifles and ammunition (see Section 4.1.2), the clothing worn must be of a type suitable for normal street or sports wear, or for hunting in the field.

Competition Rules:

The Range Officer (RO) will specify the time for shooting, and allocate targets and firing positions to shooters. Sighting shots are not allowed, nor is the spotting of the position of shots either on the targets themselves or, where electronic targets are in use, on the target display

screens at the firing point. Shooting will normally be in squads, with as many shooters in a squad as there are targets available.

The Static Sporting Target competitions will normally be shot using the Club's electronic targets. Since the target faces are not patched between series, total reliance has to be placed on the electronic target system. The RO may, at the beginning of the match, be requested to fire a test shot at each target to verify calibration. On completion of the course of fire, shooters will be given a section of the print output showing the position and scoring of shots, the total score, the mean point of impact and the estimated spread. The electronic target system automatically applies an 8.0 mm gauge to all shots.

A rifle and ammunition which satisfies Range Safety Regulations but which does not comply with the specification for the competition may be used, subject to the approval of the RO. Although allowed to shoot, the scores of shots fired from such a rifle may not count for any prize or award, and any score cards must be appropriately marked.

In the event that electronic targets are not in use, the following rules apply:-

- a) On completion of shooting, and after all rifles have been shown to be unloaded, the RO may give the command to change targets. Complete target boards will be changed and all marking and patching will be carried out near the firing point. The competitor may inspect his target before it is changed. During Monthly Club Matches, the competitor will normally be present and agree his score whilst the target is marked and before it is patched. During the Annual Club Championships and the Spring Match, the competitors will be asked only to agree the number of shot holes in his target which will be marked by an independent scorer.
- b) The RO will adjudicate on any target that has more shot holes than are allowed in the competition. Shots fired on the wrong target will be scored as misses and two points deducted from the score of the competitor at fault. If it can be shown that the shooter with excess shots on his target fired only the correct number of shots, but it cannot be established which are the excess shots, he will be credited with the highest value of shots on the target. If a competitor fires more shots than are allowed for in the competition rules, the value of the highest scoring shot(s) will be deducted and the shooter penalised two points for each extra shot. The RO's decision is final.
- c) If it should be necessary to use a shot hole gauge, when shot in 'Open Class' (BSRC Class 'A') format an 8.00 mm plug gauge will be used. When shot in 'Test' (BSRC Class 'B') form, a gauge equal to the calibre in use will be used.

Tie Breaking:

Where it is necessary to break a tie (e.g. for a trophy or an award), the shooter whose worst shot has the highest value, including the decimal value where available, will be deemed to predominate.

Malfunctions:

If a shooter experiences technical problems with his rifle or ammunition making it impossible or unsafe to continue to shoot (e.g. a misfire), **the safety procedures described in Section 3.9.7 must be followed.** The shooter will be allowed to complete the series with that rifle and/or

ammunition if the fault can be corrected and other shooters not inconvenienced. The RO's decision is final.

The shooter will not be allowed to repeat the shot during which the malfunction occurred regardless of the cause. However: in the case of the Sitting Fox, the shooter will be allowed the unexpired time to complete the series; for the Roebuck, the shooter will be allowed to complete the remaining exposures; in the Stalker's Test, the shooter will be allowed to complete the remainder of the series.

5.2.3 Roebuck

This competition may be shot in either 'Open Class' (BSRC Class 'A') format or in 'Test' form (BSRC Class 'B'). The following rules apply in addition to those detailed in Section 5.2.2:

Rifles & Ammunition:

When shot in 'Open Class' format, any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.1; there are no restrictions relating to ammunition other than the range limits (see Section 4.2.4).

When shot in 'Test' form, any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.2.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this competition is the DJV roebuck. The competition is designed to be shot on the BSRC Statics range, details of which are given in Section 3.4.

Shooting Position:

The shooting position for the Roebuck competition is sitting or kneeling without support. A sling may be used to help support the rifle and, when the competition is shot in 'Test' form, a rifle-mounted or hand held bipod may also be used to help support the leading arm provided that the rifle is supported above the intersection of the bipod legs. Until the order to fire is given, or the target is exposed, the rifle must be held so that its butt is clearly visible below the arm pit of the shooter.

Course of Fire:

The Roebuck event is a snap shooting competition comprising two series of five shots. A time of 4 seconds is allowed for each shot, with between 6 and 15 seconds allowed between shots. The competition is shot on the command of a RO who will time the shooting. After completion of the first series, the RO will allow sufficient time to reload and then the second series will be shot.

The range commands are as follows:

"FOR YOUR FIRST SERIES, MAKE READY WITH FIVE ROUNDS."

The shooter may take up his position and charge any removable magazine. He may not load any cartridges into his rifle. The RO will then call:

"LOAD."

The RO will allow sufficient time for shooters to load and assume the 'READY' position, and will then call:

"ARE YOU READY?"

The RO will then allow about 5 seconds for any shooter to declare that he is not ready to shoot. If any shooter calls "NOT READY", the RO will announce 30 seconds extra preparation time. He will then repeat the call:

"ARE YOU READY?"

If all shooters are ready, the RO will call:

"ATTENTION -----STAND BY."

The RO then starts his stopwatch and, after a random interval of 3 - 12 seconds, calls:

"SHOOT."

After a further interval of 4 seconds he calls:

"STOP."

The calls "SHOOT" and "STOP" are repeated for each of the five shots with a random interval of 3 - 12 seconds from when all shooters have reloaded and regained the Ready position, and 4 seconds allowed to aim and fire.

The above instructions are repeated for the second series. When this has been completed, the RO will call:

"CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD, SHOW CLEAR."

Only after the RO has inspected each rifle will he allow shooters to vacate the firing line.

If a shot is fired after the command "STOP" has been given, the value of the highest scoring shot(s) on the target will be deducted from the score. If a shot is fired after the command "CEASE FIRE" the shooter will be disqualified from the competition.

NB: If the electronic timer is being used in conjunction with the electronic targets, any shot fired more than 4 seconds after the command "FIRE" will automatically be discounted, i.e. the actual shot fired will be discounted and not the highest scoring shot.

If a shooter is using a rifle which is unable to accept five rounds, the RO may, at his discretion, allow him to shoot by loading each round singly. If the shooter chooses this option, a magazine may not be used except as a loading platform. The time allowed for each shot will be unchanged at four seconds, but the interval between shots may be increased by 6 seconds to (randomly) between 12 - 21 seconds.

5.2.4 Sitting Fox

This competition may be shot in either 'Open Class' (BSRC Class 'A') format or in 'Test' (BSRC Class 'B') form. The following rules apply in addition to those detailed in Section 5.2.2:

Rifles & Ammunition:

When shot in 'Open Class' format, any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.1; there are no restrictions relating to ammunition other than the range limits (see Section 4.2.4).

When shot in 'Test' form, any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.2.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this competition is the DJV 100 m sitting fox. The competition is designed to be shot on the BSRC Statics range, details of which are given in Section 3.4.

Shooting Position:

The shooting position for the Sitting Fox competition is standing, without support. The rifle must be held against the body and supported only with both hands. The leading arm must not rest on the hip or chest. Although a sling may be attached to the rifle, its use to help support the rifle is not permitted except when the competition is shot in 'Test' form when a sling and a single 'stalker's stick' (monopod) may be also used to help support the leading arm. Until the order to fire is given, the rifle must be held so that its butt is clearly visible below the arm pit of the shooter unless the shooter is using a 'stalker's stick'. The 'ready position' to be adopted when using a 'stalker's stick' is butt in the shoulder, head off the stock.

Course of Fire:

The Sitting Fox competition comprises two series of five shots, each of which is shot in a time limit of one minute. The competition is shot on the command of a RO who will time the shooting. After completion of the first series, the RO will allow sufficient time to reload and then the second series will be shot.

The range commands are as follows:

"FOR YOUR FIRST SERIES MAKE READY WITH FIVE ROUNDS."

The shooter may take up his position and charge any removable magazine. He may not load any cartridges into his rifle. The RO will then call:

"LOAD."

The RO will allow sufficient time for shooters to load and will then call:

"ARE YOU READY?"

The RO will then allow about 5 seconds for any shooter to declare that he is not ready to shoot. If any shooter calls "NOT READY", the RO will announce 30 seconds extra preparation time. He will then repeat the call:

"ARE YOU READY."

If all shooters are ready, the RO will call:

"ATTENTION - - - - STAND BY - - - - SHOOT."

The shooter may then engage the target. The RO starts his stop watch and calls out the time every 10 seconds until 58 seconds have elapsed, when he will commence the command:

"FIFTY EIGHT, FIFTY NINE, STOP."

This command must be started at 58 seconds and completed at 60 seconds.

The above instructions are repeated for the second series. When this has been completed, the RO will call:

"CEASE FIRE, UNLOAD, SHOW CLEAR."

Only after the RO has inspected each rifle will he allow shooters to vacate the firing line.

If a shot is fired after the command "STOP" has been given, the value of the highest scoring shot(s) on the target will be deducted from the score. If a shot is fired after the command "CEASE FIRE" the shooter will be disqualified from the competition.

5.2.5 Stalker's Test

This competition may only be shot in 'Test' (BSRC Class 'B') form. The following rules apply in addition to those detailed in Section 5.2.2:

Rifles & Ammunition:

This competition is restricted to rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.2.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this competition is the DJV roebuck. The competition is designed to be shot on the BSRC Statics range, details of which are given in Section 3.4.

Shooting Position:

The Stalkers Test is shot from five positions:

Bench or simulated high seat,
Prone,
Sitting,
Kneeling,
Standing.

No part of the structure of the firing point shelter may be used as a support in any of the five positions. No additional aids, such as a support for the rifle, may be used when shooting from the bench or simulated high seat. Slings may be used in all five positions and a stalkers stick (monopod or bipod), suitable for use in the field, may be used to steady the leading arm. If used, the same stick must be used throughout, although it may be adjusted between positions if this can be done without undue delay. A rifle-mounted bipod may be used instead of the stick, provided that the rifle gross weight limit is not exceeded and that it remains attached to the rifle throughout the complete course of fire. Personal effects typical of those that might be carried in the field, such as a small rucksack, may be used as a rest for the rifle in the prone position, or to support the body in the sitting and kneeling positions.

Course of Fire:

The Stalkers Test is essentially a test of competence for shooters who regularly stalk live deer. The Test comprises two shots from each of the five positions detailed above. There is no time limit for this test but it must be completed without undue delay. Unless there is an interruption to shooting, once the rifle has been raised to the shoulder it may not be removed until the shot has been fired. No more than two rounds may be loaded in each position and the Range Officer (RO) must check that all rifles are unloaded and the action open before permitting a change of position. All shooters in a detail must fire their two shots from each position before they all change position together. Shooting will be under the control of the RO who will ensure that, as far as practicable, the conditions are the same for all participants.

5.3 Rules for the Memorial Match

5.3.1 General

There are three competitions and one additional award:

The "Michael Baxter" Memorial Shoot (shot on the 50m Running Boar range)

The "John Strugnell" Memorial Shoot (shot on the 100m Running Deer range)

The "Charles Leatherby" Memorial Shoot (shot on the Statics range)

The "John Powell" (awarded for the highest aggregate of the above three competitions)

The rules for these competitions are determined by the Executive Committee of the BSRC, and may be varied from time to time. The rules will be notified to members when the competition is announced. The current rules for the "Michael Baxter", "John Strugnell", and "Charles Leatherby" competitions are described in Sections 5.3.2, 5.3.3 and 5.3.4 respectively.

Subject to range accommodation being available, shooters may be allowed to re-enter any Memorial Match competition. A condition of entry is that any competitor producing the highest score in more than one competition must nominate which trophy they wish to take and withdraw from the other competitions.

5.3.2 The "Michael Baxter"

This is shot on either of the 50 m Running Boar Range (see Sections 3.3 and 3.4) with rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.3. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition other than the range limits (see Section 4.2.4). The course of fire is 2 sighting shots slow runs, 10 competition shots slow runs and 10 competition shots fast runs. The series will be

fired consecutively without a break. 'Dry firing' is not permitted. Shooting is otherwise in accordance with the ISSF Rules (see Section 5.1.4).

If two or more shooters tie for first place, the shooter whose worst shot(s) has the highest value will be deemed to have won. The decimal scoring available with the electronic target system (out to the '1' ring) will be used to establish the worst shot.

5.3.3 The "John Strugnell"

This is shot on the BSRC 100 m Running Deer range (see Section 3.2) and is restricted to rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.2. Although a carrying sling may be attached to the rifle, its use to support the rifle is not permitted. The clothing worn must be of a type suitable for normal street or sports wear, or for hunting in the field. Specialist clothing designed for target shooting is not permitted. The format is identical to the Swedish Deer Test (see Section 5.1.3), i.e. a series of six runs of the target (three out and three back), with two shots on each run of the target; the first with the target stationary and the second with the target in motion. The target may be a BSRC Running Elk target, or a Running Deer target with modified (decimal) scoring rings. No sighting shots nor any 'dry firing' are allowed. Shooting is otherwise in accordance with the NSR Rules (see Section 5.1.3).

If two or more shooters tie for first place, the shooter whose worst shot(s) has the highest value will be deemed to have won. The decimal scoring available with the electronic target system (out to the '3' ring) will be used to establish the worst shot.

5.3.4 The "Charles Leatherby"

This is shot on the BSRC Statics range (see Section 3.4) at a target of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved for this competition is the DJV roebuck. This competition is restricted to rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.2. The match comprises ten shots, two shots fired from each of five positions:

Prone,
Simulated high seat,
Sitting,
Kneeling,
Standing.

The rifle must be unloaded and the action open whilst changing positions. There is no time limit for shooting, but the shooter must fire without delay. Except for safety reasons, once raised, the rifle must not be lowered from the shoulder until the shot has been fired. The shots may not be spotted with a telescope between positions. Carrying slings may be used to help to support the rifle in all shooting positions. A single 'stalker's stick' (monopod) may be used to help support the leading arm in the standing position only. No other support may be used. The clothing worn must be of a type suitable for normal street or sports wear, or for hunting in the field. Specialist clothing designed for target shooting is not permitted.

If two or more shooters tie for first place, the shooter whose worst shot(s) has the highest value will be deemed to have won. The decimal scoring available with the electronic targets will be used to establish the worst shot.

5.3.5 The Running Boar Mixed Runs

This competition effectively forms a spare and is shot on either of the 50 m Running Boar Range (see Sections 3.3 and 3.4) with rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.3. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition other than the range limits (see Section 4.2.4). The course of fire is identical to the Running Boar Mixed Runs competition (see Section 5.1.4), except that no sighting shots or any 'dry firing' are allowed. Shooting is otherwise in accordance with the ISSF Rules (see Section 5.1.4).

If two or more shooters tie for first place, the shooter whose worst shot(s) has the highest value will be deemed to have won. The decimal scoring available with the electronic target system (out to the '1' ring) will be used to establish the worst shot.

5.4 Rules for the Stalker's Match

5.4.1 General

The objective of this Match is to provide a format more representative of field shooting than the normal BSRC Matches. It comprises two static target disciplines (the Roebuck and the Fox, described in Sections 5.4.2 and 5.4.3 respectively), and a combined static and moving target discipline based on the Swedish hunting test (the Deer, described in Section 5.4.4), and a moving target discipline (the Boar, described in Section 5.4.5).

5.4.2 The Roebuck

Rifles & Ammunition:

This discipline is restricted to rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.2.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this discipline is the DJV roebuck, fitted with a special 'blank' centre which has scoring rings marked on reverse side only. The scoring rings are located and configured to better correspond with the desired point of impact on the live animal than the standard DJV roebuck, and denote scoring areas of 10, 9 and 5 points. The discipline is designed to be shot on the BSRC Statics range, details of which are given in Section 3.4.

Shooting Position:

The Roebuck is shot from two positions:

Sitting or Kneeling,
Standing.

No part of the structure of the firing point shelter may be used as a support in either position. Slings and/or a single 'stalker's stick' (monopod) may be used in either position. Only clothing normally used for stalking is allowed, i.e. no target shooting jackets etc. Until the order to fire is given, the rifle must be held so that its butt is clearly visible below the arm pit of the shooter

unless the shooter is using a 'stalker's stick'. The 'ready position' to be adopted when using a 'stalker's stick' is butt in the shoulder, head off the stock.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire comprises a series of five shots from the sitting or kneeling position, followed by a further series five shots from the standing position. The Range Officer (RO) will control the shooting in the same manner as the standard BSRC Sitting Fox competition (see Section 5.2.4), except that the time limit for each series of five shots will be 90 seconds.

A specimen target with the scoring rings marked on the front will be available for inspection at the firing point. Where a scoring ring is struck the higher score will count. No gauging will be allowed. In the event of a tie, the shooter with the worst shot(s) loses.

5.4.3 The Fox

Rifles & Ammunition:

Any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.3. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this discipline is the DJV 50 m sitting fox. The discipline is shot either on the BSRC Running Boar range (see Section 3.3), used as a 50 m statics range, or on Time Limit range (see Section 3.6).

Shooting Position:

The Fox is shot from the standing position. No part of the structure of the firing point shelter may be used as a support in either position. Slings may be used for both series of five shots and, in addition, a single 'stalker's stick' (monopod) may be used for the second series of five shots. Only clothing normally used for stalking is allowed, i.e. no target shooting jackets etc.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire comprises two series of five shots. The Range Officer (RO) will control the shooting in the same manner as the standard BSRC Sitting Fox competition (see Section 5.2.4), except that the time limit for each series of five shots will be 90 seconds..

A specimen target with the scoring rings marked on the front will be available for inspection at the firing point. Where a scoring ring is struck the higher score will count. No gauging will be allowed. In the event of a tie, the shooter with the worst shot(s) loses.

5.4.4 The Deer

Rifles & Ammunition:

This discipline is restricted to rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.2.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this discipline is the standard Running Deer target. The discipline is designed to be shot on the BSRC Running Deer range, details of which are given in Section 3.2.

Shooting Position:

The shooting position for the Deer is standing without support per British Moving Target Shooting Rules (see Section 5.1.2). Only clothing normally used for stalking is allowed, i.e. no target shooting jackets etc.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire is identical to the Swedish Deer Test (see Section 5.1.3). No sighting shots nor any 'dry firing' are allowed. If two or more shooters tie with equal scores for places 1 - 3, the shooter whose worst shot(s) has the highest value will be deemed to have won. The decimal scoring available with the electronic target system (out to the '3' ring) will be used to establish the worst shot.

5.4.5 The Boar

Rifles & Ammunition:

Any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.3. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this discipline is the standard Running Boar target. The discipline is designed to be shot on either of the BSRC Running Boar ranges, details of which are given in Section 3.3 and 3.4.

Shooting Position:

The shooting position for the Boar is standing without support per British Moving Target Shooting Rules (see Section 5.1.2). Only clothing normally used for stalking is allowed, i.e. no target shooting jackets etc.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire is identical to the Running Boar Mixed Runs competition (see Section 5.1.4), except that no sighting shots or any 'dry firing' are allowed. If two or more shooters tie for first place, the shooter whose worst shot(s) has the highest value will be deemed to have won. The decimal scoring available with the electronic target system (out to the '1' ring) will be used to establish the worst shot.

5.5 Rules for the Short Siberia Match

5.5.1 General

The objective of this Match is to provide an opportunity for Members to test their skills at the longer shooting distance of 200 yards that is not available on the BSRC ranges. It comprises two static target disciplines (the Chamois and the Fox, described in Sections 5.5.2 and 5.5.3 respectively).

5.5.2 The Chamois

Rifles & Ammunition:

This discipline is restricted to class B rifles which meet the standards described in Section 4.1.2.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this discipline is the DJV chamois. The discipline is designed to be shot on the NRA's Short Siberia range from the 200 yard firing point.

Shooting Position:

The Chamois is shot from two positions:

Prone,
Sitting.

Alpine kit only is permitted for use as shooting aids, i.e. a rucksack and/or sling only may be used in the prone position; a single stick of a type suitable for use as an aid to walking may be used in the sitting position. Only clothing normally used for stalking is allowed, i.e. no target shooting jackets etc.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire comprises a series of five shots from the prone position, followed by a further series five shots from the sitting position. The Range Officer (RO) will control the shooting in the same manner as the standard BSRC Stalkers' Test (see Section 5.2.5), i.e. no time limit but each shot must be taken without undue delay; unless there is an interruption to shooting, once the rifle has been raised to the shoulder it may not be removed until the shot has been fired.

A specimen target with the scoring rings marked on the front will be available for inspection at the firing point. Where a scoring ring is struck the higher score will count. No gauging will be allowed. In the event of a tie, the shooter with the worst shot(s) loses.

5.5.3 The Fox

Rifles & Ammunition:

Any rifle is permitted which meets the standards described in Section 4.1.1. There are no restrictions relating to ammunition.

Range and Target Standards:

Targets must be of a design approved by the Executive Committee of the BSRC. The target currently approved by the Executive Committee used for this discipline is the DJV 100 m sitting fox. The discipline is shot on the NRA's Short Siberia range from the 200 yard firing point.

Shooting Position:

The Fox is shot from two positions:

Sitting,
Standing.

Slings and/or double or single 'stalker's stick(s)' may be used for both series of five shots. A rifle-mounted bipod may be used in lieu of 'stalker's stick(s)' for the sitting position. Only clothing normally used for stalking is allowed, i.e. no target shooting jackets etc.

Course of Fire:

The course of fire comprises two series of five shots. The Range Officer (RO) will control the shooting in the same manner as the standard BSRC Sitting Fox competition (see Section 5.2.4).

A specimen target with the scoring rings marked on the front will be available for inspection at the firing point. Where a scoring ring is struck the higher score will count. No gauging will be allowed. In the event of a tie, the shooter with the worst shot(s) loses.

5.6 Summary of Shooting Aids Allowed

5.6.1 Moving Target Competitions

No shooting aids are allowed for any of the moving target competitions.

5.6.2 Static Competitions

The shooting aids allowed for the various static target competitions are summarised in the table below. It should be noted that the NRA's rule 247 on artifices applies to all shooting aids. For reference, rule 247 states:

"It is forbidden to use any artifice to facilitate shooting, not expressly permitted in the Rules, which is contrary to the spirit of the Rules"

For example, the single stick allowed in a number of the static competitions should be of a type that might normally be used in the field by stalkers rather than something specifically designed as an aid to shooting from any particular position. As regards slings, any sling used must be useable, without prior adjustment from the shooting position, for carrying the rifle in the field. In the event of any dispute regarding the eligibility of a shooting aid, the Range Officer's decision will be final.

Competition/Format	Open Class (BSRC Class 'A')	Test (BSRC Class 'B')	Other
Roebuck	Sling only.	Sling and/or rifle-mounted or hand held bipod (rifle must be supported above intersection of bipod legs).	n/a
Sitting Fox	None.	Sling and/or single stick (monopod).	n/a
Stalker's Test:			
a) All positions	n/a	Sling.	n/a
b) Prone	n/a	Bipod, or personal effects e.g. small rucksack.	n/a
c) Sitting, kneeling & standing	n/a	Bipod, or single or double stick.	n/a
d) Simulated high seat (bench)	n/a	None.	n/a
'Charles Leatherby'	n/a	n/a	Sling only except standing position where a single stick (monopod) may also be used.
Stalker's Match:			
a) Roebuck	n/a	n/a	Sling and/or single stick (monopod) for all 10 shots.
Stalker's Match:			
b) Sitting Fox	n/a	n/a	Sling for all 10 shots, single stick (monopod) for second series of 5 shots only.

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6. Events

6.1 Formal Matches

6.1.1 General

Section 6.1 describes the formal matches in the BSRC shooting calendar. The formal matches are all fully squadded and entry forms are issued in advance in the Club Newsletter (usually the preceding issue). Entry fees are payable in advance with the completed entry form, and a fixed discount (currently £4) is given to Annual Shooting Pass holders. Shooters may normally enter each competition once only, i.e. re-entries are not permitted.

Competitors will be notified of the order in which they will be shooting on each range in advance of the event. They should be present at the range well before their anticipated time of shooting and should note any commitment to mark or act as Line Officer. Markers and Line Officers will normally be provided, however shooters must nevertheless be prepared to take their turn acting as Line Officer, i.e. operating the moving target ranges.

There will be no opportunity to use the Statics range to zero rifles or test ammunition apart from that carried out under ISSF and NSR Rules in connection with the Moving Target competitions on the targets provided.

The results of all formal matches are published in the following issue of the Club Newsletter, and count in respect of the Club Classification system (see Section 2.7). A short ceremony is normally held at the end of formal matches at which the trophies are presented.

6.1.2 Spring Match and Annual Championships

General:

The Spring Match and Annual Championships form the main events in the Club's calendar. The former is normally held in early May, the latter in early September. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. Both events are held over three days.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The Club competitions shot are as follows:

Open Section:

- a) Running Deer Singles Club Event
- b) Running Deer Doubles Club Event
- c) Running Boar Normal Runs Club Event
- d) Roebuck (Open Rules)
- e) Sitting Fox (Open Rules)

Class B Section:

- f) Running Deer Test
- g) Swedish Deer Test
- h) Running Boar Class B Event

- i) Roebuck (Class B Rules)
- j) Sitting Fox (Class B Rules)
- k) Stalker's Test

Air Rifle:

- l) 10m Running Target

The rules of these competitions are given in Sections 5.1 and 5.2.

Shooters may enter all or part of either the Open or the Class B section. Class B shooters may, however, enter competition (c) in lieu of competition (h) in which case the scores for the first 10 slow shots will be used in calculating the shooter's Class B aggregate score. In addition, Open Class shooters may enter competitions (g) and/or (k), although this will not form part of their Open aggregate score. When calculating both the Open and Class B aggregates, scores for the Deer disciplines are doubled to ensure equal weighting of each competition. Any shooter may enter the air rifle competition (l) which does not form part of either aggregate.

Any shooter not present in time to shoot will lose the opportunity to dry fire and, if not available in time to shoot in the appointed order, will be rescheduled and have two points deducted from his score.

Rifles may be checked to ensure compliance with weight and trigger pull limits.

Awards and Trophies:

Glassware trophies are awarded to the first three places in all events, and for Class awards as described in Section 2.7.1 for both the Spring Match and the Annual Championships. Additional glassware trophies are awarded for shooters aged under 21, noting that they may not take more than one award in any discipline.

For the Annual Championships only:

- The Open section forms the British Sporting Rifle Championship for which the Captain Butterworth Memorial Trophy is awarded for the highest aggregate score. The Aspinall Cup is awarded to the winner of event (a), the Running Deer Singles Club Event. The Roebuck and Fox Crystal Loving Cups are awarded to the winners of events (d) and (e) respectively.
- In the Class B section, the Stalker's Cup is awarded for the highest overall aggregate score, the Stalkers' Statics Cup is awarded for the highest aggregate score of the three statics competitions (events (i), (j) and (k)), and the Stalkers' Moving Target Cup is awarded to the highest aggregate score of the three moving target competitions (events (f), (g) and (h)). In the case of the latter, scores are scaled in proportion to the HPS to equalise the contribution of each to the aggregate. No shooter may take more than one award.
- The Fred Grote trophy is awarded to the Tyro (Open or Class B) with the best aggregate score comprising the Stalkers' Test, the Swedish Test, the first 10 shots of Running Deer and the first 10 shots of Running Boar.

6.1.3 British Running Deer Championships

General:

This event usually takes place in July, and is normally the only time during the year that the full NSR course of fire for Running Deer Singles (two series of 4 sighting runs followed by 20 competition runs) and Doubles (two series of 4 sighting runs followed by 10 competition runs) is shot. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. The event is open to NRA Members and members of Affiliated Clubs as well as BSRC Members.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The Club competitions shot are as follows:

- a) Running Deer Singles
- b) Running Deer Doubles

The rules of these competitions are given in Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.3.

Shooters may enter either Singles only, Doubles only, Singles and Doubles including the British Running Deer Championship (aggregate of the first series of Singles and first series of Doubles), or just the British Running Deer Championship. The normal course of fire is one series of Singles and one series of Doubles on each of the two days.

Awards and Trophies:

The following trophies are presented by the NRA:

- The Challenge Trophy is presented to the winner of the British Running Deer Championships.
- The Challenge Cup is presented to the winner of the Running Deer Singles competition.
- The Walter Winans Cup is presented to the winner of the Running Deer Doubles competition.
- The Dewar Cup is awarded for the best 10 shot series in either the Unlimiteds (see Section 6.2.9) or the first or second 10 shots in any Championship series; the winners of the above three NRA trophies are in eligible.

In addition, the Butterworth Decanter is awarded by BSRC for the best 80 shot aggregate of Running Deer Singles and Doubles, the winners of the awards presented by the NRA are ineligible.

6.1.4 British Running Boar Championships

General:

This event usually takes place in August, and is normally the only time during the year that the full ISSF course of fire for Running Boar is shot. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. The event is open to NRA Members and members of Affiliated Clubs as well as BSRC Members.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

Only one competition is shot at this event which is the Running Boar Normal Runs, i.e. 4 slow sighting runs + 30 slow scoring runs followed by a similar series of fast runs. The rules of this competition are given in Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.4.

Awards and Trophies:

The Kynoch Trophy is presented to the winner.

6.1.5 British Running Target Championships

General:

This event usually takes place in February. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

Only one competition is shot at this event which is the Running Target Normal Runs, i.e. 4 slow sighting runs + 30 slow scoring runs followed by a similar series of fast runs. The leading four competitors from the Running Target Normal Runs will take part in an 'Olympic Final' to decide the winner of the British Running Target Championships. The rules of this competition are given in Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.5.

Awards and Trophies:

The Westrop Trophy is presented to the winner.

6.2 Informal Matches

6.2.1 General

Section 6.2 describes the informal matches in the BSRC shooting calendar. Pre-entry is not normally required for informal matches. On arrival, shooters are to enter their names on the 'Self Squadding' sheets provided which determine the order of shooting on each range. Anyone not available to shoot at the right time will be entered in the next squad.

Markers will normally be provided, however shooters will be required to take their turn acting as Line Officer, i.e. operating the moving target ranges.

There will normally be no opportunity to use the Statics range to zero rifles or test ammunition apart from that carried out under ISSF and NSR Rules in connection with the Moving Target competitions

The results of all informal matches are published in the following issue of the Club Newsletter, and those from the Monthly Matches and the Memorial Match count in respect of the Club Classification system (see Section 2.7).

6.2.2 Monthly Matches

General:

The Monthly Club Matches are normally held on the first Sunday of the month. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. The normal Green Fee is charged (see Appendix 2) unless the shooter has an Annual Shooting Pass.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The Club competitions shot are as follows:

- a) Running Deer Singles Club Event
- b) Running Deer Doubles Club Event
- c) Running Deer Test
- d) Running Boar Normal Runs Club Event
- e) Roebuck (Open and Class B)
- f) Sitting Fox (Open and Class B)
- g) Stalker's Test
- h) 10m Running Target

The rules of these competitions are given in Sections 5.1 and 5.2. Notwithstanding the rules, no sighting shots are allowed in any of the moving target competitions in order to alleviate range congestion.

Re-entries are permitted subject to range capacity and the permission of the Chief Range Officer (CRO), but only the score for the shooter's first entry will count in the match. Should time be available at the end of a Monthly Match, the Chief Range Officer may permit Members to use the Statics range to zero rifles or test ammunition.

Awards and Trophies:

No awards or trophies are given in respect of Monthly Matches.

6.2.3 Memorial Match

General:

The Memorial Match forms a special event in the Club's calendar at which four eminent former Members are honoured. This event is normally held on Remembrance Sunday; occasionally the preceding Sunday to allow Members to attend Remembrance services. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. Initial entry in each of the competitions is free, a charge is made for re-entries.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The Club competitions shot are as follows:

- a) The "Michael Baxter" Memorial Shoot
- b) The "John Strugnell" Memorial Shoot

- c) The "Charles Leatherby" Memorial Shoot
- d) Running Boar Mixed Runs

The rules of these competitions are given in Section 5.3.

Re-entries are permitted but precedence will be given to initial entries prior to the lunch break. After the lunch break, the order of shooting will be on a first come first served basis.

Awards and Trophies:

The "Charles Leatherby", "John Strugnell" and "Michael Baxter" trophies are each awarded for their respective competitions. No shooter may take more than one trophy; if a competitor posts the highest score in more than one competition they must nominate the competition they wish to win and withdraw from all others. In addition to the three individual competition trophies, the "John Powell" trophy is awarded for the highest aggregate score excluding those posted by the winners of the individual competition trophies. No award or trophy is presently given for the Running Boar Mixed Runs competition.

Although not shot for during the match, the Butterworth Memorial Medal is presented at the Memorial Match. The competition comprises the aggregate of: the sum of the best four 10 shot Running Deer series (Singles or Doubles) from either the Running Deer Championships (see Section 6.1.3) or the Unlimiteds (see Section 6.2.9) plus the best 10 shot Standing Boar (see Section 6.2.11), i.e. HPS = 300. A silver medal is awarded for the highest aggregate and a bronze for the second highest. A Member winning a silver medal is ineligible to win any other until two years have elapsed. A Member winning a bronze medal is only eligible to win a silver medal until two years have elapsed.

NB: The definition of the 10 shot series to be applied to Running Deer Championship scores is either the first or last 10 shots, i.e. first or last 10 runs of Singles, first or last 5 runs of Doubles. Target scores only from the Unlimiteds and Standing Boar may be used, i.e. handicaps are ignored.

6.2.4 Stalker's Match

General:

The objective of this match is to provide a format more representative of field shooting than other BSRC Matches. Usually shot in March, this match is timed to coincide with the quietest period in the stalking calendar. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. The normal Green Fee is charged (see Appendix 2), which covers a single entry in each of the three competitions; a charge of £2.50 is made for re-entries. Initial entry is discounted by £5 for ASP holders.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The Club disciplines shot are as follows:

- a) The Roebuck
- b) The Fox
- c) The Deer

d) The Boar

The rules of these competitions are given in Section 5.4.

Re-entries are permitted and the order of shooting will be on a first come first served basis.

Awards and Trophies:

The Stalkers' Trophy is awarded for the highest aggregate of the three competitions, and glassware trophies are awarded to the first three places in all competitions.

6.2.5 BSRC Historic Match

General:

This match is unique in that it is the only BSRC event open to non-members other than by personal invitation. Non-members wishing to participate must hold a Firearms Certificate authorising the use of the rifle(s) and ammunition on approved ranges. The match usually takes place in March and is timed to coincide with the Bisley Classic Arms Fair. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. Only rifle/calibre/sight combinations pre-dating 1st January 1946 are eligible for use in this match. The competitions shot are divided into separate classes comprising rifles with 'iron sights' and those with telescopic sights. Entry fees, notified in the preceding Club Newsletter, at a similar level to the normal Green Fee are charged. Initial entry is free to ASP holders.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

Full details of the competitions to be shot are notified in the preceding Club Newsletter. By way of a guide, however, previous Historic Matches have comprised the following competitions:

- a) Running Deer Test - nominally subdivided into:
 - Deer rifles with any sights,
 - Deer rifles with iron sights,
 - Big bore (i.e. .375 and above) deer rifles.
- b) Running Deer Doubles - restricted to double rifles only.
- c) Running Boar Class B Event - nominally subdivided into:
 - .22 rimfire rifles with any sights,
 - .22 rimfire rifles with iron sights,
 - rook and rabbit rifles.
- d) Roebuck - nominally subdivided into:
 - Deer rifles with any sights,
 - Deer rifles with iron sights.
- e) Sitting Fox - nominally subdivided into:
 - any rifles and sights,
 - any rifles with iron sights.
- f) 50 metre static competition (standing position, no shooting aids) - nominally subdivided into:
 - rook target - 22 rimfire rifles with any sights,
 - rook target - rook and rabbit rifles,
 - rook target - traditional lever action (pistol calibres),
 - roebuck target - traditional lever action "Cowboy Guns", restricted to tube magazines,

- roebuck target - other pistol and rook and rabbit calibre rifles.

The rules of competitions a), and c) through e) the same as for the normal BSRC competitions of the same name and are given in Section 5. Competition b) is as for the normal Running Deer Doubles Club Event (see Section 5.1.3), except that the course of fire is restricted to two sighting runs and five scoring runs (three right to left and two left to right). Competition f) is not a normal BSRC competition, however the rules are similar to the Sitting Fox. Re-entries are permitted only if the shooter competes with a different rifle, and only if the shooter enters the full details of the rifles on the corresponding score cards (otherwise the lowest score will count).

Awards and Trophies:

Commemorative NRA Prize Certificates are awarded to the winner of each class within each competition.

6.2.6 Christmas Match

General:

This match forms the last Club event of the year and is combined with the Club Christmas Lunch. It is usually shot on the second Sunday in December; the current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. Shooting is confined to the morning only, ceasing at the normal lunch break for the Christmas Lunch. The usual Green Fee is charged (see Appendix 2), which covers a single entry in each of the three competitions; a charge is made for re-entries. Annual Shooting Passes do not apply for this event.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The programme of shooting is somewhat flexible. By way of a guide, however, previous matches have contained the following competitions or something similar:

- a) The "John Strugnell" Memorial Shoot (any centrefire rifle within range limits allowed)
- b) Running Boar Class B Event (no dry firing and no sighting shots allowed)
- c) Stalker's Test (Capercaillie targets in lieu of roebuck)

The rules of these competitions are as described in Section 5.4, apart from the exceptions stated in brackets. Re-entries are permitted but precedence will be given to initial entries.

The self handicap system is usually applied to all three competitions. The shooter selects his own handicap on the day (separate handicap for each competition), which is added to his target score. If a shooter's combined target score and handicap exceeds HPS, however, his score will be calculated by deducting two points from HPS for each point by which HPS was exceeded.

Awards and Trophies:

The Gold Moose Badge is awarded for the highest Moose target score, and the Thompson Ten Point Tankard and Plate is awarded for the highest match equalized (%) aggregate target score for shooter who has not won a major award during the year. Cash prizes are awarded for the first three places in each of the competitions.

6.2.7 Inter Club Matches

General:

Two Inter Club Matches are normally held each year, one in the spring and one in the autumn. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. The Club Vice-Captain will normally write to all Affiliated Clubs in advance, inviting them to enter teams of up to four shooters each. A notice will normally be posted in the preceding Club Newsletter notifying the contact for any BSRC Member wishing to take part. Pre-entry is required and a modest entry fee of £15 per team is charged for each team entered. Annual Shooting Passes do not apply for these events.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The programme of shooting is subject to variation and entrants should refer to the announcement in the Club Newsletter for details. By way of a guide, however, previous matches have contained the following competitions:

- a) Swedish Deer Test (any centre fire rifle)
- b) Running Boar Class B Event
- c) Running Target Normal Runs (reduced course of fire of 2 + 10 slow runs)
- d) Stalker's Test (any centrefire rifle)

The rules of these competitions are given in Sections 5.1 and 5.2.

Re-entries are not permitted. The best three aggregate scores from each team are summed to produce the team score. Scores for the Running Deer are doubled to ensure equal weighting for each competition.

Awards and Trophies:

No set awards or trophies are given.

6.2.8 Short Siberia Match

General:

This Match is shot at 200 yards on the NRA's Short Siberia range and consists of two disciplines as described in 5.5.2 and 5.5.3. One match is held each year; the current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for the timing of this Club event. A Green Fee is charged to cover the cost of hiring the lane(s) from the NRA, which covers a single entry in both competitions; a further charge is made for re-entries. A number of practice days are held each year and the current club programme should be consulted for the dates of these, a green fee is also charged on these days. Annual Shooting Passes do not apply for these events.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The Club disciplines shot are as follows:

- a) The Chamois

b) The Fox

The rules of these competitions are given in Section 5.5.

Re-entries are permitted and the order of shooting will be determined using squadding sheets held on the firing point.

Awards and Trophies:

No set awards or trophies are given.

6.2.9 Running Deer Unlimiteds

General:

This match is normally held on the two days before and two days after the Running Deer Championships (see Section 6.1.3), and is open to NRA Members and members of Affiliated Clubs as well as BSRC Members. Originally devised to provide an opportunity for last minute practice prior to the Championships, this match was extended to four days in order to encourage non Running Deer shooters to try out the discipline. The match employs an “Own Start” handicap system. Prior to shooting the competitor nominates his handicap in the range 0 to 40 (the default handicap is 0) which is added to his target score.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The name “Unlimiteds” means unlimited entry; competitors pay and shoot as many times as they wish, subject to range capacity. Normal Running Deer shooting rules apply (see Section 5.1.3). The course of fire is Running Deer Singles with two sighting runs and 10 scoring runs, i.e. the Running Deer Test.

Awards and Trophies:

A cash prize equal to the entry fee is paid to every competitor whose target score plus handicap equals the highest possible score of 50.

An NRA Gold Medal is awarded to the best aggregate target score of any two series in each week (two days prior to the Championships and two days after). The first week winner is not eligible to win the second.

Target scores posted in the Unlimiteds are eligible for the Dewar Cup (see Section 6.1.3).

6.2.10 Running Boar Unlimiteds

General:

This match is normally held on the day before the Running Boar Championships (see Section 6.1.4), and is open to NRA Members and members of Affiliated Clubs as well as BSRC Members. Although primarily intended to provide an opportunity for last minute practice prior to the Championships, it also serves to encourage non Running Boar shooters to try out the discipline. The match employs an “Own Start” handicap system. Prior to shooting the competitor

nominates his handicap in the range 0 to 80 (the default handicap is 0) which is added to his target score.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The name “Unlimiteds” means unlimited entry; competitors pay and shoot as many times as they wish subject to range capacity. Normal Running Boar shooting rules apply (see Section 5.1.4). The course of fire is Running Boar slow runs with two sighting runs and 10 scoring runs, i.e. the Running Boar Class B Event.

Awards and Trophies:

A cash prize equal to the entry fee is paid to every competitor whose target score plus handicap equals the highest possible score of 100.

6.2.11 Standing Boar

General:

This match is normally held concurrently with the Running Deer Unlimiteds (see Section 6.2.9), and is open to NRA Members and members of Affiliated Clubs as well as BSRC Members. The match employs an “Own Start” handicap system. Prior to shooting the competitor nominates his handicap in the range 0 to 80 (the default handicap is 0) which is added to his target score.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

As for the Unlimiteds, competitors may pay and enter as many times as they wish subject to range capacity. The course of fire is 10 shots, in two series of 5 shots, from the standing position without support at the 100m DJV Standing Boar target on the Statics range. Each shot is fired during a timed 4 second exposure. In other words, the course of fire is the same as the Roebuck (see Section 5.2.3), but at the Standing Boar target and from the standing position. Any centrefire rifle within the range limits (see Section 4.2.4) with a maximum calibre of 8 mm and with a case capacity not exceeding the .30-06 may be used.

Awards and Trophies:

A cash prize equal to the entry fee is paid to every competitor whose target score plus handicap equals the highest possible score of 100.

6.3 Other Events

6.3.1 Range Days

General:

Range Days are normally held on the third or fourth Sunday of the month, and midweek on the last Wednesday of the month. The current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing. These informal events are intended to be used by Members for competition practice, zeroing rifles and testing ammunition. All ranges apart from Time Limit will normally be available for use. A single NRA Marker will normally be provided, however shooters must be

prepared to act as Line Officer on the moving target ranges. The normal Green Fee is charged (see Appendix 2) unless the shooter has an Annual Shooting Pass.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The Chief Range Officer (CRO) will arrange the shooting programme based on the stated intentions of shooters. The 'Self Squadding' sheets used for Matches will be made available for use on the moving target ranges. Shooting will be conducted in a similar manner to the Monthly Matches except that shooting will be regularly interrupted approximately every half hour to allow targets to be changed on the Statics range and to allow access to the butts on the Running Boar range; electronic targets are not normally used on Range Days.

Shooters must not expect to be allowed to shoot on the Statics range during two consecutive half hour periods. A shooter wishing to carry out extensive zeroing or ammunition testing must make arrangements to use the Statics range on a weekday (see Section 3.10). On the Statics range, precedence will be given to shooters wishing to train for the Club's Statics competitions over those wishing to zero their rifles or test ammunition.

6.3.2 Junior Shoot

General:

This event is normally held twice a year (the current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing), and is aimed at providing a safe and enjoyable introduction to shooting for young persons aged 18 (the maximum age for Junior Membership) and under. The event is open to Members' children, other relatives and their friends. All shooters must be accompanied by a Member, and Members are expected to assist with supervision and bring their own rifles and ammunition for their charges to use. This event is completely free to Members' children and guests.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The event comprises two static target competitions:-

- On Time Limit range, concentric ring targets at 25 metres to be shot with air rifles. This competition is primarily for under 12's (i.e. below the minimum age for Junior Membership) but, subject to range availability, shooters aged 12 and over may enter.
- On the Running Boar range, static concentric ring targets at 50 metres to be shot with sound moderated .22LR rifles. This competition is limited to shooters aged 12 and over.

In addition to the above, a range of fun targets will be set up on Time Limit range for all to shoot with air rifles. Re-entries are permitted subject to range availability.

Results, Awards and Trophies:

Trophies (gold silver and bronze) are usually awarded for the air rifle and .22LR competitions. Depending on the size and composition of the entry, either or both competitions may be split into two age groups and/or by gender and additional sets of trophies awarded.

6.3.3 Family Day

General:

This event is normally held in late summer (the current Club Shooting Programme should be consulted for precise timing), and is intended to be as much a social function as a shooting event. The main activities are a Junior Shoot (see Section 6.3.2), held in the morning, followed by a BBQ and picnic at lunch time, and a fun shoot for all the family in the afternoon. Children's amusements such as a 'bouncy castle' and a 'ball pond' are usually provided to entertain the younger participants from lunch time onwards.

All shooters must be accompanied by a Member, and Members are expected to assist with supervision and bring their own rifles and ammunition for their family and/or guests to use. This event is completely free to all Members, their families and/or guests, but participants must bring their own food for the BBQ and picnic.

Programme and Order of Shooting:

The event comprises the following shooting activities:-

- Junior Shoot (morning) - concentric ring targets at 25 metres to be shot with air rifles on Time Limit range primarily for under 12's; concentric ring targets at 50 metres to be shot with sound moderated .22LR rifles on the Running Boar range for shooters aged between 12 and 18; a range of fun targets for all to shoot with air rifles on Time Limit range.
- Fun Shoot (afternoon) - 50 metre DJV fox targets at 50 metres to be shot with sound moderated .22LR rifles on Time Limit range 'off hand' from the standing position for BSRC Members/guest shooters; concentric ring targets at 50 metres to be shot with sound moderated .22LR rifles on Time Limit range from a bench rest for 'non-shooting' family members and/or guests aged 12 and over; a range of fun targets for all to shoot with air rifles on Time Limit range.

NB: The best fox and the best concentric ring target scores for each family entering both competitions will be added together and entered for an additional family team prize.

Results, Awards and Trophies:

Trophies are awarded for the Junior Shoot as detailed in Section 6.3.2. Token prizes are awarded for the concentric ring target competition, and a novelty prize is usually awarded for the family team prize.

APPENDIX 1

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APPENDIX 2

Membership, Range Hire and Other Fees

A2.1 Membership Fees

Joining fee: £100.00 (free to applicants aged under 25)

Junior membership: £27.50
(aged under 18 at end of membership year)

Annual membership (NRA members): £60.00

Life membership:

Age at start (1 st January) of new year	Fee	
	non- NRA members	NRA members
40 or less	£1625	£1500
41 or 42	£1560	£1440
43 or 44	£1495	£1380
45 or 46	£1430	£1320
47	£1365	£1260
48	£1300	£1200
49	£1235	£1140
50	£1170	£1080
51	£1105	£1030

Age at start (1 st January) of new year	Fee	
	non- NRA members	NRA members
52	£1040	£960
53	£975	£900
54	£910	£840
55	£845	£780
56	£780	£720
57	£715	£660
58	£650	£600
59	£585	£540
60 or over	£520	£480

Affiliation fee: £60.00

Green fee: £10

Annual shooting pass: £80.00

NB1: The annual shooting pass covers all Range Days, Match Days, midweek statics when available, and confers a £4 discount on most match entry fees.

NB2: An annual shooting pass may be issued part way through the year (in quarters), charged on a pro-rata basis, to new members or to Members who have not previously held an annual shooting pass.

A2.2 Range Hire Fees

Range(s)	Half Day	Full Day
Statics only, shared use of range with MT shooters (all per shooter):		
BSRC Members & members of BSRC affiliated clubs -	£15	£25
Individual NRA members -	£20	£30
Others -	£30	£45
All commercial organisations -	£40	£60
Time Limit range (static targets only):	£65	£120
Statics only with sole use of ranges:		
BSRC Members & members of BSRC affiliated clubs -	£55	£100
Other individuals or organisations -	£75	£130
Use of electronic targets on statics where agreed (excludes fee for one RO) [*1]:	£30	£40
Running Deer or Running Boar (both with electronic targets) including Statics (without electronic targets) [*2]:		
BSRC Members & members of BSRC Affiliated Clubs only -	£70 [*3]	£130
Running Deer, Running Boar (both with electronic targets) and Statics (without electronic targets) [*2]:		
BSRC Members & members of BSRC Affiliated Clubs only -	£90 [*3]	£170
Mid-week use of Running Boar only by two or more BSRC Members, shared use of range [*2]:	By arrangement	
Corporate entertainment:		
One electronically scored range including coach and assistant but not rifles or ammunition, for ½ day for up to 12 shooters (add £10 for each additional shooter up to 24), for 1 day for up to 24 shooters (add £10 for each additional shooter over 24):		
• Statics -	£140	£220
• Moving target range -	£240	£400
Centrefire practice on simulated 40m Driven Boar for up to two shooters (includes Coach and Marker fees; add £30 for each additional shooter) -	£250	£410
Individual coaching (includes Coach/RO fee; add £30 for additional trainees where agreed):		
• On electronically scored Statics: BSRC Members -	£80	
Other individuals -	£140	
• On electronically scored MT range: BSRC Members -	£80	
Other individuals -	£170	
Use of Kitchen and Long Room [*4]:	£25	£25

Notes:

1. The RO fee (£50 half day, £80 full day) will be waived if a named BSRC Member who is also a BSRC qualified RO and experienced in the operation of the electronic targets will be present (see Section 3.10).
2. A BSRC qualified RO must be present (see Section 3.10).
3. Available on week days only.
4. A named BSRC Member must be present (see Section 3.10).

A2.3 Rifle Hire Fees and Ammunition and Target Prices

Hire per rifle (half day or full day): £15 (free to BSRC Members)

Ammunition:

NB: All ammunition must be used on the range on the day of purchase. Any unused ammunition must be returned to the RO.

.22LR Super Club	-	7p per round	£3.50 per box of 50 £30.00 per 500* £55.00 per 1000*
.22LR Speed Ace	-	10p per round	£5.00 per box of 50 £50 per 500* £100.00 per 1000*
.223Rem (American Eagle)	-	55p per round	£8.00 per box of 20 £38.00 per 100*
7.62x51 (MEN surplus) (.308W)	-	55p per round	£8.00 per box of 20 £38.00 per 100*
.177 air rifle pellets	-		£7.50 per tin of 500
.224" 52gr Sierra MK bullets	-		£70.00 per box of 500 £135.00 per 1000

*Those wishing to purchase blocks of .22LR ammunition, or larger quantities of centre fire ammunition, should contact Steve Wallis in advance to make arrangements. All ammunition purchased this way must be entered onto a valid FAC.

Targets:

Roe buck (100m)	-	£5.00 each; repair centres £1.00 each
Fox (100m)	-	£5.00 each; repair centres £1.00 each
Roe buck (50m)	-	£4.00 each; repair centres 50p each
Fox (50m)	-	£4.00 each; repair centres 50p each
Running boar	-	£4.00 each; repair centres 50p each
Orange diamond zero targets		50p per target

Patches:

Various	-	£2.00 per roll (qty 1000)
small black	-	£5.00 per roll (qty 2500)

APPENDIX 3

Provisional/Full Membership Forms

- Application form for Provisional/Full Membership (July 2009)
- Provisional Membership Attendance Record Sheet (May 2007)

THE BRITISH SPORTING RIFLE CLUB

President: Major J.M. Gough
Deputy President: J.M. Kynoch Vice-President: D.G. Carter

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM – 2009

Please Type or use Block Capitals

Full Name _____ Nationality _____
Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Occupation: (NB: Self employed is insufficient detail)

Home Tel: _____ Business Tel: _____ Fax/Mobile _____
e.mail _____

Your application should be signed by two Full BSRC Members who propose and second you. Alternatively, if you only know one Club Member, a suitable reference, perhaps from the secretary of another Home Office approved club, may be taken in lieu. *Failure to do this will inevitably cause delays in processing your application.*

Completed applications will be considered by the BSRC Executive Committee at the next meeting after receipt. If the application is approved, a Provisional Membership card will be issued and is valid for 6 months. Once the applicant has fulfilled the requirements of Provisional Membership, which includes the compulsory attendance at an Induction Course, application for Full Membership will be considered by the Executive Committee. Note that membership of the NRA is a requirement of Full Membership of BSRC. A Provisional Membership card cannot be used to support an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a Firearm Certificate.

A non-returnable joining fee of £100 together with the year's subscription of £60 must accompany this form along with two current passport type photographs. The subscription element will be returned in full if the application is rejected or proportionally if Full Membership is not confirmed. Those who join after 1st October pay only 50% of the subscription, that is £30. Cheques should be made payable to "BSRC".

I _____ hereby apply for membership of the British Sporting Rifle Club. I agree to abide by the Constitution and Shooting Rules of the Club, and such Regulations which may be passed by the Executive Committee and published from time to time.

I agree to attend an assessment panel, should this be considered necessary, prior to my application for either Provisional or Full Membership being considered by the Executive Committee.

Signed _____ Date _____

Proposed by full club member _____ Seconded by full club member _____

Signed _____ Signed _____

Print _____ Print _____

P.T.O.

If you are an NRA member please state your number in the box and please list any other shooting clubs/associations you currently belong to and state for how long.

Please state any shooting experience and qualifications (R.C.O. etc.) -- type and number of years

Please state target shooting experience:

Do you have a current Firearm Certificate? _____

For Rim fire Centre fire

If YES, its number _____

Expiry Date _____

Issued by _____

Held since _____

Please make the following declarations if you are able to. If you cannot, please explain on a separate sheet:

I declare that I am not prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition by reasons of the Firearms Act 1968 or any subsequent Act of Parliament.

Signed _____

Date _____

I declare that I have not had an application for a Firearm Certificate or Shotgun Certificate refused, or a Certificate revoked by the police.

Signed _____

Date _____

I agree to the Club keeping my membership details on a stand alone computer on the understanding that they will not be divulged to outside parties except as required by law. Where my name might appear in the Club's Newsletter, I agree to this being in a reference copy posted on a password protected BSRC website.

Signed _____

Date _____

Optional Information Do you already have? Centrefire Rifle(s) _____

Calibre(s) _____

.22 Rimfire Rifle(s) _____

Which disciplines do you intend to shoot?

Running Deer

Running Boar

Static Matches

In support of this application I enclose the following items (please tick):

A reference if appropriate

A cheque for £ _____ being the Joining Fee and Year's / 2nd half Year subscription.

Two current passport type photographs.

A stamped self-addressed envelope

When all aspects of your application are fully completed please return to me at the address below:

Anita Gardner Secretary BSRC
C/O NRA National Shooting Centre. Brookwood GU24 0PB
Tel 07824 740 538 (Office Hours)

BSRC Use Only

NRA Induction Course Required Y/N

Elected to Provisional Membership

THE BRITISH SPORTING RIFLE CLUB

Provisional Membership Attendance Record Sheet.

ITEM	DATE	RANGE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
MONTHLY CLUB MATCH (score cards to be submitted)		
CLUB SHOOTING EVENT		
CLUB SHOOTING EVENT		
RUNNING DEER COMPETENCY		
ITEM	DATE	TRAINING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
INDUCTION COURSE		
I have had sufficient instruction and practice in operating the moving targets as a Line Officer to feel confident in taking my turn in this duty.		
PROVISIONAL MEMBER NAME & NO.		
SIGNATURE		
EXPIRY DATE		

You have until the above **expiry date** to undertake an Induction Course, and take part in at least three Club shooting activities.

You will normally be expected to attend the first available Induction Course following election to Provisional Membership. The Induction Course will include instruction on the Club rules and regulations, the operation of the ranges and range equipment, manual marking in the butts, the safe handling of firearms on BSRC's ranges and familiarisation with the Club's competitions.

At least one of the three shooting activities must be a Monthly Club Match, for which evidence of participation (score cards) must be submitted on the day. The other two may be any Club shooting activity at the Club's ranges at Bisley, e.g. Range Day, Memorial Match, Stalker's Match, Historic Match, Christmas Match or Monthly Match. **Make sure that the Range Officer of the day signs the form before you leave the range.**

NB1: If you do not hold a Firearms Certificate you must be supervised by the Range Officer or a Full Member who holds a Firearms Certificate until you have completed an Induction Course.

NB2: When shooting the Running Deer you are required to adopt a ready position with the rifle held horizontally until you are deemed competent by a BSRC qualified Range Officer. When you consider yourself ready you will need to arrange for the Range Officer to observe you shoot, confirm your competency and sign this form.

Not more than one attendance may be recorded on this sheet in any one month, although you are welcome to attend more if you wish. During some of these attendances you are expected to become proficient at acting as Line Officer under the guidance of the Range Officer.

When you have been a Probationary Member for at least three months, attended all three events and completed your Induction Course, send or give the form to the Secretary for consideration for election to Full Membership at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Friedel de Beer (Secretary)
BSRC, C/O NRA, National Shooting Centre, Brookwood, GU24 0PB

November 2009

APPENDIX 4

Notes for CROs/ROs

A4.1 General

All events organised by the BSRC will be supervised by a Chief Range Officer (CRO) appointed by the Executive Committee, who will be a suitably qualified and experienced club member. The CRO is responsible for all matters relating to the safe conduct of shooting during that event, and has the full authority of the Executive Committee.

The CRO must be familiar with the BSRC Range Safety Regulations (see Section 3.9) and the Shooting Rules (see Section 5), and ensure that they are implemented. The CRO must also familiarise himself with the programme and order of shooting for the event (see Section 6).

The CRO will be assisted by one or more Range Officers (ROs) appointed by the Executive Committee. In addition, shooters will be expected to take part in range duties such as marking in the butts or acting as Line Officer (LO), i.e. an RO whose duties are to operate the mechanism of the Running Boar or Running Deer ranges, or to control the shooting on the Statics range. It is the CRO's responsibility to allocate the appointed ROs and any additional LOs their duties. Overall responsibility for all duties delegated, however, remains with the appointed CRO.

A4.2 Safety and Security

Before commencing shooting in the morning and after the lunch break, the CRO or an RO must establish radio contact with the NRA Range Office using one of the BSRC radio sets from the shelf opposite the door in the back office of the Club House (see Section 3.7.1) and obtain permission. The CRO and an RO must **both** have a radio set with them **at all times**. It is strongly recommended that either the CRO or an RO use one of the ear pieces provided to ensure effective monitoring in the noisy environment of the Firing Area. The ear pieces plug into the top of the radio and fit over the ear underneath a normal set of ear defenders. **Note that the speaker on the radio does not operate when an ear piece is plugged in.** The CRO or an RO must also advise the NRA Range Office when shooting has ceased at lunchtime and at the end of the day. If the yard bell on the Running Deer Firing Area hut rings it's because the NRA Range Office have been unable to contact you via the radio. In this event, lift any telephone receiver on the range and dial 9152.

For reasons of safety all rifles must be made safe at all times when they are not on a Firing Point or if the range is not in a safe condition for shooting to take place. This means that rifles must be unloaded and either have their bolts removed, their actions opened and breech flags fitted, or be 'cased'. Rifles may only be loaded or fired on a Firing Point and under the command of the Range Officer (RO). Rifles must not be handled on a Firing Point (including the dry firing area) if a red flag is showing or if the safety lights are operating, or if any person is exposed forward of a Firing Point. Rifles may not be removed from a Firing Point unless and until the RO or Line Officer has verified that they are safe.

Rifles that are demonstrably safe (i.e. as described above) may be placed in the racks in the Firing Areas or, if 'cased', may be placed on the shooting benches at any time. Rifles must not be handled away from the Firing Areas other than to carry them to/from the Firing Area, except in the dry firing area and with the express permission of the RO. Rifles that are demonstrably safe may only be 'worked on' (e.g. cleaned) away from the Firing Areas (e.g. under the old statics canopy) with the express permission of the RO.

NB: The Firing **Areas** are the moving target firing point huts and the walled area under the statics canopy. The Firing **Points** are the firing bays within the moving target huts, and the firing line under the statics canopy. Note that the latter may be anywhere from the shooting benches to the grass bank forward of the canopy.

Shooters are responsible for the security of their rifles and ammunition which must never be left unattended. This means that all rifles (either with or without the bolt installed) and ammunition must at all times either be secured or remain under the immediate control of a relevant person. Secured means either locked in a car, locked in the back office of the Club House or locked in a firing point hut with the front shutters bolted. A relevant person is the owner of the rifle or ammunition or, at BSRC events only, any BSRC Member.

A4.3 Opening Up the Range

The CRO must visit the NRA Range Office, sign the BSRC Blue Book and draw the appropriate keys. There are three sets of keys:

- The set with the red tag which includes keys for the Running Deer Motor Room and Firing Point, and the Middle Target Shed.
- A larger set with the above plus keys for both Running Boar butts and the Firing Point.
- A separate key for the Club House.

It is recommended that the CRO read the instructions contained in Section 3 before opening up the ranges, particularly if he does not have recent experience - the procedures and/or equipment may have changed. The following points of particular importance are highlighted below for convenience:

- Switch on the red safety lights (see Section 3.8) and put out red flags as required **before** going down range.
- On the moving target ranges, **never** cross or step inside the target rails when the power to the motor is switched on.
- Do not apply power to a moving target range until **all** target doors have been opened and secured using the tie-back hooks, and the track has been confirmed to be clear of obstructions.

In addition, the following points should be noted:

- On the Running Deer range, do not forget to walk the target track to check that it is clear of obstructions and that the towing cables are correctly routed in their guides (see placards on target exit doors).
- When using the electronic targets on the Statics range, take care not to cross connect the targets at the target shed connections, or the monitors at the firing point connections. Check that the printers are switched on (black rocker switch below the key pad).

In order to maximise range capacity, CROs and shooters should endeavour to ensure that the first shots are fired on both the Running Deer and the Running Boar immediately following the siren to signal the start shooting (normally at 08.30).

Finally, remember to contact the NRA Range Office using one of the BSRC radios from the back office of the Club House and obtain permission **before** shooting is commenced.

A4.4 The Conduct of Shooting

At all Club events, the CRO is responsible for ensuring that the activities of all three ranges are co-ordinated, that all shooters are given equal opportunity to participate in all of the Club's activities, and that the capacity of the ranges is maximised.

At Monthly Club Matches this will entail the CRO ensuring that no individual shooter takes undue time to complete a series, and that the flow of shooters is maintained on the moving target ranges.

On Club Range Days, he will ensure that no shooter occupies any range for excessive periods where others are waiting to shoot. If requested to do so, during the lunch break the CRO may replace the left hand target frame with an electronic target trolley for use by Members competent in the operation of the electronic target system. The trolley will be configured with an electronic target on the left hand side and a frame containing zeroing targets on the right hand side. **Use of the electronic target is strictly limited to match practice only, and may not be used for zeroing.** The type of electronic target displayed (buck or fox) may be swapped at a convenient point during the afternoon.

Where necessary (i.e. when not using electronic targets or in the absence of dedicated markers), the CRO will ensure that shooters are given the opportunity to change targets on the Statics range at appropriate intervals (usually every 30 minutes). The CRO will co-ordinate any such interruptions with the overall shooting programme and will ensure that a shooter is not interrupted during a series.

In the interests of safety, on the Statics range the CRO will ensure that no shooter fires from the prone position forward of the shooting benches (grass bank) unless there are at least two unused shooting lanes either side of his lane, and that no shooter fires from the sitting, kneeling or standing positions forward of the shooting benches (rubber strip) unless there is at least one unused shooting lane either side of his lane.

The CRO will ensure that no shooting is allowed to take place outside the permitted hours determined by the NRA.

A4.5 Shooters

The CRO must ensure that all persons intending to shoot are eligible and have registered and paid any range fees, or hold a valid annual 'Shooting Pass' before shooting. He must ascertain, as far as practicable, that any guests wishing to shoot are not prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under the Firearms Acts. He must also ensure that a guest intending to use a centrefire rifle is in possession of a valid personal authorisation, such as a Firearms Certificate, for the firearm; guests are not permitted to use the Club's centre fire rifles (see Section 4.4.2). Without such authorisation guests will be permitted to use only a rim fire rifle or an air rifle. The CRO must ensure that Members are fully aware that they are responsible for their guests, and that they must

supervise them at all times while on the range. Guests and their host must complete and sign the proforma with the Range Attendance Register.

The CRO must ensure that:

- a) young persons under the age of 12 years are not allowed to shoot on any range except with an air rifle and when under the constant supervision of an adult;
- b) young persons under the age of 14 years are not allowed to use a centre fire rifle;
- c) young persons under the age of 16 years are accompanied by an adult Full Member at all times when on the firing point or in possession of a firearm;
- d) young persons under the age of 11 years are not allowed in the butts of the Running Boar or Running Deer range when shooting is taking place or the mechanism is operative.

The CRO must stop any shooter deemed to be acting in a dangerous manner from firing again until the circumstances have been investigated. This includes accidental discharge of a rifle or use of an unsafe rifle or ammunition. **The CRO must take particular care to ensure that rifles are held horizontally and pointed down range in the general direction of the stop butt whilst the action is being closed (or opened after being closed) on a live round.**

Provisional Members are requested to report to the CRO after registering. The CRO must ascertain which activities the Provisional Member wishes to take part in, and ensure that appropriate assistance is given. If necessary, the CRO may enlist the help of suitably experienced and willing Members. The CRO is responsible for signing the records of Provisional Members attending a Club Match or a Range Day in support of their application for Full Membership. In signing the record, the CRO certifies that the Provisional Member has participated safely in a significant part of the Club's competitive programme, and has been adequately supervised and instructed. Attendance at the range alone, or only to zero a rifle, is insufficient to satisfy the Home Office requirements for Full Membership.

After a Club Match, he will ensure that scores are forwarded promptly to the BSRC Captain for publication and the Club's records.

A4.6 Markers

In the unusual event of Markers being used, the CRO must ensure that Markers are adequately instructed on their duties and on safety. He must ensure that copies of the written instructions for Markers are available to them in the butts. If necessary, he must ensure that the Markers are supervised by an experienced member until they are competent to work unsupervised.

NB: A summary of key information is given in the form of Notes for Markers for the Running Boar and Running Deer ranges in Appendices 5 and 6 respectively.

When paid Markers are employed, on dismissal at the end of the day's shooting the CRO will complete the form authorising the NRA to pay the Marker(s) in duplicate. The top copy is to be given to the Marker(s); the second copy remains in the Marker book.

A4.7 Rifles and Ammunition

The general limitations on the Running Deer and Statics ranges are:

Calibre .577"

Muzzle Velocity 3275 ft/sec

Muzzle Energy 3320 ft lbs (4500 Joules)

The Running Deer range is further limited to a maximum calibre of 8mm, and a case capacity not exceeding that of the 30-06, i.e. no 'magnum' rounds. In addition, although within the range limits, the use of any .338 calibre is prohibited on all Bisley ranges due to the MoD requirement for a Range Danger Area (RDA) of 3700m; the RDA for the BSRC centrefire ranges is 2900m.

The Mid Running Boar and 50 metre zeroing ranges are both essentially limited to .22" rim fire. The use of .17HMR is expressly prohibited as it exceeds the range muzzle velocity limitation.

Time Limit range is limited to .22" rim fire and Gallery Rifles (pistol calibre centre fire rifles) for which the limitations are:

Calibre .455"

Muzzle Velocity 2150 ft/sec

Muzzle Energy 1496 ft/lbs

The use of .17HMR on Time Limit range is expressly prohibited as it exceeds the range muzzle velocity limitation.

The Running Target range is limited to air rifles with a muzzle energy of less than 12 ft lbs and a calibre of 0.177" (4.5mm).

With regard to centrefire rifles, it is clearly impractical for the CRO to check that all shooters abide by the range limitations other than in respect of calibre and case size; the onus lies with the shooter. It is possible to load many calibres such that the range limits are exceeded. For most commonly used calibres however, factory loaded ammunition and moderate hand loads will almost always be within range limits. Two exceptions are the .22-250 and the .220 Swift which are banned from BSRC ranges for this reason.

Apart from exceeding range limitations, extreme hand loads can be dangerous. The signs of dangerous ammunition are described in Appendix 14 of the NRA's Rules of Shooting and include difficult extraction, split or marked cases, 'popping' or flattened primers and excessive recoil.

In the event of any apparent misfire, keep the rifle pointing in a safe direction and wait for at least one minute before attempting to open the action. When opening the action wear safety spectacles or avert your eyes, keep your head out of line with bolt, keep the rifle pointing down range with the butt supported and clear the area to the rear, open the bolt slowly with the finger tips only and do not grasp. When a misfired cartridge is removed from a rifle, **make sure that the cartridge comes out complete with the bullet.**

No attempt may be made to fire any apparently misfired cartridge if there is any marking on the primer. Misfired ammunition must not be placed in a rubbish bin; the NRA Armoury has facilities for the safe disposal of misfired ammunition.

The maximum weight of a centrefire rifle is 5.5kg for both Class A and Class B, the latter to include the weight of all attachments, e.g. the sling (if fitted) and any sound moderator or rifle-mounted bipod to be used.

The minimum trigger pull for any rifle, with or without a set trigger, is 500 grams.

NB: See Section 4 for full details on rifles and ammunition.

A4.8 Targets

At Club Matches the CRO must ensure that suitable competition targets are available on the Running Boar, the Running Deer and Statics ranges. In addition, the ISSF and NSR Rules require the availability of an appropriate zero range for Moving Target rifles. This will be provided for the 50 m Running Boar and 100 m Running Deer shooters whenever practicable. However, shooters should be warned that there will be only limited opportunities to change or patch targets, particularly when the electronic targets are in use on the Statics range.

On Range Days shooters are responsible for providing their own zero targets for the Statics range, or purchasing them from the Club at nominal cost. All targets must be attached to 36 inch high boards (24 inch on the 50 metre .22LR zeroing range) and fitted into the target frames. Suitable boards are available in the Target Shed or shooters may provide their own. The CRO must ensure that shooters do not use targets composed of unsuitable materials (see Section 3.9). On the Running Boar and Running Deer ranges, shooters should, as far as is practicable, use patched targets or centres rather than a competition target. The CRO must ensure that zeroing targets are not attached to the Running Boar or Running Deer targets, nor to the Roebuck or Sitting Fox competition target boards used on the Statics range.

A4.9 Closing the Range

When shooting has finished, the CRO will use the radio to inform the NRA Range Office that all shooting has ceased (see Section 3.7.1).

The CRO is responsible for closing the ranges and should refer to the instructions contained in Section 3, particularly if he does not have recent experience - the procedures and/or equipment may have changed. The following points of particular importance are highlighted below for convenience:

- make sure that the power supply to the red safety lights is switched **off** (see Section 3.8),
- on the moving target ranges, switch off power to the motors using the motor switches as described in Sections 3.2.1 and 3.3.1, **not** the main isolators,
- check that the Running Target range is switched off **both** at the target run **and** the firing point,
- check that the power supply to the electronic target system in the Running Boar waiting room is switched **off**,
- check that all power sockets and switches in the Kitchen are switched off, but do **not** switch off the power to the telephone exchange in the Clubhouse,
- check that the tubular heaters in the middle and long target sheds, and the Running Deer Motor Room are left **on** in winter.

The CRO will ensure that the Club's rifles and all unused Club ammunition are returned to secure storage, and that no rifles or ammunition belonging to members are left on the range or in the

Clubhouse. The radios must be switched off and returned to their chargers in the back office of the Club House.

The CRO must sign the Range Attendance Register, and complete a Range Condition Report. He must write a cheque, payable to BSRC, to cover all of the cash takings and forward this together with any cheques taken on the day, the Range Attendance Register and the Range Condition Report to the Treasurer at the address below:

Mr C Sach
Stockings House
Coleshill
Nr Amersham
Bucks
HP7 0JX

APPENDIX 5

50 Metre Running Boar - Notes for Markers

A5.1 Safety

- Do **not** at any time rest on or put a foot inside the target frame or rails. The target may move at any time without warning. When changing target centres or carrying out repairs make sure that the power to the motor is switched off (RUNNING BOAR MACHINE switch to OFF, i.e. down), and that the Line Officer at the firing point (telephone no. 2102) knows exactly what is happening.
- Always patch the target **before** signalling the score. The Line Officer will assume that you are clear of the target once signalling has been completed.
- When working in the butts you are safe only so long as you remain within the protected area. A red flag raised from the butts means an immediate cease fire, but you should never assume that shooting has ceased unless you are so instructed from the firing point. You must always remember that, even though shooting has ceased on the Running Boar range itself, it may still be continuing on the Statics or Running Deer ranges.
- When leaving the butts do so only with the permission of the Line Officer at the firing point. Put out a red flag when instructed to do so and use only the personnel access door (i.e. **not** the target doors) to leave the right hand butt.

A5.2 General

The normal course of fire is two series, each series comprising 2 sighting shots in each direction followed by 10 shots to count in each direction. The first series consists of Slow Runs (5 seconds travel), the second consists of Fast Runs (2.5 seconds travel). In the British Running Boar Championships, each of the two series comprises the full course of fire of two series of 2 sighting shots in each direction followed by 15 shots to count in each direction.

For mixed runs the course of fire is two series, each series comprising 4 sighting shots (one slow then one fast in each direction) followed by 10 shots to count in each direction. After the sighting shots, neither you nor the shooter will know if the next run of the target will be fast or slow.

A5.3 Scoring

During informal matches the scores that you signal will be the only record of the score. They should be your best estimate of its value; there is no need to use a gauge in the butts. If the shot touches the line, the higher score counts. If in doubt, err on the 'low' side.

During formal matches when the targets are to be taken away for scoring, it is most important that the targets are kept in as near to perfect condition as possible; the shot holes should not be touched except to cover them with a patch.

A5.4 Patching

Target centres are re-used during informal matches. All shots on the boar are covered with black patches, any off the boar with white patches.

For formal matches a new target centre is used for each competitor. The sighting shots are covered with black patches, the scoring shots with transparent patches. The last shot on each side must be left unpatched. It is most important that there is a full complement of patches on the target centre. If sighting shots are not taken, then an equivalent number of black patches must be placed on the target centre outside of the scoring rings. Whenever there is a 'miss', the appropriate patch is placed over the shot hole if it is on the target centre, or on the top left of the target centre, outside of the scoring rings if it is not. The transparent patches should not be placed directly on top of each other, but should overlap so that it is easy for the scorer to count the total number of patches.

NB: Wherever possible, patches should be placed so as not to cover the scoring line.

A5.5 Signalling the Score

Use the RED hand to signal the shot value (0 - 10), and the BLACK hand to signal the clock position (1 - 12 o'clock) of the shot (NB: You are looking at the back of the clock when you signal):

- move the hands to the shot value and position for the LEFT target first,
- count up to four slowly,
- bring both hands back to the 6 o'clock position in a deliberate movement,
- count up to three slowly,
- repeat for the RIGHT target.

MISS - if there is a shot hole on the target, signal 0 with the red hand and its position with the black hand. If there is no obvious shot hole on the target, bring the red hand to 0 then slowly move the black hand around the clock whilst counting up to four.

CENTRAL 10 - red hand to 10, then slowly move the black hand round the clock whilst counting up to four.

6 AT 6 O'CLOCK - 'wobble' both hands about the 6.

A5.6 Target Changing

Never change targets, step inside or touch the target frame unless you have first switched off the power to the motor. The switch to be used is on the post above the motor unit. Do not use the main switch on the wall; this isolates all the electrics including the CCTV.

For formal matches a new target centre is used for each competitor. For an important match, the full target repair centre will be used which includes the 'nose' of the Boar. For other matches, repair centres with only the scoring rings will be used. It is most important that the guide marks which help locate the repair centres accurately are used when stapling the targets to the board. Any holes which are off the removable target centre must be covered with an appropriately coloured patch. It

is also very important that you correctly identify the targets according to the instructions given to you from the firing point.

NB: Do not allow a build up of old staples on the target board but remove them regularly. When using the staple gun, hold it at a slight angle so that the staples stand proud at one end making them easier to remove.

Once the targets have been changed, the power should be switched on again. The CRO will instruct you how to signal that the target is ready to run again. This is often by means of a card with the word 'READY' held in front of the CCTV camera.

A5.7 Keeping a Register

A butt Register will normally be kept during formal matches. The Register will contain an accurate record of the scores signalled, which will be maintained by a Register Keeper. However, it is normally used only as a check against the scores taken from the targets later. The Register will identify the shooter by a coded number (usually the competitor number), not by name.

APPENDIX 6

100 Metre Running Deer - Notes for Markers

A6.1 Safety

- Do **not** at any time rest on or put a foot inside the target frame or rails. The target may move at any time without warning. When changing target centres or carrying out repairs make sure that the power to the motor is switched off (POWER switch on front of motor unit to OFF), and that the Line Officer at the firing point (telephone no. 2105) knows exactly what is happening.
- Always patch the target **before** signalling the score. The Line Officer will assume that you are clear of the target once signalling has been completed.
- When working in the butts you are safe only so long as you remain within the protected area. Do **not** go behind the target rails while shooting is taking place; stay on the motor unit side. A red flag raised from the butts means an immediate cease fire, but you should never assume that shooting has ceased unless you are so instructed from the firing point. You must always remember that, even though shooting has ceased on the Running Deer range itself, it may still be continuing on the Statics or Running Boar ranges.
- When leaving the butts do so only with the permission of the Line Officer at the firing point. Use only the personnel access door to leave the right hand butt. **Never** use the target doors. When returning to the firing point, keep behind the earth bank; do not attempt to take a short cut across the range to the firing point.

A6.2 General

The Singles competition comprises 2 sighting shots in each direction followed by 10 shots to count in each direction. Only one shot is taken on each run of the target, i.e. the series comprises a total of 24 runs, 12 in each direction.

The Doubles competition comprises 2 sighting shots in each direction followed by 10 shots to count in each direction. Two shots are taken on each run of the target, i.e. the series comprises a total of 12 runs, 6 in each direction.

The Deer Test comprises 1 sighting shot in each direction followed by 5 shots to count in each direction. Only one shot is taken on each run of the target, i.e. the series comprises a total of 12 runs, 6 in each direction.

The Swedish Deer Test comprises six shots to count in each direction. Using the 'Stop at Wall' facility, the first shot of each run is taken with the target stationary, the second with the target in motion, i.e. the series comprises a total of 6 runs, 3 in each direction.

A6.3 Scoring

During informal matches the scores that you signal will be the only record of the score. They should be your best estimate of its value; there is no need to use a gauge in the butts during informal matches. If the shot touches the line, the higher score counts. When gauging is required during formal matches, this will be carried out by the Register Keeper.

A6.4 Patching

All shots on the deer are covered with brown patches, any off the deer with white patches. Wherever possible, patches should be placed so as not to cover the scoring line.

A6.5 Signalling the Score

Use the RED hand to signal the shot value (0 - 5), and the WHITE hand to signal the clock position (1 - 12 o'clock) of the shot (NB: You are looking at the back of the clock when you signal):

- move the hands to the shot value and position for the LEFT target first,
- count up to four slowly,
- bring both hands back to the 6 o'clock position in a deliberate movement,
- count up to three slowly,
- repeat for the RIGHT target.

When scoring Doubles, signal both shots for the LEFT target first, starting with the lower value, followed by the shots for the RIGHT target. Leave a slightly longer pause between the scores for the two halves of the target, i.e. count up to five rather than three.

The Swedish Deer Test should be scored as per Doubles, except there is no need to indicate the position of the shots.

MISS - if there is a shot hole on the target, signal 0 with the red hand and its position with the white hand. If there is no obvious shot hole on the target, bring the red hand to 0 then slowly move the white hand around the clock whilst counting up to four.

CENTRAL 5 - red hand to 5, then slowly move the white hand round the clock whilst counting up to four.

A6.6 Keeping a Register

A butt Register will normally be kept during formal matches. The Register will contain an accurate record of the scores signalled, which will be maintained by a Register Keeper. The Register will identify the shooter by a coded number (usually the competitor number), not by name. A note should always be made in the Register when the gauge is used (8.0 mm diameter) or if there is an elongated hole ('skid' shot), as well as the record of the decision.

APPENDIX 7

BSRC Constitution

THE CONSTITUTION of the BRITISH SPORTING RIFLE CLUB

Approved by AGM 23rd June 1996. Amended by EGM 29th September 1998 to add Clause 33. Amended by AGM 15th May 2005 to modify Clauses 4 and 15. Amended by AGM 15th June 2008 to modify Clauses 4, 8, 15, 18 and 23, and to add Clause 34.

[The male he or his has been used throughout this Constitution. This is for convenience and should be taken to include the female she or her when appropriate.]

About the Club

- 1 The name of the Club is the 'British Sporting Rifle Club' (BSRC). The Club will have at least ten members of good character. (The current membership is about 280.)
- 2 The objectives of the Club are:
 - (a) To encourage and promote competitive shooting with the sporting rifle, in particular the International Shooting Union (UIT) and Nordic Shooting Region (NSR) Moving Target and similar matches.
 - (b) To seek to improve the facilities available for such competitions in Great Britain, and to do everything in its power to ensure that this country is worthily represented in the moving target and sporting rifle events at International Championships and Olympic Games.
 - (c) To work for the greatest safety and accuracy in the use of the sporting rifle on the range and in the field.
 - (d) To work for the highest standards of sportsmanship and fellowship in both competitive and leisure shooting activities.
- 3 To achieve its objectives, the Club will maintain shooting facilities suitable for the categories of firearms and ammunition in use and ensure that members are facilitated in their training in the use of the sporting rifle. The Club will hold copies of any Safety Certificates for the ranges it is responsible for.

The Club will ensure that suitable members are trained and qualified to instruct members in relevant shooting techniques and to advise on the purchase and use of suitable shooting equipment. The Club will also ensure that an adequate number of members, and others who may use the range facilities, are suitably trained to supervise shooting on its ranges.

The Club will be affiliated to its National Governing Bodies (NGB) being the National Rifle Association (NRA) for the Running Deer and the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA), for the Running Boar and Running Target disciplines.

Managing the Club

- 4 The Officers of the Club are a Chairman, a Captain, a Vice Captain an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer. Additional Offices may be created by the Executive Committee, and filled from elected Executive Committee Members, as and when it deems necessary for the efficient running of the Club. The Hon. Secretary and/or Hon. Treasurer may serve on the Committee in a Non Executive (i.e. non voting) capacity if he is not a Full Member of the Club. The Executive Committee, by whom the Club and its property are managed, shall consist of not more than ten Executive Members which shall include the Executive Officers of the Club but not include any Non Executive Officers. A quorum of

the Executive Committee shall be four, of whom at least two shall be Executive Officers of the Club.

The duties of the Club's Officers include:

Chairman: To chair all Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, to liaise with other shooting organisations on matters of mutual interest, and to represent the views of the Executive Committee and the membership when appropriate. [In the absence of the Chairman, the responsibilities of the Chairman devolve to one of the Executive Officers among the members of the Executive Committee present.]

Captain: jointly with the Vice-Captain: To be responsible for all shooting matters within the Club and to work to maintain safe and accurate standards of shooting among the membership.

Hon. Secretary: To maintain records of the Club's affairs and to deal with all membership matters.

Hon. Treasurer: To be responsible for the club's financial affairs and to prepare accounts for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

Additional duties will be agreed between the members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will propose two Independent Examiners for election by the AGM each year to inspect the Club's accounts and verify their accuracy. The Independent Examiners need not be members of the Club but must not be members of the Executive Committee or related to anybody who is. If an Independent Examiner elected by the AGM is unable to fulfil his duties, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement.

The Executive Committee will nominate a member of the Committee who holds a personal Firearms Certificate to be the Responsible Officer of the Club to hold a Firearms Certificate on behalf of the Club.

- 5 In order to expedite Club business, the Chairman may request that some routine business of the Executive Committee be conducted by Post. If any member of the Executive Committee should object to any matter being decided in this manner, the matter in question will be deferred until a meeting can be convened. The response from members of the Executive Committee to a request to conduct business by post must be in writing and be signed and dated. A quorum of Executive Committee members must respond within a time scale determined by the Chairman. Any business conducted by post must be minuted and formally validated at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Exceptionally, when timeliness is important, the Chairman may seek opinions on any matter from all available members of the Executive Committee, by telephone, e-mail or other means. Subject to a quorum, and written verification of the views expressed by the members of the Executive Committee being delivered as soon as practicable, he may take any consequent action.
- 6 If any Officer of the Club or Member of the Executive Committee does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee, the Executive Committee may, by majority vote, remove him from Office.

The Executive Committee may co-opt, with their written assent, Full Members of the Club to fill any vacancies on the Committee. These co-opted members will have the full rights of elected members of the Executive Committee and serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Committee may also co-opt additional Non Executive members to advise them on any matter, to assist in the organisation and running of any Club Match or function

or to provide expertise in managing the Club's business affairs. Such Non Executive members, who need not be members of the Club, shall not vote at Executive Committee Meetings but they may attend such meetings when they are invited by the Executive Committee.

Club Membership

7 Members of the Club are:

- (a) Honorary Members
- (b) Full Members comprising
 - (i) Honorary Life Members
 - (ii) Life Members
 - (iii) Annual Members
- (c) Provisional Members
- (d) Junior Members
- (e) Junior Provisional Members
- (f) Associate Members

8 It is the Club's view that a strong NGB is imperative to the well being of the sport. It shall therefore be a pre-requisite of Full Membership and of the future election to Life Membership that the applicant be an Individual Member of the NRA. Life Members are expected to maintain their NRA membership beyond the year of their election. Membership of the Club is open to all under the following Admissions Procedure:

Applications to join the Club as a Full Member will be made on the form approved by the Executive Committee accompanied by payment of the current 'Joining Fee' and 'Annual Subscription'. This form shall be signed by two Full Members of the Club, who are prepared to propose and second the election of the applicant. If the applicant can only find one Full Member to sponsor him, a suitable reference in lieu may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be accepted. Applications shall be submitted to and considered by the Executive Committee who shall vote on the suitability of each candidate. Two or more adverse votes shall cause the rejection of the applicant. The Executive Committee may require any candidate to be interviewed by its nominee(s) before his candidature is accepted. The Executive Committee will not knowingly accept into Full or Provisional Membership any person who is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under the Firearms Acts.

If the vote is favourable the applicant will be declared 'elected to Provisional Membership'. Provisional Membership must last for the minimum period specified by the Home Office. During this time Provisional Members must attend an Induction Course which includes instruction in the safe handling of firearms. This attendance must be recorded on the form provided, by a the Instructor. The Instructor for the Induction Course will be a Coach, Instructor or Range Conducting Officer holding a qualification recognised by the Great Britain Target Shooting Federation, NRA or NSRA, or an Officer or Executive Committee Member who holds a Firearms Certificate and has at least two years Full Membership of the Club. Provisional Members must also participate in Club shooting fixtures on at least three occasions, having their attendance recorded by a Range Officer on the attendance register form provided. Not more than one attendance per calendar month is eligible for recording (they may attend more frequently if desired). Provisional Members will be expected to take part in a substantial part of the Club's shooting activities on the occasions they attend, and to submit evidence in the form of score cards, though lack of prowess will not be a criterion affecting transfer to Full Membership. When these criteria have been achieved, and subject to the minimum probationary period, Provisional Members may submit their completed attendance forms to the Hon. Secretary for review by the Executive

Committee who shall vote on the proposal that Full Membership shall be confirmed. If not more than one adverse vote is cast, the applicant shall be declared 'elected to Full Membership of the Club'.

The Club shall not have more probationary Provisional Members than Full Members at any time. Probationary Provisional Members will be under constant supervision of the Range Officer and/or a Full Member who holds a Firearms Certificate when in possession of a firearm or ammunition.

Provisional membership will be reviewed regularly by the Executive Committee. Provisional Members who fail to achieve the prescribed criteria during the first six months of membership may have their membership terminated. The Executive Committee shall have the power to extend the probationary period in exceptional circumstances. If membership is terminated, the 'Joining Fee' will be forfeited. Termination for this reason will not prejudice re-application later. .

A person applying to join the Club as a Full Member who is already a Full (shooting) member of another club approved for the same type of firearms or who is a Firearms Certificate holder or who is otherwise authorised to possess the same type of firearms for which the BSRC is approved, may be exempted from part of the Provisional Membership requirements. This exemption may include the otherwise mandatory probation period, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The minimum requirement will be that he attends an induction course. If this exemption is claimed, the applicant must provide verifiable evidence of his right to that exemption.

- 9 Young persons over the age of 12 years applying for and granted membership of the Club will be known as Junior Provisional Members and Junior Members respectively until they reach the age of 18 years. The conditions attached to Junior Provisional Membership will be the same as those for Provisional Membership in Clause 8 above. No 'Joining Fee' is required and the annual subscription shall be one half of the rate for adult membership, but in all other respects application for membership will be dealt with as in Clause 8. Junior Members and Junior Provisional Members under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult Full Member at all times when attending Club shooting fixtures.
- 10 Anyone who has an interest in the activities of the Club as non-shooters may apply to the Executive Committee to become non-shooting Associate Members of the Club. An Associate Member may receive copies of the BSRC News Letters. An Associate Member may not vote at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings. An Associate Member may be elected to the Office of Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer of the Club , serving in a Non Executive (non voting) capacity but to no other Office. Associate Membership may not be used as 'good reason' to acquire or possess a firearm or ammunition under the Firearms Acts.
- 11 The Club may, at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, elect to Honorary Membership of the Club such persons whose services to the club or to shooting with the sporting rifle it desires to recognise. Should the person already be a Full Member of the Club, he will retain that status and be known as an Honorary Life Member, otherwise an Honorary Member shall not vote at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, nor be elected to the Executive Committee of the Club. Honorary Membership alone may not be used as 'good reason' to acquire or possess a firearm or ammunition under the Firearms Acts.
- 12 The Club may, at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, elect as President or Vice Presidents of the Club such persons whose services to the Club or to shooting with the

sporting rifle it desires to recognise. A Vice President may be nominated by the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting to be Deputy President of the Club. The President and Vice Presidents may be either Honorary or Full Members of the Club.

- 13 The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed one twentieth of the Full Membership of the Club. The number of Vice Presidents shall not exceed four at any one time.
- 14 A Home Office approved rifle club, or a club whose members each have a valid Firearms Certificate or other authority to possess firearms and ammunition, may seek affiliation to the BSRC. The range hire fee for Affiliated Clubs will be reduced. The members of Affiliated Clubs will be Associate Members of the Club and may be invited to take part in matches normally confined to BSRC members. The annual affiliation fee will be determined by the Executive Committee. Exceptionally, where an Affiliated Club has made a significant contribution to the assets or running of the Club during the past year, the Executive Committee may waive part or all of the annual affiliation fee.

Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

- 15 As early as possible in each fiscal year, the Club will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which two Officers of the Club and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to hold office until the next AGM. A quorum for an AGM of the Club will be twelve Full Members of the Club or one half of the current Full Members if this is less. An agenda shall be sent to each member giving three weeks notice of the meeting, including date, time and venue. The agenda will include:
 - 1 Details of the AGM;
 - 2 Minutes of the last AGM;
 - 3 Matters arising from the Minutes;
 - 4 Reports from Club Officers;
 - 5 Election of Club Officers and Executive Committee
 - 6 Election of Independent Examiners
 - 7 Any other business.

Nominations of candidates desiring election to the Executive Committee must include the signature of the proposer and seconder, and the written consent of the candidate. The AGM will elect a Chairman, an Hon. Secretary and the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Candidates may be nominated for Chairman and Hon. Secretary, but may not be elected to more than one Office. A candidate who is nominated for election as Chairman and/or Hon. Secretary but who is unsuccessful will automatically have his name added to those seeking election as ordinary members of the Executive Committee if eligible unless he signifies otherwise. The Offices of Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon. Treasurer and any other Offices deemed necessary by the Executive Committee will be allocated by the Executive Committee from the remaining elected committee members, normally at its first meeting following the AGM. The complement and allocation of the Offices other than Chairman and Hon. Secretary may be altered at other times during the year by the Executive Committee. No member of the Executive Committee may occupy more than one office. In the event that the AGM fails to elect a Chairman or an Hon. Secretary, the existing office bearers will remain in office until the first Executive Committee meeting after the AGM at which it may nominate members of the Committee to assume the duties and responsibilities of the vacant Office.

Nominations must be submitted to the Hon. Secretary seven days before the date set for the AGM. The notice calling the AGM will include a list of the existing Executive Committee showing their record of attendance at Executive Committee Meetings.

If there is the same number or fewer nominations than there are vacancies, the nominees will be declared elected. If there are more nominations for Chairman, Hon. Secretary or membership of the Executive Committee than there are vacancies, a vote will be taken after each candidate has had the opportunity to address the meeting for not more than three minutes. Voting will be by simple majority, with separate votes for the Offices of Chairman and Hon. Secretary and a collective vote for the ordinary members of the Executive Committee with each member eligible to vote having as many votes to cast as there are vacancies, but not more than one vote for each candidate.

If there are no valid nominations for Chairman or Hon. Secretary, or if other Committee posts are left unfilled, the Chairman of the meeting will accept nominations for these from the floor of the meeting.

Motions proposing changes to this Constitution must include the names of the proposer and seconder and be sent to each member giving three weeks notice. Amendments to any proposed constitutional changes, duly proposed and seconded, must be submitted to the Hon. Secretary seven days before the meeting. Changes to this Constitution can only be implemented by the consent of at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

During the AGM, the Chairman of the meeting has the discretion to accept, from the floor of the meeting, other motions except those which call for changes to the Constitution. He will reject or postpone a vote on such motions if they involve matters that may need advice or lengthy consideration before their implementation.

- 16 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Club may be called at any time by unanimous decision of the Executive Committee, or by the Chairman receiving a request in writing from ten members or one tenth of the Full Members of the Club as stated at the last AGM, whichever is the greater. Such requests will carry the signatures of the members requiring the meeting and it shall include a clear statement of the matter or matters it wishes to discuss at the meeting. At least seven days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to members and a quorum for such a meeting shall be twelve Full Members of the Club or one half of the Full Members as stated at the last AGM, if this is less.

An EGM shall debate and vote only on those matters notified to members. It may not vote to dismiss existing members of the Executive Committee who are elected to serve until the next AGM, but it may elect Members to fill existing vacancies. Otherwise an EGM shall have the powers and authority of the Annual General Meeting.

- 17 Only a Full Member may vote at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings, propose or second applications for membership of the Club, propose or second nominations for election to the Executive Committee, or be elected to the Executive Committee except in the Office of Non Executive Hon. Secretary or Non Executive Hon. Treasurer. Affiliated Clubs (whose subscriptions are up to date) shall be entitled to send two delegates to Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Club and such delegates shall have the voting powers of Full Members.

Membership Subscriptions and Range Fees

- 18 The 'Joining Fee' and 'Annual Subscription' required of Full Members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year and shall apply from the beginning of the following Club year. Members who are elected after the AGM shall pay the new rate or, if elected during the second six month period, one half of the new rate. Exceptionally, where a Full Member has made a significant contribution to the running of the Club during

the past year, the Executive Committee may waive part or all of the annual subscription, or waive the range fees for the Club's regular Match or Training Days.

Full Members of the Club may elect to pay a single life membership subscription under terms and conditions determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

- 19 The 'Annual Subscription' required of Associate Members will be determined by the Executive Committee. Where an Associate Member makes a significant contribution to the assets or running of the Club, the Executive Committee may waive part or all of the annual Associate Membership fee.

The Executive Committee is empowered to waive part or all of the 'Joining Fee' for Associate Members of long standing who subsequently apply for Full Membership of the Club

- 20 Range fees for Match and Training Days, as well as fees for the private or commercial hire of the range facilities and their use by affiliated clubs, will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 21 Members who resign their membership shall not be entitled to any refund of their subscription.
- 22 Members who do not renew their membership by paying their annual subscription within three months after the due date will be considered to have resigned from the Club.

Anyone who has been a member of the Club and who is not disbarred from membership may seek re-admission to membership. If they have been a member of the Club within the last three membership years, and have not, in that period, been prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition nor disbarred from holding a Firearms Certificate, they may apply to the Executive Committee for approval to rejoin the Club on payment of all outstanding membership fees as if membership had been continuous. Otherwise they will be treated as a new applicant.

Discipline

- 23 The Executive Committee will immediately expel from membership any member who is known to be prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition under the provisions of the Firearms Acts.

If a complaint is made against any Member by at least three Members, or by an Officer of the Club or Member of the Executive Committee, or by a Range Officer appointed under the Rules and Regulations of the Club, as described in this Constitution, the Executive Committee shall fully investigate the complaint. The chairman will usually confer with at least a quorum of the Executive to determine the appropriate form of the investigation. This would especially be so if it is considered that it should be formalized as set out below when the names of the subject individuals would be agreed.

A complaint that will justify such an investigation will include one of outrageous or inconsiderate behaviour, bringing the Club into disrepute, conviction in the Courts of an offence under the Firearms Acts, infringement the Safety Regulations of the Club or any range on which the Club is invited to shoot, or behaviour that is inconsistent with the good conduct of the Club's shoots, functions or meetings. The result of these investigations shall be recorded as a separate Minute of the Executive Committee and the Member against whom the complaint has been made shall be informed in writing at least seven days before the date, time and place of the Executive Committee Meeting at which the complaint will be considered. He shall be invited to be present in person to present his case, or at his

option, to put a written statement before the committee, In the interest of a fair hearing, the member against whom the complaint has been made may be accompanied by another member of his choice (who may not be a Club Officer or member of the Executive Committee). This accompanying Member may speak in defence against the complaint.

Should the Executive Committee find the complaint proven it may either warn or expel the member. A decision to warn shall require a simple majority; expulsion shall require a two thirds majority. The decision of the Executive committee shall be sent to the Member in the form of a copy of the separate Minute recording this decision. A note recording the names of Members expelled under this Clause shall be included in the next appropriate Club Bulletin. No appeal against expulsion will be entertained, but re-application for Club membership after a lapse of five years will not be debarred.

Members warned under this Clause shall, if a second proved complaint is established against them within five years, be expelled from the Club.

- 24 Members expelled under Clause 23 shall immediately be barred from the use of the Club's ranges, premises and property and they shall not be permitted to take part in any public or private shoot or function organised by the Club. Members expelled under Clause 23 shall have the un-expired portion, calculated from the annual subscription, refunded to them, except that the Club reserves the right to withhold from such a refund any sum that the expelled Member may owe to the Club. An expelled Member who has paid a Life Subscription shall have a refund of the subscription after deduction of the Annual Subscriptions that would have been payable in the years since the life subscription was paid.
- 25 A member who shoots or attempts to shoot whilst incapacitated due to the use of drugs (including alcohol), whether prescribed by a Doctor or self administered will be disciplined under Clause 23. A member who is disciplined under that Clause may not use the action of drugs or alcohol to excuse his conduct. Otherwise the Club has no policy on the use of drugs and medication by its members during competition and training. However, when the Club organises a match on behalf of a National Governing Body (NGB), such as the British Running Deer, Running Boar or Running Target Championships, or when scores may be used to justify International Team selection by an NGB, the anti-doping regulations of the NGB will be strictly applied. These include the random selection of shooters for drugs testing. Under current rules, the NGBs allow shooters who take prescribed medicines that are otherwise prohibited to compete but only subject to strict safeguards. The rules are published annually in the Championship Programme of the NGBs.

Club Regulations and Shooting Rules

- 26 The Executive Committee will make and publish such Regulations as may be necessary to manage the day to day running of the Club's use of its ranges, property and competitions. Breaches of such Regulations will be deemed to be an infringement of Clause 23 and shall be dealt with under the procedure set out in that Clause. On Club Match and Training Days, the Chief Range Officer appointed by the Executive Committee has delegated powers from the Executive Committee to ensure that the Regulations are obeyed, particularly where they deal with safety matters, and to warn or dismiss from the range any person who breaks them.
- 27 The Executive Committee will also publish Rules to govern shooting procedures in Club Matches and training events. These Rules will be based, when appropriate, on the published rules of the International Shooting Union, (UIT) and the Nordic Shooting Region (NSR). The Match Rules will specify the penalties to be applied if the Rules are broken. The Chief

Range Officer is responsible for ensuring that competitions are shot according to these Rules. For major Championships, a Jury approved by the Executive Committee may be given the responsibility of applying and, if necessary, interpreting the rules. Members of the Jury will normally hold a relevant licence granted by the UIT or the Great Britain Target Shooting Federation, particularly in matches such as a British Championship when a National Record might be set.

Guests

- 28 The Club will not operate a day or temporary membership scheme.
- 29 The Club may hold guest days, up to the maximum number allowed each year under Home Office regulations, at which persons known to the Club may be permitted to attend, at the invitation of the Club Secretary, to assess their fitness to handle firearms and ammunition safely, and their suitability to become probationary Provisional Members. On these limited occasions guests must be under the constant personal supervision of a Club Member of not less than two years Full Membership when handling firearms and ammunition. The local Police must be given reasonable notice of such guest days by the Club Secretary. No-one will be knowingly accepted as a Guest Shooter if any Club official, including a Range Officer, has reason to believe that they are prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under the Firearms Acts. Guests will be asked to sign a certificate to that effect before they are allowed to handle firearms or ammunition.
- 30 Full Members may bring one shooting guest to take part in a Club Training Day, but such guests shall not shoot if by so doing a Member is denied the opportunity to shoot. Guests under the age of 12 years may shoot only with an Air Rifle and when under the constant supervision of an adult. To conform with Home Office requirements, other guests must be over the age of 12 years and may shoot only with a calibre .22" Rimfire or Air Rifle unless they have a personal authorisation to possess the firearms and ammunition to be used and are 14 years of age or older. A personal authorisation to shoot will include a Firearms Certificate that is valid for the firearm and ammunition to be used, Full Membership of a Home Office Approved Club affiliated to the BSRC or Full Membership of the National Rifle Association. The Range Officer may demand to see evidence of such authorisation before the guest is allowed to shoot. Without such authorisation the guest will not be allowed to have a centre fire rifle or ammunition in his possession. No person will be accepted as a Guest Shooter if any officer of the Club, including a Range Officer, has reason to believe that they are prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under the Firearms Acts. Guests will be asked to sign a certificate to that effect before they are allowed to handle firearms or ammunition.

The names of guests shall be registered with the Range Officer immediately on arrival at the range and the Range Officer shall decide when and if such guests shall shoot. Registration shall include the signature; of the guest. The Member introducing the guest shall be responsible for the payment of range and entry fees for his or her guest, for the observance of the Club's regulations by his guest and for the behaviour of the guest. The Range Officer or an Officer of the Club may, if the guest does not conform to the foregoing requirements, require the Member to remove his guest from the range immediately and the Member shall be reported to the Executive Committee as if he himself had failed to conform.

- 31 Members of another club visiting the BSRC for the purposes of a match, including members of an affiliated club invited to take part in a BSRC match, must shoot under the

authority of their own club's Home Office approval, a personal Firearms Certificate or other authorisation to possess the type firearms and ammunition which are to be used.

About this Constitution

32 This Constitution is a binding agreement between the Club and its members, saying how the Club is to be run for the members. It also ensures that the Club conducts its affairs according to the requirements of the Firearms Acts and other Home Office regulations. It can only be added to, or amended by, a decision taken at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting as described in Clause 15. However, should changes in the Firearms Acts or other Home Office requirements be made that might conflict with this Constitution, the Executive Committee is empowered to make such changes as are necessary to ensure compliance with the law, before ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

Trustees

33 The property of the Club shall be vested in two Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee from amongst their number, who must deal with the property as the Committee may from time to time direct by minuted resolution. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. Trustees hold office until death, resignation or removal from office by the Executive. Following any of these events the Executive shall appoint a replacement. The Chairman must give effect to the nominations of the Executive by appointing by deed the person or persons so nominated within the meaning of the Trustee act 1925 Section 36.

34 The Club may not distribute assets to members. If the Club were to be dissolved all its assets would be divested to the National Shooting Centre Ltd, the NRA or its successor body.

15th June 2008

Signed J M Kynoch (Chairman)..... Date.....

R.J.Maddison (Captain) Date.....

APPENDIX 8

National Rifle Association/ National Shooting Centre

Bisley Range Safety Regulations

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NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION/NATIONAL SHOOTING CENTREBISLEY RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS

NOTE. These Range Regulations will be amended as necessary, and you are advised to check the current version displayed in the Range Office. All ranges are administered by the National Shooting Centre Ltd. (NSC) on behalf of the National Rifle Association (NRA) through the Range Office unless specifically shown otherwise.

| All amendments in the current year will be sidelined as shown.

GENERAL

1. These Range Safety Regulations govern the safe conduct of shooting on the NRA Ranges at Bisley and are to be strictly complied with by all users of the Ranges. The Regulations are augmented by, and should be read in conjunction with, the "Rules of Shooting and Programme" published annually by the NRA, the "Regulations for Butt Markers" and the regulations governing the administration of the Ranges which can be seen in the Range Office. In the interests of safety, any breach of these Regulations is to be reported immediately to an official of the NSC.

The NRA and NSC disclaim responsibility for any accident, injury, loss or damage arising from non - compliance with these Regulations.

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

2. a. All shooters are responsible for ensuring that their firearms and ammunition are safe to use. All firearms and ammunition must be made available for inspection and testing whenever required. The regulations concerning dangerous ammunition are laid out in Appendix 14 to the Rules of Shooting (the "Bisley Bible") which is available on request.
- b. No tracer, incendiary, armour piercing, armour piercing incendiary or any other rounds containing any igniferous or explosive substance may be used on Bisley Ranges at any time unless prior permission has been given by the Director of Shooting. Permission will rarely be given and then only in exceptional circumstances.
- c. The use to which a range may be put is set by its safety certificate. Other than in sub-para iii. below the firearms may be used without specific zeroing requirements on individual ranges as in para 3 below, **but subject always to:**
 - i. for **Rifle ranges**, no specific calibre limitation (**but see para 5. d. below**) but: a maximum muzzle velocity of 3280 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and a maximum muzzle energy of 3319 ft. lbs. (4500 Joules) [**but see para 2. c. iii below**];
 - ii. for **Gallery Rifle and Pistol ranges**, no specific calibre limitation but: a maximum muzzle velocity of 2150 ft/sec (655 m/s), and a maximum muzzle energy of 1496 ft. lbs. (2030 Joules).
 - iii. for **High Muzzle Energy (HME) firearms** (**see para 5 a. below**) the limits are: a maximum muzzle velocity of 3280 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and a maximum muzzle energy of 5160 ft. lbs. (7000 Joules);

In this case **special zeroing procedures** are required as explained in para 5 b. below.

No firearm and ammunition combination which develop a muzzle energy exceeding 5160 ft. lbs. (7000 Joules) may be used on any of the Bisley ranges without the specific permission of the Director of Shooting which must be sought well in advance of the planned use.

In addition,

- iv. Antique and Muzzle Loading Rifles/Muskets, Pistols and firearms of large calibre whose ammunition is initiated by a black powder or equivalent charge may be discharged on all equivalent ranges **except** as follows:
 - (a). none of the above firearms may be discharged on the 300m (AMS), Zero, Running Boar, Running Target or any of the Clay, Smallbore or Air Gun ranges;
 - (b). permission for Muzzle Loading Rifles/Muskets to be discharged on any of the pistol ranges must be obtained from the Director of Shooting in advance.

- v. application to use ammunition **above any of the specification limits** applicable to a particular range must be made in writing to the Director of Shooting well in advance.
 - vi. By special arrangement, gallery rifles and muzzle loading pistols may be used on rifle ranges as shown below (except Zero and 300 m AMS), **but other full bore centre fire rifles may never be used on pistol ranges unless approved in advance by the Director of Shooting**. Small bore prone target rifles may be used on Melville but only by prior arrangement with the Range Office. Gallery rifles may be used on any of the pistol ranges.
 - vii. Shotguns firing solid slug, or bird or buck shot, may generally only be used on Butt Zero (between the 800 and 900 yard firing points on Stickledown) unless the match conditions of an event authorised by the NSC requires their use elsewhere.
- d. Ranges and their permitted usage are as follows:

Fullbore Rifle Ranges

- i. **Stickledown** (Gallery, 800 - 1200 yds). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only. Shotguns firing solid slug may be used only with the prior permission of the Director of Shooting. Electronic targets are available.
- ii. **Century** (Gallery, 100 - 600 yards). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only. Shotguns firing solid slug may be used only with the prior permission of the Director of Shooting. Electronic targets are available.
- iii. **300m (Butt 10)** (Gallery, 100 yds - 300m). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only.
- iv. **300m (AMS)** (Gallery, 300m only). Target rifles and rifles conforming to ISSF Regulations not exceeding 8mm. Limited availability.
- v. **Short Siberia** (Gallery, 100 and 200 yards only). Rifles; gallery rifles and pistols by special arrangement only.
- vi. **Zero** (No Danger Area Range, 71' 7"). Fullbore rifles only. The prone or supine (back) positions **only** may be used.
- vii. **Snail Trap** (No Danger Area). This is situated in the Zero Range, and may be used for all firearms except muzzle loading. The published instructions **must** be followed.

Gallery Rifle and Pistol Ranges

- viii. **Melville** (Gallery Rifle and Pistol, turning targets @ 25 & 50 m). Gallery rifles and pistols; prone .22 rimfire and muzzle loading rifles by special arrangement only.
- ix. **Cheylesmore** (No Danger Area Range). (Gallery Rifle and Pistol, turning targets @ 25m only). Gallery rifles and pistols, muzzle loading rifles by special arrangement only.
- x. **Time Limit** (Gallery Rifle and Pistol, and Shotgun, 10m, 25m & 50m). Gallery rifles, shotgun, air rifles & air pistols only. Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.

Moving Target Ranges

- xi. **Running Deer** (Running & Static Targets @ 100m only). Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.
- xii. **Running Boar** (Running & Static Targets @ 50m only). GRCF, GRSB and small bore rifles only. Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.
- xiii. **Running Target** (Running Target @ 10m only). Air rifles only (in the Clubhouse). Administered by the British Sporting Rifle Club.

Clay Target Ranges

- xiv. **Cottesloe Heath Sporting Clay Target & FITASC** Sporting & FITASC layouts. Shot gun only. Administered by Bisley Shooting Ground.
- xv. **Long Siberia Sporting Clay Target & FITASC** Sporting and FITASC layouts. Shot gun only. Administered by Bisley Shooting Ground.

- xvi. **Shorts Clay Target Ranges** Skeet, Olympic Trap, ABT, DTL and Practice. Shot gun only. Administered by National Clay Shooting Centre.

Smallbore & Air Gun Ranges

- xvii. **Winans** (No Danger Area Range, 10m & 25 m). Air Rifles and Air Pistols only.
- xviii. **NSRA International Range** (No Danger Area Range, 25 yards and 50 metres). Smallbore rifle and pistol only. Administered by the National Small Bore Rifle Association.
- xix. **NSRA International Range** (Air Gun, 10m only). Air rifle and air pistol only. Administered by the National Small Bore Rifle Association.
- xx. **Field Target** Air rifles only. Administered by the Bisley Field Target Organisation.

3. The use of Section 5 firearms (automatic/semi-automatic or pistols) is allowed only if the user has written authority for possession on their Firearms Certificate. **Prior permission for their use MUST be obtained from the Director of Shooting, and will be given only rarely.** The use of machine guns/sub-machine guns converted to single shot is forbidden.
4. Shot guns may only be used on Clay Target ranges or on Stickle-down, Century, Short Siberia or Time Limit Range. The use of solid shot or slug is allowed on rifle ranges only with the prior permission of the Director of Shooting, and on Time Limit Range with the prior permission of the Chairman BSRC. All such use must conform to range safety parameters. Restrictions on the size of lead shot which can be used on the clay target ranges may have to be applied from time to time.

HIGH MUZZLE ENERGY (HME) FIREARMS

5. a. A High Muzzle Energy (HME) Firearm is defined as any firearm which, using a particular round, develops a muzzle energy (ME) in excess of 4,500 Joules (3,319 ft lbs). In view of the fact that a bullet discharged with such energy may escape the Range Danger Area a special zeroing procedure will be required with these firearms before they may be shot at any distance on any range at Bisley.
- b. The muzzle energy of a firearm may be calculated from the bullet weight and the muzzle velocity, and the attached graph may be used to determine whether or not a particular firearm is HME or not. If the ME exceeds 4,500 Joules then the advice of the Ranges Supervisors should be sought. The firearm may be zeroed on the NRA Zero Range using a special target supplied by the Range Office, or at a distance of 200 yards on a special target under the direction of a RCO qualified to conduct HME zeroing (see para 13 below).
- c. The use on any NRA range of cartridges such as .50" Browning MG, 0.55" Boyes Anti-tank, 12.7mm Russian MG, or cartridges of similar or greater power, whether 'downloaded' or not, is **absolutely** forbidden, regardless of the type of firearm used to fire them.
- d. .338" calibre rifles **may not be used on any of the ranges** due to revised Range Danger Area and Air Danger Height requirements which exceed the available range safety template and air danger height available.

RANGE USE

6. The rifle and pistol ranges are normally closed on Mondays (**except Bank Holidays**), **Good Friday and between Christmas Eve and New Years Day inclusive**. The Clay ranges may be open during the Christmas Holiday period and at times **other** than those stated for the rifle & pistol ranges. Other closure periods will be notified at the gate or in the range office. **No rifle or pistol ranges may be used without the prior permission of the NSC.**
7. a. The ranges are reserved for the use of NRA members, and members of Associations and Clubs affiliated to the NRA. Other persons or bodies may only use the ranges with the prior permission of the NSC.
- b. All users of Bisley ranges (other than prone, single shot .22" rimfire shooting from the prone position in practices governed by the rules of the NSRA) must be in possession of a current Certificate of Safety and Competence, signed by their Club Chairman (or in the case of NRA members only, the Secretary General of the NRA) or be coached on a one-to-one basis by the holder of such a certificate. This certificate must be valid for all the firearms which the user intends to use on Bisley ranges. This certificate must be produced to the Range Office staff when 'signing-in' as an individual shooter. RCOs must certify (see para 13) that all members of their group will comply with the above.

8. No shooting is permitted other than on approved ranges, except with the permission of the NSC. On the NRA ranges firers must use **only** the targets allocated to them by the Range Office. On the NCSC Clay Target ranges the layouts to be used will be as allocated by the National Clay Shooting Centre. Only shooters, or Instructors or Coaches appointed by the National Shooting Centre, are allowed on the firing point/line.

9. Normal times of shooting:

a. **All Ranges except NCSC Clay Ranges, Cheylesmore, Winans and Zero Range:**

Low Season	Weekdays:	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m./1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
	Weekends:	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m./1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (4.30 p.m. March)

High Season	Weekdays:	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m./1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
	Weekends:	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m./1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

b. **Cheylesmore, Winans and Zero Range:**

As in 8 a. above but, in addition, shooting may recommence at 12.45 p.m. rather than 1.30 p.m. on all shooting days.

c. **NCSC Clay Target Ranges:**

Shooting times will be arranged by the event organiser in consultation with the Range Office.

Unless prior permission has been requested and granted, the start and conclusion of shooting periods will be indicated by siren and must be strictly observed. A cease-fire at the end of a shooting period will be notified by two long blasts on the siren and must be observed immediately. **Should an immediate cease fire be required at any other time this will be indicated by several blasts of the siren: all shooters must cease fire at once.** Permission to continue firing will be indicated by one long blast on the siren.

10. Regulation target **only** are to be used in the frames or holders provided and are to be engaged only from the recognised firing points and appropriate shooting station or peg. **On no account are tin cans or any other unauthorised objects to be placed and used as targets**, and indiscriminate firing is forbidden. In rapid fire practices with bolt-actioned rifles no more than 15 shots may be fired in one minute unless otherwise permitted by the Director of Shooting. Snap targets are to be exposed in or in front of target frames. No laterally-moving target may be used on gallery ranges without the permission of the Director of Shooting. Skittles or falling plates may **not** be engaged at a distance of less than 25 yards (22 metres).

11. The use of extraordinary target arrays or firing points is forbidden except with the prior authority of the Director of Shooting. Any concerns or queries in connection with the targets provided must be reported to the Range Office **before** firing commences.

12. Rifles other than Gallery Rifles are to be fired from the prone or back position except where expressly provided by the conditions of a particular discipline or approved competition rules. The intention to fire from any other position must be notified to the Range Office at the time of booking to allow suitable target allocation on the range.

RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICER (RCO)

13. An Association, Club or group of persons intending to shoot on any range or part thereof must appoint a Range Conducting Officer **who will be present on the range while shooting is in progress**, and whose responsibility it is to ensure that the Range Regulations are read and adhered to **at all times**. An individual shooter will be regarded as his own RCO.

Before commencement of shooting the RCO must sign the register in the NSC Range Office thereby certifying that he is accepting responsibility for the safe conduct of the practices being fired. He must also confirm that no member of the Association, Club or group of persons firing are prohibited (under Section 21 of the Firearms Act) from possessing firearms or ammunition, **and that they are all either full members of the NRA or of a Club affiliated to the NRA.**

He must ensure that all those under his control are fully covered by insurance, including third party public liability cover, and either hold a certificate of Safety & Competence or will be coached on a one-to-one basis by the holder of such a certificate. **He must also sign off when shooting is completed** and report any infringement of these regulations to an NSC official as soon as possible.

If the RCO intends to conduct zeroing practices at 200 yards with an HME firearm (see para 5 above) **he must hold the RCO (HME) qualification.** Once the HME firearm has been correctly zeroed, firing

at any other distance or on any other range may be conducted by any RCO, who need not hold the RCO (HME) qualification.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

14. Unless prior permission has been granted, no firearm may be loaded or fired before the siren has indicated the commencement of a shooting period, nor shall a firearm be loaded or fired until the RCO has given the order to load and to fire.
15. Aiming or “snapping” an unloaded firearm is NOT allowed except as part of a properly organised Course of Instruction, or when in the firing position on a firing point with the permission of the RCO, and then only if it would, in all respects, be safe to fire a live round.
16. No firearm is to be loaded until the shooter is in the firing position on a recognised firing point. Except when otherwise prescribed in the conditions of a discipline or competition, a loaded firearm must at all times point towards the butts. **When loading, unloading or checking a rifle, the barrel must at all times be pointed in a safe direction.** At no time may any part of the body be placed in front of the muzzle of a loaded firearm.
17. Individual firers are responsible for ensuring that their firearm is safe at all times. On the conclusion of a shoot or stage, or on the order of the RCO, all firers must:
 - a. unload their firearm and inspect the chamber, action and/or magazine to ensure that the firearm is clear,
 - b. present their firearm to the coach, register keeper or RCO on the firing point and have them inspect and confirm that the firearm is clear,
 - c. either remove the bolt or insert a breech flag (or both)before leaving the firing point and before anyone goes forward of the firing point, and ensure, where applicable, that the coach, register keeper or RCO signs their squadding card as having inspected and cleared the firearm.
18. At all times except during a shoot a bolt action rifle is either to have the bolt removed or a breech flag inserted. A self-loading firearm is to be in the “unloaded” condition, i.e. magazine removed, no round in the chamber, working parts forward and not cocked, and safety catch applied. The L98 A1 Cadet GP rifle is to be carried with a breech flag inserted. Pistols are to be carried in a box at all times. All other firearms are to be carried in as demonstrably safe a manner as is possible for the firearm concerned.
19. A competitor acting in a dangerous manner will forthwith be forbidden to fire again or take further part in any shoot at Bisley until a report has been made to the NSC and the circumstances have been fully investigated. Where considered appropriate the matter will be reported to the NRA for possible disciplinary action.
20. **Care must be taken when changing distance or crossing a range. RCOs must immediately call an emergency cease fire (“Stop, Stop, Stop”) and order firearms to be ‘benched’ or unloaded if it appears that a person is likely to enter the danger area. Particular care must be taken on days when “reverse echelon” firing (5/600x on the LHS and 2/300x on the RHS of Century Range, or 1000x on the LHS and 900x on the RHS of Stickledown Range) is operating.**

SAFE CUSTODY

21. Firearms and live ammunition, when not in use, must be kept in an armoury, or under lock and key in secure accommodation. **Responsibility for the safe custody of firearms or ammunition lies with the individual owner.**

BUTTS

22. Markers are to enter and leave the butts by the covered and recognised safe approaches provided and within the markers gallery; on no account are markers to use the roads in the butts while firing is in progress. Markers and all others in the butts must remain within the protection of their gallery and under the mantlet while shooting is in progress. Ear protection should be worn by all who are working or marking in the butts.
23. On no account is any object to be thrown or placed upon the face of the butt or mantlet. Butts must be tidied **before** the marker leaves his position.

CHILDREN

24. Children under the age of 14 must remain under the supervision of a parent or guardian or other competent adult at all times during shooting periods. **Their hearing must be fully protected.** They are not allowed as markers in the butts. Application for permission for children under the age of 14 to fire must be made to the Director of Shooting in advance. Children under 12 years of age are not allowed to fire cartridge firearms under any circumstances, but they may use air rifles or air pistols on ranges suitable for such use **only** under the direct supervision of an adult aged 21 or over.

DOGS

25. Dogs must be kept on a lead **at all times** in the domestic area of Camp and also on the ranges when shooting is taking place.

SPECTATORS

26. Spectators are to remain behind the firing point at all times and are to comply strictly with the instructions given by the RCO or **any** NRA or NSC official. Adequate precautions **must** be taken by spectators to protect their hearing.

CARS

27. **Unless prior permission has been granted by the Range Office**, private vehicles may never:
- go beyond the 1000 yards firing point on Stickledown Range; or
 - go behind the firing points on Century range except at 600 yds, or behind the firing points on Short Siberia.

These rules may be varied for disabled persons and those with special needs **only with the permission of the Range Office which must be requested on each and every occasion**. Disabled passes are available, for those registered disabled, on application to the Range Office.

Although the annual car pass fee has been abolished members of the NRA should carry their NRA membership card with them at all times. This will allow unhindered entrance to Bisley on occasions when a daily car pass is in operation for specific events.

BREACHES OF REGULATIONS

28. Breaches of these regulations are to be reported immediately to a member of staff in the Range Office.

USE OF RADIOS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

29. On all radios the Emergency Channel is Channel 8 or Channel 16 (depending on the model). In the event of an emergency RCOs should switch to Channel 8 (or 16) and pass the message "Emergency, Emergency, Emergency, Hello Control this is (e.g.) Range 13 at 300 yards, firer injured and requires". **In this case** all other radio users are to remain off the air until the emergency has been dealt with. First Aid equipment is available in the General Office, the Range Office and the NSC vehicles. Trained First Aiders are on duty in the Range Office. All injuries are to be reported immediately to a member of the Range Office staff who will, if necessary, call an ambulance (and post a guide at the entrance to Camp) and enter full details of the occurrence in both the Accident and Incident Books.

HEALTH

30. In view of the potential permanent damage which can be caused to hearing, all persons involved in a shoot, or in close proximity when shooting is taking place, **must wear ear defenders**. The wearing of ear protection is recommended when in the butts. The wearing of eye protection by all pistol and gallery rifle shooters, and by spectators on the range, **is highly recommended at all times**, and will be obligatory in all matches where hard targets are being used or where the competition rules require it.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

31. In accordance with Rule 251, a firer whose equipment (including firearms) or dress are thought inappropriate or likely to bring the Association into disrepute will be challenged by the RCO or other member of NRA or NSC staff, and may be required to withdraw.