

# **TSC Rules and Regulations 2026**

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

1. Shotguns must be unloaded and broken whilst travelling between stands and around the shooting ground.
2. Gun must remain broken and empty and only loaded when on the firing point.
3. Extreme care must be taken to ensure 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 stands unless accompanied by a member of The Oxford Gun Company staff.
5. All competitors will be accompanied by a referee who will complete the scorecards.
6. No gun is to be pointed at anyone at any time. The gun may be mounted or off the shoulder when calling for a target.
7. Whilst on the firing point the barrels must be kept pointed in a safe direction, especially in the event of a misfire.
8. Semi-automatics may be used but must **show a breach flag** when not on a firing point.
9. The wearing of **visible hearing protection** in both ears is compulsory. Head protection in the form of a peaked hat is strongly recommended.
10. 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.
11. Competitors are required to have a minimum of £3 million Third Party Liability insurance cover.
12. Alcohol is strictly forbidden to all competitors. Spectators are also requested to observe this rule.
13. 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.
14. A referee's decision is final. An objection to a decision must be raised immediately whilst still on the stand.
15. **No advice or coaching** may be given to competitors once on the stands.
16. Individuals are responsible for the safe storage of their shotguns and belongings when not in use. Neither the organiser nor the ground owners will accept responsibility for the loss, damage or injury to persons, their property or effects whilst on the shooting ground.
17. Casual attire is acceptable, however NO shorts, NO bare flesh under skeet-vests and NO camouflage clothing.
18. No footwear that exposes the foot may be worn. For example, sandals or flip flops are forbidden.
19. **Bad language and abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.** Please do not put us in the difficult position of having to ask you to leave the venue.
20. The Oxford Gun Company & The Schools Challenge reserve the right to deny entry to the competitions without explanation.
21. A responsible adult must accompany Prep and Junior teams and individuals at all times.
22. Points are awarded as follows: one for a kill, zero for a miss.
23. 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.
24. There will only be shoot-offs for first place in each category. All other ties will be decided by count back.
25. Competitors must be present at prize giving. Failure to attend will result in the forfeiture of the prize but not your place.
26. **No game cartridges are to be used.** Maximum 28g 7 1/2 to be used
27. All competitors must be in **full time education** (minimum 3 days per week.) Proof may be required.
28. Prep category is classified as under the age of 14 on the day of the competition, including any shoot-offs and/or finals.
29. Senior category is classified as under the age of 22 on the day of the competition, including any shoot-offs and/or finals.
30. A team's category is determined by the age of the OLDEST team member on the day for each Competition:-

| <b>Oxford I</b>  |             |          |    |                  |
|------------------|-------------|----------|----|------------------|
| Prep. Category   | You must be | Under 14 | on | 1st January 2026 |
| Senior Category  | You must be | Under 22 | on | 1st January 2026 |
| <b>Oxford II</b> |             |          |    |                  |
| Prep. Category   | You must be | Under 14 | on | 13th March 2026  |
| Senior Category  | You must be | Under 22 | on | 13th March 2026  |

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30. Where a team comprises individuals of different age categories, the team's category will be determined by the age of the OLDEST team member.
31. Our team prizes will be allocated according to the number of team entries that we have.
32. Prize winners in each individual and team category must be present at prize giving. Failure to attend will result in the forfeiture of the prize.
33. Prize winners may not communicate with the sponsor about a prize without speaking to The Schools Challenge.
34. **Prep Team** - Can be a boys team, girls team or mixed team. Everyone in the prep team must be under the age of 14 to qualify as a prep team.  
**Senior Team** - Can be a boys team, girls team or mixed team. All competitors must be 21 or under.
35. Perpetual trophies for High Guns must be returned in time for the next competition to The Schools Challenge.
36. Where an individual is shooting within a team with a team category higher than the Individual's age, their team category will override their individual category - their individual category will be the same as their team category, regardless of their age, and will be that of their team.  
i.e. a 13-year-old choosing to shoot as part of a senior team, will shoot within the senior individual category too – they cannot shoot in the junior category individually, if they are within a senior team.
37. Any changes to team names or individuals **must** be completed by 12pm Friday 13th March for The Schools Challenge.
38. **All CPSA Rules apply** (they can be found on their website: [www.cpsa.co.uk](http://www.cpsa.co.uk))
39. 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.
40. Photographs - Whilst we are happy for you to photograph your own children, please do not take photos of the group unless permission has been gained from the parents, guardians or school masters in the group.
41. Filming - During all of our events, we may be filming for TSC TV. If you do not want to appear on our website, social media or YouTube channel please speak directly to the camera person on the day. You can also email us directly with your request to [info@theschoolschallenge.co.uk](mailto:info@theschoolschallenge.co.uk)

## **Autumn Series - October - November**

Each event will have its own prize giving for prizes in 1st - 3rd in both boys and girls categories. The prize giving will take place when the shooting has finished to claim any prizes you must be present at prize giving. If you are not present for the prize giving you will keep your place but forfeit any prizes. If you shoot 4 out of 6 events your top score from each of these will be added together to give you an overall score. The highest overall score boy or girl will then receive a Browning Shotgun.

We do reserve the right to change any of the prizes at our own discretion and a conversation will not be entered into. Any prizes will be given out in relation to the number of entries in each category.