

League Rules

1 Name

The name of the league shall be called the Redditch & District Air Rifle League.

2 Officers

The League Officers shall comprise of :-

President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Match Secretary and Treasurer to be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

3 Meetings

The League shall hold meetings each month throughout the season and at other times as required, at a place to be nominated.

3-1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held at the League Headquarters a date to be nominated.

3-2 The Meetings shall consist of registered Officers & Delegates from each team. Each team being permitted to send one Delegate with the power to vote, and the others as they desire. Meetings shall normally commence at 8.30pm and teams not represented by 9.0pm shall be fined the fixed amount. Elected League Officers cannot act as Delegates for the team.

3-3 The Officers together with 50% plus one of the delegates shall form a quorum.

3-4 With 5 or more teams in the League a member may only hold one Office.

4 All fees, fines registrations and transfers to be determined at the AGM for the current year.

5 Each Team in the League shall enter for the League Cup, Smith Cup and the Summer Competition if this takes place.

5-1 League Cup & Smith Cup matches will be shot over two (2) legs.

6 All League trophies must be insured by the League for all risks at all times.

7 A member signing a League form for a team shall be bound to that team for the season, but in the event of a member having shot for one team, being desirous of transferring to another team, he/she shall make an application in writing to the League Secretary, giving reasons and accompanied by a fixed fee, the outcome being decided by the delegates at the next meeting. All transfers to be completed in the first half of the season. A shooter having shot in one round of a Cup Competition shall be Cup- tied for the remainder of that competition.

8 All shooters must sign a registration form, witnessed by the team secretary, the fee to be paid on signing. The registration form and fee to be with the League Secretary not later than the first delegates Meeting , after the first match of the season. For any registration after this, the form and registration fee must be with the League Secretary at least 24hrs before the person concerned shoots in the League or in any other Competition Match. Should a team use the services of a shooter not so registered, that shooter's score shall be deleted from the score made by the team, and in the event of the shooter being properly registered later, that score will not count for his/her individual aggregate and average.

9 Any team being dissatisfied with the result of a match may appeal to the League time of shooting. The Secretary must then raise the matter at the next Delegates meeting and the decision of the Delegates shall be final.

10 Scorecards correctly filled in and signed must be given to the Match Secretary by the home team. If the scores do not reach the Secretary by the Sunday 6p.m. following the match, then the home team shall be fined the fixed amount. Scorecards to be with the Match Secretary at the next League meeting after the match.

11 Each team shall shoot home and away matches with every other team in the League. The club scoring the most points in the match between the two teams, (counting the five highest scores) to be the winners, counting two points for a win and one point for each team if the match is drawn.

12 The team having obtained the most points during the season in League Matches shall be of the League and shall hold the League Champions Shield for the ensuing season(the shield may not be won outright). In the event of Teams being equal on points at the end of the season, then the team with the best average score for the League Matches shot (counting the teams total for each match) shall be awarded the Champions position and the League Championship Shield.

13 Teams to shoot League and League Cup Matches shall consist of seven shooters, shooting twice. The best five individual scores out of the seven shooters to count for the team score. Teams for the Smith Cup shall consist of up to six shooters, shooting twice (in & out).

13-1 No pairs match to be started after 10.30pm unless the shooters agree beforehand. No pair shall be penalised for failing to shoot.

14 In all matches the shooter shall be allowed eleven shots, the first shot to be a sighter and nominated as such by the shooter and the last ten shots to count. If the first shot is not so nominated by the shooter as a sighter, it shall count and nine more shots only to be taken.

15 Practice shots in the League & Cup Matches shall be allowed and all targets shall be available for practice from 8.00pm to 8.30pm. Restricted to five shots per person. The only exception to this are finals in the Cup Competitions, which take place on neutral targets and practice shots are not allowed.

16 All matches shall commence at 8.30pm and the names of the shooters taking part shall be registered by that time. If a person is not present when due to shoot, a substitute may be entered. In the event of an away team not having at least five shooters to commence the Match by 8.30pm, the home team if they so desire may take preference and shoot first. The interval between the halves of a match shall be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

17 Automatic targets only are to be used for the League & Cup Matches. All these matches shall be shot on steel targets, Bull of 3/8 Diameter to count five. 3/4" radius from the centre to count four. 1" radius from the centre to count three, 1 1/2" from the centre to count two. All targets to have one audible and one visual means of identifying a Bull; An even split shot shall count the highest score to the shooter. The range shall be six yards and the height of the target from the floor to the centre of the Bull shall be five feet. The minimum light in the target box shall be a 60w lamp or at least its equivalent in light output. Any protest regarding the target shall be made to the opposing Captain before the commencement of the match.

17-1 In League Cup & Smith Cup Matches, a clean Bull is to be awarded 5.1.

17-2 A Possible is awarded to the shooter obtaining the maximum score possible, this being 50 in League Matches, 51 in League Cup & Smith Cup.

17-3 In cup matches, if scores are level at the end of a round each shooter shall have one shot, the individual scores for each team totalled, the team with the highest score declared the winner. If the scores are still level the process is repeated.

In the League Cup if more than 5 shooters are used only those shooters nominated by their captain to have their scores recorded are to take part in the shoot off.

18 Each team shall provide one marker, the opposing marker to call the shot and the shooters marker to check and wipe off. In the case of disputed shots, the two Captains shall mutually decide. In the event of failure to agree, they shall appoint a neutral judge (acceptable to both Captains) whose decision shall be final. In the case of accident to the pellet appears on the target. The attachment to the automatic target to cancel a Bull shall be pulled after each shot by the Marker who is checking and wiping off.

19 Open sights and aperture sights shall be allowed in all Matches but telescopic sights are not, or any form of magnification device. The Captains shall be responsible for the maintenance or the order whilst shooting is in progress.

20 If any shooter discharges a rifle after it has been loaded with a pellet, that shot shall count to the shooter, no matter where the pellet lands. Another shot shall be allowed that if upon examination by the Captain it is found that the pellet has not left the rifle.

21 Rifles in all competitions of this League shall be .177/4.5mm calibre. The propellant being compressed air manufactured by the rifle or pre-charged cylinder of compressed air/carbon dioxide with a single shot magazine. The only ammunition permitted is a wasted pellet of lead or lead alloy.

22 All shooting shall be from the free standing position, the shooter being erect both feet with no part of the body/rifle touching any wall, partition, table, chair or any other support. The only exception being for permanently disabled shooter. All rifles are to be removed from the shoulder after each shot.

23 Each shooter may arrange the lighting in the room to his/her own liking if this is easily possible, providing lighting be left for the scoring. The light on the target must not be altered without the consent of both Captains.

24 The time limit for each shooter shall be of seven minutes (per half) including any sighting shot. This time shall be observed by the person acting as the marker and will start from the time the shooter reaches the firing point.

25 All matches must be shot during the week they are fixture list, irrespective of the number of shooters available. Matches can be claimed as long as a scorecard is submitted and witnessed by an independent referee. The only exceptions being of adverse weather conditions.

26 League matches only count for individual averages for the Taylor Cup. League and Cup Matches count individual averages for the Tamworth British Legion Cup. League matches only count for the Ladies Rose Bowl, K. Smith Cup, K. Simmons Trophy, Novice Shooters and over 45s award.

27 Each Team shall be provided with two copies of the Rules, one copy to be on display wherever possible. Extra copies can be obtained from the League Secretary for a small charge.

28 If any case raises which in not dealt with these rules, the League Delegates shall have the power to decide.

29 The League Delegates reserve the right to refuse any person or teams admission to the League, without necessarily giving their reasons.