

Rules and Regulations 2018

These rules and regulations apply to all the Schools Challenge events and competitions throughout the year.

1. Shotguns must be unloaded and kept in a sleeve whilst travelling between stands and around the shooting ground.
2. When out of the sleeve the shotgun must be broken and empty and only loaded when on the firing point.
3. Extreme care must be taken by coaches/loaders not to mix 20 bore and 12 bore cartridges and they must consciously check ALL shells before loading.
4. No one may enter the shooting ground unless accompanied by a member of The Oxford Gun company staff. All competitors will be accompanied by a referee who will complete the scorecards.
5. No gun is to be pointed at anyone at anytime. The gun may be mounted or off the shoulder when calling for a target.
6. While on the firing point the barrels must be kept pointed in a safe direction, especially in the event of a misfire.
7. Semi-automatics may be used but must show a breach flag when not on a firing point.
8. The wearing of visible hearing protection in both ears is compulsory. Head protection in the form of a peaked hat is strongly recommended.
9. TSC shoots require the wearing of adequate and effective visible eye protection by shooters, officials, masters and spectators at or around the shooting grounds. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
10. Competitors are required to have a minimum of £3 million Third Party Liability insurance cover.
11. Alcohol is strictly forbidden to all competitors. Spectators are also requested to observe this rule.
12. It is each competitor's responsibility to be at the right stand at the right time ready to shoot. Failure to do this will cost points.
13. A referee's decision is final. An objection to a decision must be raised immediately whilst still on the stand.
14. No advice or coaching may be given to competitors once on the stands.
15. Individuals are responsible for the safe storage of their shotguns and belongings when not in use. Neither the organiser nor ground owners will accept responsibility for the loss, damage or injury to persons, their property or effects whilst on the shooting ground.
16. Casual attire is acceptable, however NO shorts, NO bare flesh under skeet-vests and NO camouflage clothing.
17. No footwear that exposes the foot may be worn. For example, sandals or flip flops are forbidden.
18. Bad language and abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Please do not put us in a difficult position of having to ask you to leave the venue. The Oxford Gun Company & The Schools Challenge reserve the right to deny entry to the competitions without explanation.
19. A responsible adult must accompany Prep, School and Junior teams at all times.
20. Points are awarded as follows: one for a kill, zero for a miss.
21. In the event of a team tie, a shoot-off will take place with 1 team member. This can be decided by the team captain or shooting master.
22. There will only be shoot-offs for first place in each category. All other ties will be decided by count back.
23. Competitors must be present at prize giving. Failure to attend will result in the forfeiture of the prize.
24. No game cartridges are to be used. Maximum 28g 7 1/2 to be used
25. All competitors must be in full time education (minimum 3 days per week.)
26. Competitor age limits are as follows:- The Schools Challenge Competitors must be under 22 on 14th March 2018. The University Championships competitors must be under 26 on 21st March 2018.
27. If you are a CPSA Member and classified you must state your CPSA Number on ALL the entry forms.
28. Any changes to team names or individuals **must** be completed by 12pm Friday 9^h March for Oxford, Friday 16th March for The University Championships.
29. All CPSA Rules Apply (they can be found on their website: www.cpsa.co.uk)
30. The Sponsors and organisers reserve the right to change the rules and prize fund without prior notice. They also reserve the right to review an individual's entry and decline an invitation to the final without any written or verbal explanation. Their decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
31. Prep class is categorised as under the age of 15 on the day of the competition. Senior is classified as aged 15 to 21 on day of competition.