

# Nidderdale Clay League Rules

## October 2019

### DEFINITIONS

#### Simultaneous Pair

Two clays released from the same trap(s) at the same time on the call of the shooter.

#### Pair on Report

A clay released from the trap on the call of the shooter with the second clay being released on the report of the shooters gun, the clays can be from the same trap, but need not be.

#### Following Pair

Two clays released one after the other from the same trap, with the second clay being released without waiting for the shooter to shoot at the first target. The call of the shooter is the signal for the release of the first target.

### RULES

#### Targets

- 1a When a second target of a report pair is declared a no bird, the result of the shot at the first target will stand. When reshooting the pair the shooter must make a reasonable attempt to shoot the first target.
- b On a simultaneous pair of targets you are allowed full use of the gun, you must have two targets in the air. If either target is declared a no bird then the pair must be shot again with no score being established. If both targets are broken with one shot, either first or second shot, it is scored as pair killed.
- c Full use of the gun is allowed on following pairs. If the scorer calls no bird, which they must if either of the targets are not complete, then the pair must be shot again with no score being established.
- d The stand referee must call out all kills and losses.
- e At least 2 shooters must be allowed to watch the targets prior to shooting by standing immediately behind the shooting stand.

#### Start Times

- 2a Shooting should commence at 7.00pm prompt and entries close at 8.00pm prompt. The first and last shoots commence at 6.30pm and entries close at 7.30 due to poor light. Late entries can be accepted at the discretion of the home team captain. If members of BOTH teams are present and agreeable shooting may start earlier.
- b The home team may start shooting at 7.00pm prompt, not before, if no members of the visiting team have turned up.

## **Disputes**

- 3 All shoot and score disputes must be resolved before the shooter walks away from the stand on which the issue arose. Both team captains jointly have the final decision.

## **Safety**

- 4a The home team have the responsibility of ensuring the safety of all shooters and determining the layout of the ground.
- b It is the responsibility of the home team to make it clear to the person shooting exactly where he or she is eligible to shoot the targets from. All stands will have an adequate safety cage to limit the arc of fire.
- c No shooter must discharge their gun at any time other than when shooting at the official target.
- d If a shooter considers that there is a safety concern with a particular ground he or she should immediately raise the matter with the team captains both of whom will agree what action is to be taken, if any.
- e All shotguns must be carried in a safe manner. All o/u shotguns must be broken and empty, only being closed when in the shooting stand. Automatic shotguns must be blocked and flagged until entering the shooting stand.
- f All shooters under the age of 18 must wear eye protection and hearing protection.  
N.B. It is recommended that all shooters wear hearing, eye and head protection.

## **Shotgun Certificates**

- 5a All shooters must hold a valid shotgun certificate, they must produce these when buying cartridges on league grounds.
- b All shooters must carry their certificates with them.
- c All guests must show their valid certificate each time they wish to enter a league shoot.

## **Cartridges**

- 6a Felt wad cartridges of a load no greater than 28gram only must be used, anyone found using plastic wad cartridges or loads greater than 28gram can be disqualified by the home team. Their score cards will be null and void.
- b No home loaded cartridges to be used.
- c Only cartridges of a shot size between 6 and 9 are permitted.
- d All teams must offer 28 gram cartridges for sale on the night, along with smaller loads if they so wish.

## **Shotguns**

- 7a Only shotguns held on a section 2 shotgun certificate may be used. Shotguns requiring registration on a section 1 firearms certificate are not permitted.
- b Only a maximum of two cartridges to be loaded into the shotgun at any time, regardless of its magazine capacity.
- c It is the shooters responsibility to ensure that the gun they are using is lawful and in a safe condition.

## **Suspension of a member**

- 8 A request to league membership is open to all shooters who hold a valid shotgun certificate, but the league shall be empowered to request the resignation of any member if it be proved to their satisfaction that his or her conduct (or demeanour) merits this action. In the event of him or her failing to resign, the league may suspend such a person without further notice. In the event of a suspended member wishing to apply for re admittance to the league they must do so in writing to a committee member. Their letter must be supported by a letter from a team captain who must be able to offer a place in their team for the applicant. This letter must be signed by the team captain, vice captain and treasurer and must have the support of at least 50% of the team members. The application will be presented to a full captains meeting who will make the final decision.

## **Guests**

- 9a Guests will not be allowed to shoot on the first shoot and the last shoot of the league season due to poor light.
- b Guests will be charged £1 extra to shoot as they do not pay league subscription. This charge is at the discretion of the home team captain.

## **Scoring**

- 10a There will be a maximum of thirty five shooters per team. All shooters are eligible to have their scores taken into account towards the top fifteen places included on the score sheet.
- b The top fifteen scores from each team should be lined up and scored across, eg top gun versus top gun. Two points for a win, one for a draw awarded.
- c When the master copy of the score sheet is signed it cannot be changed to accommodate late score cards received.

Both team captains must ensure the result of the fixture are forwarded to the elected person by the following Saturday. If they arrive late penalty points could occur.

## **Registration**

- 11a All shooters must register before the start of the season. The last date for the team registration is 31<sup>st</sup> March in any given year, any changes after this date will not be accepted.
- b All shooters must show their valid certificate details to their team captains before registration. Please note that shooting on most league grounds without a valid shotgun certificate is breaking the law under the current Firearms act 1968-1997.

- c Each member must sign alongside his or her name to confirm that they have read the league rules and agree to abide by them. All guests must be asked to sign to agree that they will abide by the league rules and a copy should be made available to them.
- d It is the shooters responsibility to acquaint themselves with the league rules.

### **Failure to complete a shoot**

- 12 When a home team fails to put on a shoot for both teams to complete due to unforeseen circumstances, all scores from that shoot will be null and void. Both team captains may agree on a suitable date to reshoot at both teams convenience. If either team refuses to reshoot the opposition will be awarded the full thirty points. If rescheduling the fixture proves to be difficult and both team captains are agreeable, points may be shared at fifteen points to each team rather than reshooting the fixture.

### **Liability Claims**

- 13 In the unfortunate event that an incident takes place on a league shooting ground which results in a liability claim possibly being made, the following procedure must be adhered to.
  - a The claimant must notify both team captains immediately the event occurs.
  - b The claimant must notify the league committee, ie Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible who will then investigate the claim with all parties concerned before deciding how best to proceed with the matter.
  - c The committee will inform the league insurers of the pending claim if they decide on this being the best course of action. The claim will then be forwarded to the insurers if it can not be resolved within the league itself.

This document must be signed by all people wishing to shoot in the Nidderdale Clay Pigeon League before 31<sup>st</sup> March. Failure to do so will result in that person being unable to shooting the said league during the season in question.

I have read the above league rules and agree to accept and abide by those rules in full. If I wish to amend the said rules I accept I can only attempt to do so at the leagues AGM.