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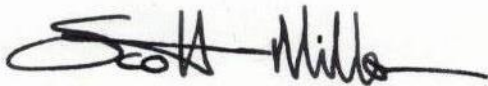
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SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

AIM OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE SMALL ARMS ASSOCIATION

'The aim of the Association is to promote military and operational efficiency by fostering interest in small arms shooting by means of individual and collective competitions, thereby raising the standard and efficiency in the use of small arms'

1. The Royal Air Force Rifle Association was founded in 1921 with the object (as expressed at the time) of 'promoting interest in small arms shooting for Service purposes by means of individual and collective competitions framed as far as possible to induce practice in methods which will lead to increased efficiency'. Since 1946, when it became the Royal Air Force Small Arms Association (RAFSAA), it has also been responsible for sporting shooting disciplines, as well as competition shooting with Service weapons. Proficiency in small arms is axiomatic for any military organisation. It is the most fundamental of military skills that not only saves our lives and those of our comrades, but also invariably provides that battle-winning edge. As recent operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere have proven, this is as true today as it was in 1921. Marksmanship honed by competition shooting, whether it be with Service or sporting weapons, thus contributes to military efficiency. In short, it wins battles – as members of our Association will testify personally.
2. In addition to promoting military efficiency, competition shooting also happens to be enormous fun, as evidenced by the astonishing breadth of shooting disciplines undertaken by RAFSAA members, and the enviable esprit de corps that the RAF shooting community enjoys. As an added bonus, the RAF enjoys success out of all proportion to its relative size, and despite the very real demands of operational tempo and diminishing resources – testimony to the skill and commitment of our talented cohort of marksmen.
3. This handbook contains details of the Rules of the Association and the Rules, Conditions, Practices and Awards for individual and team competitions sponsored by the Association in full-bore, small-bore and clay pigeon shooting.
4. Proposed amendments should be forwarded to the RAFSAA Secretary.



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Air Commodore
Chairman RAFSAA

Distribution:

Director RAF Sports Board
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Vice-Chairman
RAFSAA Secretary
Treasurer (Plans & Budgets)
Director Service Weapons
Deputy Director Service Weapons
Director Sporting Disciplines
Clay Pigeon Member
Small-Bore Member
Target Pistol Member
Target Rifle Member
Service Weapons Member

Overseas Member
Captain SR VIII
Captain TR XII
Captain SP VIII
Captain Target Pistol
Captain SB Rifle
Captain Clay Pigeon Shooting
Chief Stats Officer
Stats Office (Bisley)
Elected Committee Members
RAFSAA Website
OIC RAF Regt Shooting
Secretary ARA

SECTION 2 ORGANISATION

INTRODUCTION

1. The RAFSAA organisation is overseen by 2 principal groups: the Board of Trustees, and the Main Committee. Their organisation, summary of their composition and a diagrammatic description of individual voting rights of their members is below.

CHARITABLE STATUS

2. RAFSAA was granted Charity status in the 1970s and was confirmed by the Charity Commission on 26 Jan 18 as an “Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (Registration Number 1176860). As a charity, RAFSAA is responsible to the Charity Commission and has a consequent need to appoint Trustees.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3. The Board of Trustees is the governing and policy making body of RAFSAA. The Board determines the overall strategy and oversees the policy of the Association and is chaired by the RAFSAA Chairman. It defines the Associations short, medium and long-term financial security and acts as the Trustees of the Association. The Board of Trustees will consider factors affecting income and expenditure, set the annual remuneration for the Steward and in conjunction with the RAF Sports Federation, fix the remuneration of the Secretary. The Board will determine priorities for the maintenance and upkeep of the RAFSAA Clubhouse and grounds in the light of available funds. The Board acts as the final arbitrator and/or sanctioning body for decisions made in the Main Committee. For the Board of Trustees to action and approve items there must be a minimum quorum consisting of: Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Treasurer and at least one other trustee.

MAIN COMMITTEE

4. The Main Committee is the body that oversees the implementation of the strategy and policy defined by the Trustees’ Committee. The Main Committee is chaired by the RAFSAA Vice-Chairman and is attended by all sporting Directors, Chairmen, Team Captains and specialist representatives. This Committee implements the content of Part 1 of this document through determining competition shooting policy including conduct, structure and prize lists for RAFSAA sponsored competitions. This Committee determines the content of Parts 2-4 of this document. Policy decisions that affect the RAFSAA Constitution must be ratified by the AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RAFSAA is convened under the authority of the RAF Sports Board during the Service Weapons period of the RAF Skill-at-Arms Meeting (RAFSAM). All Stations should send a representative and all members of RAFSAA are encouraged to attend. The AGM will transact the following business:

- a. To endorse the minutes of the previous meeting.
- b. To vote on the election of such members as are recommended by the Main Committee.

- c. To vote on the acceptance of the balance sheet.
- d. To receive suggestions from RAFSAA members and station representatives.
- e. To conduct any other business as may appear on the Agenda.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7. The Chairman of the Committees (listed above) may appoint members to that Committee at any time. Those appointments should be approved by the Committee at the next meeting and must be ratified at the AGM. Committee members must be fully paid members of RAFSAA on taking up their appointment.

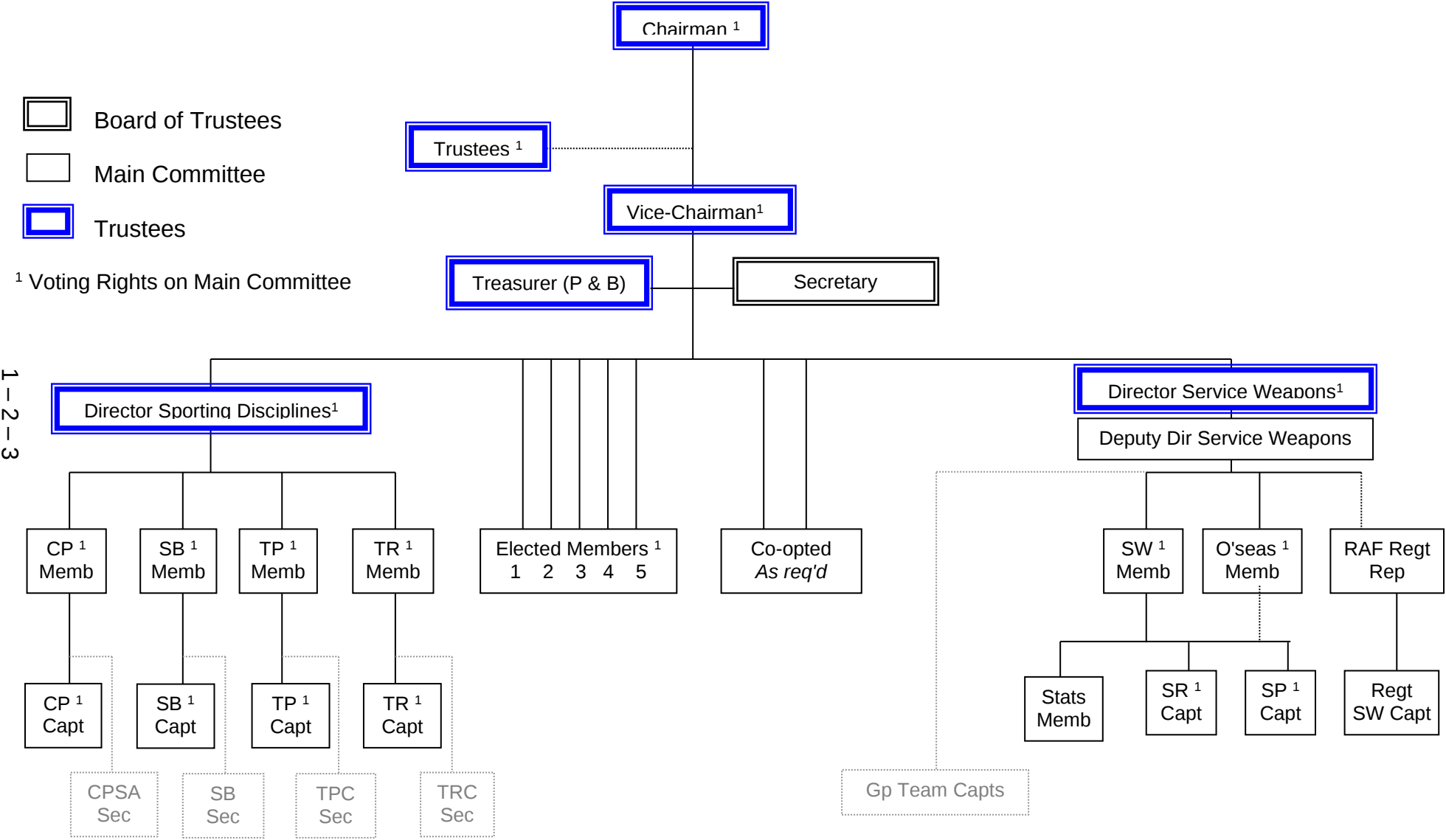
TRUSTEES

8. Trustees are identified by the RAFSAA Chairman and other in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines; they can be serving or retired members of the Association. Others with specialist skills and experience may also be recruited ad hoc as deemed appropriate by the Board. Trustees are automatically members of the Board. Trustees have voting rights on both the Trustees' and Main committees. The Appointment/Resignation of Trustees is to be reported, by name, to the Charity Commission.

RAFSAA FINANCES

9. The RAFSF will manage the RAFSAA bank accounts day to day and provide monthly reports of all financial transactions and bank statements to the Board of Trustees through the Secretary and to the Treasurer (Plans & Budgets). Furthermore, the RAFSF will provide both the auditing function and the annual audited accounts for RAFSAA. The Secretary will provide the Sports Federation with proforma covering all income paid into the bank and with proforma covering all invoices requests for payment by the RAFSB; the Secretary will also provide to the Sports Federation a consolidated breakdown of any petty cash income and expenditure at the end of the year.

RAFSAA COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



Co-opted: Reserved Forces Member, House Member, Gardens Member, Silver Member, Publicity/Web (each preferably coincident with Elected Members, as with Stats)

SUMMARY OF COMPOSITIONS AND VOTING RIGHTS

	Main Committee		Trustees
	Seat	Vote	Seat
President	Y (at AGM)	Y	
Chairman	Y	Y	Y
RAF Sports Federation CEO	Y (if reqd)	Y	
Trustees	Y (if reqd)	Y (if reqd)	Y
Vice-Chairman	Y	Y	Y
Secretary & Treasurer	Y		Y
Treasurer (Plans & Budgets)	Y		Y
Director Sports	Y	Y	Y
Director Service Weapons	Y	Y	Y
Dep Director Service Weapons	Y	Y	
Clay Pigeon Member	Y	Y	
Small-Bore Member	Y	Y	
Target Pistol Member	Y	Y	
Target Rifle Member	Y	Y	
Elected Member 1	Y	Y	
Elected Member 2	Y	Y	
Elected Member 3	Y	Y	
Elected Member 4	Y	Y	
Elected Member 5	Y	Y	
Co-opted Reserve Forces	Y		
Co-opted House Member	*		
Co-opted Gardens Member	*		
Co-opted Silver Member	*		
Co-opted Publicity/Web	*		
Co-opted Stats Member	Y		
Service Weapons Member	Y	Y	
Overseas Member	Y	Y	
RAF Regt Rep	Y		
CP Capt	Y	Y	
SB Capt	Y	Y	
TP Capt	Y	Y	
TR Capt	Y	Y	
SR Capt	Y	Y	
SP Capt	Y	Y	
RAF Regt SW Capt	Y		
SW Adj	Y		

* - If not an elected member, in attendance as required by agenda items.

SECTION 3 - RAFSAA COMMITTEES - TERMS OF REFERENCE

ASSOCIATION WIDE APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRMAN RAFSAA

1. The Chairman is to be a serving RAF Regt officer of at least Gp Capt rank, appointed by the Air Officer Commanding 22 Group acting on the advice of CG RAF Regt.
2. The Chairman is responsible to the RAFSF and, together with fellow Trustees to the Charity Commission for the efficient management of RAFSAA.
3. The Chairman is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Routinely chairing the Board of Trustees.
 - b. Ensuring that competitions are efficiently organised and that the Association's administration and finances are properly managed.
 - c. Chairing the Annual General Meeting, committee Meetings and any or Working Groups where he deems it appropriate. If unavailable he will normally delegate these tasks to the Vice-Chairman or Secretary as appropriate.
 - d. Representing the Association at prize-giving at major National competition meetings and at Inter-Service Matches where the RAF is designated the "host" Service.
 - e. Representing the Association at council meetings of the NRA and the NSRA – this responsibility is usually delegated to the Secretary.
 - f.. Submitting an annual report to the Patron, the President RAFSAA, RAFSF and the Charity Commission..
 - g. Selecting, proposing and appointing the Vice Chairman, Director Service Weapons and Director Sporting Disciplines.
 - h. As required, identify, propose and invite appropriate retired members, and others, to become Trustees.

VICE-CHAIRMAN RAFSAA

1. The Vice-Chairman is to be a serving senior officer with practical experience of RAFSAA competitions.
2. The Vice-Chairman is responsible to the Chairman for shooting aspects of the Association's activities, and is to act as the Chairman's specialist adviser on shooting matters.

3. The Vice-Chairman is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Deputising for the Chairman when required.
 - b. Chairing the Main Committee and providing specialist advice to the Chairman on shooting matters .
 - c. Acting on behalf of the Secretary and Treasurer in all areas where Service resources will be required.
 - d. Representing general RAF interests at meetings of the Central Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting (CCRS).
 - e. Acting as the day to day line manager of the Secretary (and through the Secretary, the Steward).

TRUSTEES

1. The Chairman may propose and invite up to two retired and two serving members or two civilians with experience or knowledge which would be of benefit to RAFSAA, to be Trustees.
2. The duties of Trustees are as laid down by the Charity Commission in their guidance document CC3, a copy of which is to be held by all Trustees.
3. Trustees are to declare any conflicts of interest with their role as a Trustee and avoid putting themselves in a position where their duty to the charity conflicts with your personal interests or loyalty to any other person or body. A signed Declaration of Interest must be completed by each Trustee and updated at each Board of Trustees meeting if required.

SECRETARY

1. The Secretary will usually be a retired senior officer, preferably with experience of RAF competition shooting, who is responsible to the Chairman for the efficient management of RAFSAA affairs.
2. The Secretary is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Administration. Efficiently administering the Association's affairs, including:
 - (1) Maintaining an efficient system of filing and records.
 - (2) Maintaining the Association's accounts in accordance with RAF regulations for Non-Public Funds and under guidance provided by the RAF Sports Federation and submitting annual accounts to the RAF Sports Federation audit.

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(3) Maintaining the RAFSAA Property Book, and ensuring that adequate insurance cover for RAFSAA property is provided.

(4) Acting as secretary for the Board of Trustees, The Main Committee, other ad hoc groups (as directed by the Board of Trustees) and AGM.

(5) Conducting routine correspondence.

(6) Providing regular Newsletters to the RAFSAA membership at large.

b. Financial Matters.

(1) Day to day management of income and expenditure involving payments into the bank, supervising the Steward's bar and accommodation takings and associated payments into the bank and the maintenance of a petty cash float for incidental income and expenditure.

(2) Efficient and timely processing of invoices, bills and credits via the RAF Sports Federation.

(3) Seeking advice or authority from the Board of Trustees (Treasurer (P&B)) for major items of expenditure over £500.

c. Competitions.

(1) With the Small-Bore Member, organise RAFSAA shooting competitions throughout the year, specifically:

(a) The RAF Small-Bore Pistol Championships (Spring).

(b) The RAF Small-bore Spring Rifle Championships.

(c) The RAF Small-Bore Rifle Meeting (Autumn).

(d) Small-Bore Rifle and Pistol Postal Competitions (Summer & Winter).

(2) Assisting the Director Service Weapons in organising The RAF Operational Shooting Competition (RAFOSC).

(3) Ensuring, where appropriate, that arrangements are made for the provision of range bookings, targetry, ammunition, trophies and prizes.

(4) Submitting annual demands for ammunition from Service sources for RAF competitions following input from the sporting discipline members, SW Member and Overseas Member.

c. Representation.

(1) Routinely representing the Chairman at appropriate meetings of the NRA and NSRA Council.

(2) Representing the Association's interests at appropriate meetings of NRA Committees and sub-Committees, the Joint Services Shooting Committee and any other meetings to which the Association is invited to be represented.

(3) Maintaining close liaison with the staffs of the NRA, NSRA, ARA, RNRA and RMRA.

(4) Routinely representing the RAF at NRA and NSRA Council Meetings on behalf of the RAFSAA Chairman.

d. Clubhouse. Exercising day-to-day management of the RAF Clubhouse at Bisley, including:

(1) Overseeing (as Line Manager) the activities of the RAFSAA Steward.

(2) Ensuring that routine maintenance is carried out within the budgetary limits imposed by the Board of Trustees Committee.

(3) Ensuring that appropriate licences are held for the Bar.

(4) Ensuring that Clubhouse activities conform with the requirements of the: Health and Safety at Work Act, Food Health and Hygiene Regulations, and Fire Regulations.

(5) Conducting a regular stock check on the bar stock and on RAFSAA medals and items for sale.

(6) Conducting periodic checks of RAFSAA property.

e. General.

(1) (1) Maintaining the security of the RAFSAA Armoury (iaw national and Service requirements), changing the manifoil combination at regular intervals and minimising the number of members with access to the combination.

(2) Acting as a Registered Firearms Dealer (RFD) on behalf of the Association, Units and individual members.

TREASURER (PLANS & BUDGETS)

1. The Treasurer (Plans & Budgets) [P&B] will usually be a senior officer but may be a suitable junior officer or retired officer.

2. The Treasurer (P&B) is responsible to the Chairman for the efficient strategic management of RAFSAA finances. Day to day management of RAFSAA finances is delegated to the Secretary and Treasurer.

3. The Treasurer (P&B) is specifically responsible for:

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- a. Preparing annual budgeting plans for consideration by the Board of Trustees.
- b. Coordinating bids for financial assistance from, and submitting the Association's annual operating costs return to, the RAF Sports Federation and RAF Central Fund.
- c. Providing advice on financial matters to the RAFSAA Main Committee.
- d. Monitoring progress on budgetary out-turn in concert with the Secretary.

ELECTED MAIN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Committee Members will be elected at the AGM, and will serve for a period of 3 years; they may offer themselves for re-election at the end of this period.
2. Elected members are responsible to the Chairman for providing input from the membership and practical assistance in the efficient running of the Association.
3. Elected members are specifically responsible for:
 - a. Attending the AGM and Committee Meetings whenever possible.
 - b. Attending Meetings of Sub-Committees and Working Groups when requested by the Secretary.
 - c. Discussing all aspects of RAFSAA activities impartially without favour to their preferred shooting discipline.
 - d. Providing practical assistance to the Secretary and Treasurer in the day-to-day management of Association business and competitions when requested.
4. Separate TOR are provided for the elected members holding the posts of House Member, Silver Member and Stats Officer.
5. Separate TOR are also provided for Inter-Service Team Captains and Command Secretaries.

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTER-SERVICE TEAM CAPTAINS

1. RAF Inter-Service Team Captains will be appointed annually, on behalf of the Board of Trustees by the RAFSAA Main Committee.
2. Captains are responsible to the Chairman for the efficient management of RAF Shooting Teams in their particular discipline(s).
3. Captains are specifically responsible for:
 - a. Fielding the most competitive RAF Team in Inter-Service matches.
 - b. Ensuring that training and selection of team members is conducted efficiently and effectively.
 - c. Ensuring that all potential members of RAF teams are encouraged to compete for selection.
 - d. Liaising with the Secretary on the provision of ammunition, ranges, targetry and Inter-Service representative badges.

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- e. Representing their respective disciplines at RAFSAA Main Committee meetings.
 - f. Providing a written report on the years' activities to the RAFSAA Sec by 1 Nov each year.
 - g. Publicising their activities, and the wider activities and aims of RAFSAA.
4. The Service Rifle Captain is also responsible for organising and running the Training Units Skill-at-Arms Meeting (TUOSC) with cooperation of the SW Member and Director SW.

HOUSE MEMBER

1. The House Member will usually be a junior officer, WO or SNCO who preferably lives in relatively close proximity to Bisley.
2. The House Member is responsible to the Chairman (Through the Secretary) for providing detailed advice on the maintenance and property of the RAF Clubhouse at Bisley.
3. The House Member is specifically responsible for assisting the Secretary:
 - a. Carrying out regular checks of the property and equipment recorded in the RAFSAA Property Book, and reporting losses or damage to the Secretary as soon as possible.
 - b. Carrying out regular inspections of RAFSAA buildings, making recommendations to the Secretary on repairs or refurbishment required.
 - c. Liaising with the Steward and Secretary on repairs and refurbishment.
 - d. Co-ordinating the activities of any RAFSAA working parties.
 - e. Acting as the focal point for members' suggestions and complaints on Clubhouse matters, and forwarding these to the Committee or the Secretary as appropriate.

SILVER MEMBER

1. The Silver Member will usually be a junior officer, WO or SNCO who preferably lives in relatively close proximity to Bisley.
2. The Silver Member is responsible to the Chairman for the detailed control of all RAFSAA Trophies.
3. The Silver Member is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining an inventory of all RAFSAA Trophies, including insurance values, and providing this information to the Secretary, as required to update insurance valuation.
 - b. Ensuring that receipts are obtained for all RAFSAA Trophies from their annual winners, and making any necessary arrangements for their recovery to Bisley for re-presentation the following year.
 - c. Reporting to the Secretary any losses or significant damage.
 - d. In addition to any personal record he might have, maintain an up-to-date register, complete with photographs, that is immediately accessible to the Secretary.

- e. Maintain a record for all trophies of current and past winners.
- f. Ensure that at all major prize giving ceremonies (UAS, TR and SW) all trophies are present, in a suitable condition for awarding and that, in liaison with the Secretary a suitable display is mounted in advance of the awards ceremony.
- g. Provide advice and assistance to Group Secretary on matters of Command Silver and Dir SW on RAFOSC Silver.

STATS OFFICER

- 1. The Stats Officer will usually be a junior officer, WO or SNCO, however a suitable volunteer of any rank can undertake the post if agreed by the committee.
- 2. The Stats Officer is responsible to the Chairman (Through the Secretary) for the provision of an efficient results service during Gp Operational Shooting Competition (GpOSC) and RAFOSC.
- 3. The Stats Officer is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining the RAFSAA Stats software to reflect any changes in match conditions, scoring arrangements or Group and RAFOSC shooting programme.
 - b. Ensuring that score card information is inputted accurately into the Stats computer.
 - c. Providing a prompt and efficient results service to competitors.
 - d. Providing results for the Secretary (for RAFSAA records), Group Secretary (for Group purposes) and the National Press.
 - e. Subject to workload and without prejudice to the foregoing tasks, providing Command and RAF Team Captains with results to meet their needs.
 - f. Maintaining a database of all Full Bore 'Non-Tyros'.
 - g. Ensuring all Stats are suitably archive both in electronic and hard copy formats.

SERVICE WEAPON APPOINTMENTS

DIRECTOR SERVICE WEAPONS

1. The Director Service Weapons (Dir SW) will usually be a senior officer, ideally from the RAF Regt, with experience of SW competitions.
2. Dir SW is responsible to the Chairman for providing the necessary subject matter expertise on SW issues to him and the Vice-Chairman.
3. The Dir SW is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Oversight, direction and advice on all SW activities.
 - b. The co-ordination of the elements of RAFSAM and the production of the exercise instruction.
 - c. Acting as RAF Camp Commandant during RAFSAM and as the RAF Liaison Officer with HQ MILFORCE Bisley if no suitable volunteer can be identified.
 - d. Deputising for the Vice-Chairman in his absence on matters relating to SW.
 - e. Ensuring that SW activities achieve the widest possible publicity.
 - f. Fostering competition shooting within the Groups and maintaining contact with each Unit OIC Shooting.
 - g. Managing Group level individual and team competitions, including Small-Bore postal competitions and the Full-Bore Group Operational Shooting Competition (GpOSC).
 - h. Managing competition ammunition allocations in conjunction with the SW member (for 5.56mm and 9mm natures).
 - j. Attending RAFSAA Committee meetings and (if required) Sub-Committee meetings, providing advice on Group shooting matters.
 - k. Submitting team and individual entries for NRA matches in concert with their respective team captains.
 - l. Publicising their activities, and the wider activities and aims of RAFSAA.
4. The Director Service Weapons is additionally responsible for coordinating Unit sporting discipline ammunition scales and demands for the financial year iaw PFA HQ AIR Cmd Armament Accounting Policy Directive 'Formulating the Annual Explosives Requirement'.

SERVICE WEAPONS MEMBER

1. The Service Weapons Member (SW Memb) will usually be a junior officer, WO or SNCO with experience of RAFSAA SW competitions.
2. Management of SW Ammunition issued to RAFSAA and shooting teams in conjunction with the Group Secretary.
3. The SW Memb is responsible to the Dir SW for all aspects of Phase 3 of RAFOSC, the Service Rifle and Service Pistol individual and team matches.
4. The SW Memb is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Issuing the SW Automatic Call-forward List to RAFOSC following input from the SR and SP Captains.
 - b. Organising the demand, collection, erection and subsequent return of tentage for RAFOSC.
 - c. Assisting the Secretary with the running of RAFOSC as required.
 - d. Deputising for the Overseas Member when he is absent.
 - e. Issuing TORs to the Stats Member, SW Adjt and SR and SP Captains.
 - f. Ensuring that sufficient stocks of the appropriate score cards are available at Bisley to support the consumption of GpOSCs and RAFOSCs.
 - g. Ensuring that SW activities achieve the widest possible publicity

OVERSEAS MEMBER

1. The Overseas Member will usually be a junior officer, WO or SNCO with knowledge of unit movements.
2. The Overseas Member is responsible to the Dir SW for the organisation of RAF SW Teams competing in SW competitions overseas.
3. The Overseas Member is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining details and POCs for all international SW competitions.
 - b. Gaining sponsorship for SW international teams.
 - c. Providing ammunition requirements to the SW Member by 1 Mar each year.
 - d. Organising the movement of personnel, equipment and weapons to the international SW event.

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- e. Ensuring that RAFSAA SW overseas events achieve the widest possible publicity.
4. The Overseas Member will usually fulfil the role of Team Adjt on each overseas event.

SPORTING DISCIPLINE APPOINTMENTS

DIRECTOR SPORTING DISCIPLINES

1. The Director Sporting Disciplines (Dir SD) will usually be an officer with broad experience of the various sporting disciplines.
2. Dir SD is responsible to the Chairman for providing an initial POC for issues affecting non-SW disciplines and a focus for associated policy discussion. In addition, Dir SD will represent the individual sporting disciplines members when requested and briefed to do so.
3. The Dir SD is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Co-ordinating the programme for the UAS element of RAFOSC in conjunction with SO3 FD at HQ No 1 EFTS. The detailed course of fire for the SP, SR and TR elements of the programme will normally be directed by the respective discipline captains.
 - b. Providing, in conjunction with the Secretary, notification and briefs for the UASs, through HQ No. 1 EFTS, on arrangements and preparations for the UAS element of RAFOSC.
 - c. Providing, in conjunction with the Secretary, RAFOSC post match results for the UASs, through HQ No. 1 EFTS.
 - d. Co-ordinating with the Secretary, the selection of and invitation to an appropriate officer to present UAS prizes.

TARGET RIFLE MEMBER (Chairman, RAF Target Rifle Club)

1. The Chairman, RAF Target Rifle Club (RAFTRC) is responsible to the Chairman RAFSAA for the overall management of the RAFTRC. Chairman RAFSAA will issue directives as required to the Chairman RAFTRC. Subject to such directives the Chairman RAFTRC is to :
 - a. Appoint members of the RAFTRC Committee to duties as defined in the RAFTRC Constitution.
 - b. Appoint a member of the RAFTRC to be the RAFTRC Pistol member. (Note: The purpose of this specific regulation is to ensure the RAFTRC owned muzzle loading pistols are held and used in accordance with all extant regulations.)
 - c. Supervise the activities of the other officers of the RAFTRC and of the RAFTRC Treasurer and the RAFTRC Pistol member in accordance with Regulations and the civil law.
 - d. Appoint a member of the RAFTRC to act as Treasurer of the RAFTRC (Teams) Account in accordance with its Constituting Document, Regulations, and the accounting principles of RAFSAA.

RAFTRC COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY RAFSAA

Extract from RAFTRC Constitution regarding RAFTRC Committee Officers appointed by RAFSAA.

‘The appointed officers of the RAFTRC are the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and the Inter-Service Team Captain. The Inter-Service Team Captain shall, by virtue of his appointment as such, be the Captain of the RAFTR Club. These appointments will be made or confirmed each year by the Trustees’ Committee of the RAF Small Arms Association. RAFTR Club officers shall be serving, and normally Commissioned, members of the RAF.’

TORs for RAFTRC Committee Members are promulgated in the RAFTRC Constitution.

TARGET PISTOL MEMBER

1. The Target Pistol Member will usually be an NCO with experience of RAFSAA Target Pistol Rifle competitions.
2. The Target Pistol Member is responsible to the Chairman for providing support to the Secretary in the administration of RAFSAA target pistol competitions.
3. The Target Pistol Member is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Administration of RAFSAA target pistol competitions, including:
 - (1) Timely distribution of Entry Forms.
 - (2) Collection of entry fees and membership fees, and their onward transmission to the Secretary.
 - (3) Making arrangements for scoring and the provision of results.
 - (4) Copying all appropriate correspondence to the Secretary.
 - (5) Acting as liason for any civilian or interservices target pistol competitions.
 - b. Assisting the Secretary as required in running any RAF Target Pistol Championship Meetings.

SMALL-BORE RIFLE MEMBER

1. The Assistant Secretary Small-Bore will usually be an officer or SNCO with experience of RAFSAA Small-Bore Rifle competitions.
2. The Assistant Secretary Small-Bore is responsible to the Chairman for providing support to the Secretary in the administration of RAFSAA Small-Bore Rifle competitions.
3. The Assistant Secretary Small-Bore Rifle is specifically responsible for:
 - a. Administration of RAFSAA Postal Small-Bore Rifle competitions, including:
 - (1) Timely distribution of Entry Forms.
 - (2) Collection of entry fees and membership fees, and their onward transmission to the Secretary.
 - (3) Making arrangements for scoring and the provision of results.
 - (4) Copying all appropriate correspondence to the Secretary.
 - b. Assisting the Secretary as required in running the RAF Small-Bore Rifle Championship Meetings.

CLAY PIGEON MEMBER (RAF CPSA CHAIRMAN)

1. The Clay Pigeon Member is the Chairman of the RAF Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (RAF CPSA). The RAF CPSA Chairman is to be a serving officer, ideally of Wg Cdr rank or above, with experience of clay pigeon shooting and is to be appointed by Chairman RAFSAA and endorsed by DSB(RAF).
2. The RAF CPSA Chairman is responsible to the Chairman RAFSAA for the efficient management of the RAF CPSA. Specifically he is responsible for:
 - a. Representing the membership of the RAF CPSA at RAFSAA Main Committee meetings.
 - b. Provide the necessary subject matter expertise on clay pigeon shooting issues to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, RAFSAA Secretary, Treasurer and other interested parties.
 - c. Promoting interest amongst all ranks of the RAF in all forms of clay pigeon shooting and in clay pigeon shooting competition.
 - d. Ensuring that competitions are efficiently organised and the Association's administration and finances are properly managed.
 - e. Chairing the RAF CPSA AGM and Committee meetings.

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- e. Representing the RAF CPSA at prize-givings at inter-Service competitions.
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SECTION 4 - RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL

TITLE

1. The Association will be called the:

ROYAL AIR FORCE SMALL ARMS ASSOCIATION (RAFSAA)

AIM OF THE ASSOCIATION

2. The Association was founded as the Royal Air Force Rifle Association in 1921 to encourage shooting within the Royal Air Force.
3. The object of the Association is to promote military efficiency by fostering interest in small arms shooting by means of individual and collective competitions thereby raising the standard and efficiency in the use of small arms.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

4. The ex-officio members shall be the Patron, Vice Patron, President and Honorary Life Presidents.
5. The RAFSAA Committee may also elect to Honorary Life Membership and to Honorary Life Vice-Presidency to persons who have rendered conspicuous service to the Association. Life members shall hereinafter be known as full members.
6. Annual subscriptions shall be due on the 1st day of January in every year and must be paid in any event before any member in any individual championship of the Association. A member who has not paid his subscription in any year will be debarred from competing in any individual championship of the Association. The RAFSAA Committee will determine fees. Membership is from 1 January to 31 December annually, and renewal is not automatically requested each year.
7. The Main Committee shall have power at its discretion to modify the amount of subscriptions payable.

RAFSAA COMMITTEES

8. The control of the affairs and funds of RAFSAA shall be vested in the Board of Trustees and Main Committees (including the elected Inter-Service Team Captains) together with the RAFSAA President, Chairman and a representative of the RAF Sports Federation who shall be the ex-officio members of the Committee.

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9. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt annually up to 5 full members. Any full member of RAFSAA shall be eligible for election to the Committee but, except in the case of a member of the Committee retiring by rotation, the name of every member to be proposed for election to the Committee shall be notified in writing by his proposer and seconder to the Secretary 28 clear days before the date of the AGM, together with the consent of such member to serve if elected. Notice of such proposal shall be given to the members in the notice convening the meeting.
10. At the AGM, any elected member of the Committee who has served for 3 years shall retire from office, but such retiring member shall be eligible for re-election.
11. The RAFSAA AGM shall be held not later than the 30 Sep in each year at a time and place to be determined by the Main Committee and, in any event, not more than 15 months must elapse between any such AGM.
12. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) may be summoned by the Trustees Committee when necessary and must be summoned within 21 days after the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing in that behalf by 30 members or one-fifth of the total number of members entitled to vote at such a meeting. Fourteen days notice shall be given of any such meetings and no business shall be transacted thereat other than that specified in such notice.
13. The Chairman of the Committee shall normally be a RAF Regiment officer of at least Gp Capt rank. The Vice Chairman shall be appointed at the discretion of the Committee and the Committee may invite distinguished persons and benefactors to become RAFSAA Vice Patrons.
14. The Committee shall have power to carry into effect the objects of RAFSAA and may also appoint executive officers for this purpose and shall arrange Prize Meetings at such times and places and subject to such regulations as it may determine. They may also affiliate to RAFSAA upon such terms as they think fit Clubs formed for the encouragement of Rifle and Pistol shooting.
15. The Committee shall have power from time to time to appoint Sub-Committees of its members and to delegate to such Sub-Committees any power or business as the Committee may think fit. The meetings of the Committee shall be summoned by the Secretary, on the direction of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or when required. Its proceedings shall be regulated by bye-laws from time to time to be made by the Committee. Five members shall form a quorum.

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16. The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy, whether the office vacated is in the appointment or election by that body or not. The Committee shall have power to raise such sums as they may from time to time be authorised by the Association in general meeting and to borrow by means of mortgage or charge issue of debentures, secured upon any or all of the assets of the Association as the Committee shall think fit.

17. All questions for decision by any general meeting shall be decided by a show of hands or as the meeting may determine. Vice Presidents, full members and one nominated member of each affiliated unit shall have one vote at any annual or extraordinary meeting of the Association. The Chairman of the Committee or the Vice Chairman of the Committee shall preside and, in case none of these shall be present, members shall choose one of their number to preside. Ten full members entitled to vote shall form a quorum. The Chairman with the consent of the members present, whether there be a quorum or not, shall have power to adjourn the meeting to any time or place.

18. The names and addresses of all candidates for election must be displayed in a part of the Club premises frequented by members for not less than 2 days before their election.

19. The foregoing rules shall not be altered or added to except by special resolution passed at an Extraordinary or Annual General Meeting. Notification of proposed special resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting.

20. The Committee's interpretation of these rules shall be final.

TRUSTEES

21. Trustees of the Association and are governed in their duties as Trustees by the Charity Commission rules in force. Each Trustee is to be in possession of the current Charity Commission leaflet "Charity Law duties and responsibilities of Trustees" (Leaflet CC3 as at 2011)

COMPETITION RULES¹

22. Eligibility.

- a. Competitions are open to all individual members of RAFSAA who are serving and entitled to full pay on the last day of the concerned Meeting or Competition; and to all units, stations and Commands as specified in the competition conditions. Exceptions are:
- b. Only full RAFSAA members. are eligible to compete for RAF Individual Championships.
- c. Regular officers, other ranks and ratings and Full Time Reservists of the Royal Navy, Regular Army and Foreign Forces serving with the RAF for not less than 28 days, are permitted to shoot in Inter-Station, Inter-Unit and Inter-Squadron competitions only. However, if range place permits they may shoot in Individual Championships for “Honours Only”.
- d. Regular personnel of Commonwealth, Dominion or Colonial Air Forces are permitted to shoot for the station and Command to which they are seconded, in Inter-Unit, Inter-Station and Inter-Command competitions. However, if range places permit they may shoot in Individual Championships for “Honours Only”.
- e. Associate Members may be permitted to shoot alongside for separate prize lists in small-bore competitions where specified in Part 4 Section 4.

23. Team Membership. A Team must consist of personnel who are on the posted strength of the unit, station, squadron or Group concerned on the closing date for entries. No competitor may fire in more than one team in the same competition unless specifically provided for in the conditions for the match, e,g, In Inter-Group matches:

- a. Personnel may compete only for the Group, which operationally controls the units on whose posted strength they are borne.
- b. Personnel filling miscellaneous posts, which are not operationally controlled by a Group, may compete for the Group, which administer the unit holding their personal documents.
- c. Notwithstanding the above, the Group for which any individual shoots in the semi-final of a competition shall have the prior right for that individual's services in the final of the same competition.
- d. Personnel may NOT represent a Group to which they are attached.

¹ These rules are to be enforced where no Service publication covers an activity. Army Operational Shooting publications take precedent over these rules for all SW competitors and events.

24. Entries and Fees.

- a. Entry to all RAFSAA Competitions is subject to payment of the appropriate Entry Fees and Membership Fees. Members of unit, station and squadron teams must all be paid-up members of RAFSAA. Team members who are not current RAFSAA members are to include the appropriate Membership Fee with payment on Team Entry Forms.
- b. All entries are to be made on RAFSAA Entry Forms, which will be distributed to units/individuals. It is in the interests of units to ensure that the Secretary is kept informed of the correct postal address to Officers IC Shooting and/or Team Captains to ensure RAFSAA correspondence is not misdirected.
- c. Late entries may be accepted, but they may incur an additional levy. Furthermore, late entries can only be accepted if accommodation and/or target space permits; this will be at the discretion of the Secretary. The RAFSAA Committee is empowered to limit entries where the total number of applications exceeds target space available. Where entries are cancelled after squadding for the Meeting has begun no refunds will be made as target spaces will by then have been booked and paid for by RAFSAA. Any claims for refunds must be made in writing to Secretary RAFSAA within 2 months of the last day of the Meeting.

25. Range Discipline. All competitors are to comply with all orders issued by, or on behalf of, the Chief Range Officer. Moreover, it is the duty of every competitor to report to the nearest Range Officer should they notice any infringement of the Rules. Team Captains are responsible for ensuring that every member of their team is fully conversant with the rules and conditions for shooting.

26. Safety Precautions.

- a. Firearms are not to be loaded until the competitor has taken up the appropriate position at the firing point and the Range Officer has given the order 'load'. The muzzle of the weapon is to be kept pointing towards the targets at all times during loading and unloading. Furthermore, once loaded the standing alert or other appropriate position, as directed by the Range Officer, is to be adopted.
- b. Aiming or 'snapping' an unloaded firearm is not permitted, except when in the firing position and then only if it would in all respects be safe to fire.
- c. A competitor who accidentally discharges a firearm will be dealt with in accordance with the relevant regulations. This may entail action for 'Dangerous Practice or Negligent Discharge' and may involve Service disciplinary action including return to unit.
- d. The firearm and magazine of every competitor must be inspected by, or on behalf of, the Range Officer immediately after completion of every practice. A competitor who fails to present his firearm for inspection, whether called upon to do so or not, may be considered as acting in a way that might prove dangerous, and be dealt with accordingly.

- e. Competitors using bolt-action weapons are to ensure that the bolt is removed, or breech flag fitted when not in position on the firing point.
- f. At all times when firing is taking place, competitors and range staff are to wear ear defenders or an officially approved alternative. Spectators are advised to take similar precautions. Eye protection is also advised for firers using pistols.

27. **Weapons -Security and Safe Custody.** All competitors are personally responsible for the safe custody of all firearms and ammunition brought to RAFSAA Meetings. During GPOSC²/RAFOSC, all Service and private weapons are to be lodged in the Military Armoury for safe custody when not required for use. At other times, arms and ammunition may be lodged in the RAFSAA Armoury and Magazine. Arms and ammunition are NOT to be left unattended in vehicles, tents, hutted lines, or elsewhere on RAFSAA property other than the Armoury or Magazine. Personnel infringing these regulations will be returned to their units forthwith and may be subject to Service disciplinary action and/or civil legal process.

28. **Protests.**

- a. Any complaint arising at a firing point must be indicated to the Range Officer on the spot by means of a protest. The protest must be made before the score is known or the target is seen, and the firer should attempt to obtain a clear decision **BEFORE** leaving the firing point. If the Range Officer cannot dispose of the protest at once, or his adjudication is disputed, the matter is to be referred to the Chief Range Officer, again **BEFORE** leaving the firing point. If satisfaction cannot be achieved on the Firing Point, the protest must be formally lodged with the RAFSAA Secretary or a member of the RAFSAA Committee within 2 hours of the incident. In team matches, protests will only be entertained if made through the Team Captain.
- b. The RAFSAA Committee will not consider any protests involving incidents at the firing point, which have not initially been raised with the Range Officer.

29. **Punctuality.**

- a. A competitor forfeits the right to shoot if not in every respect ready to take up position to fire at the published time or on commencement of the published detail.
- b. Should a competitor be unavoidably delayed and thus miss a detail, permission may be given to shoot in a later detail if target space is available. Competitors, who feel they may be unable to make a detail and wish to "fill in" on a subsequent detail, are to hand the relevant squadding cards to the Range Officer. Subsequent "call forward" to fill in will be in the order of receipt of any such cards. However, once a competition is completed for the day, ranges will not be re-opened to accommodate any person who has missed a detail for whatever reason.

² GPOSC is also referred to as the Gp Operational Shooting Competition (GPOSC)

30. **Score Cards.**

- a. Processing score cards is a lengthy and complex process. Every competitor is responsible for ensuring that his/her rank, initials, name, unit and, *most* importantly, competitor number and is entered on every squadding card. Cards arriving in Stats without these details will not be entered into the results until a fine has been paid.
- b. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the Register Keeper has correctly completed the squadding card or Range Officer after scores have been announced. This must be done at the firing point at the time. Competitors who are unsure should NOT be rushed; once firers leave the firing point it is too late to remedy errors (see also under Protests). Squadding Cards should be shown to each competitor after they have been completed.
- c. After publication of a prize list, a competitor has 12 hours to seek revisions to their scores on payment of a deposit, which will be returned if the claim is upheld. If the prize list error was due to the competitor's failure to complete details on the card correctly, the deposit will not be refunded.

31. **Range/Butt Duties.** It is a condition of entry to all Matches that competitors may be required to undertake butt marking or other range staff duties. Complete details of competitors may be alternated from the firing point to range staff or butt duties. Alternatively, individual personnel may be detailed for specific tasks. Failure of any competitor to complete duties may result in the individual or team being disqualified from the concerned match(es) as decided by the RAFSAA Committee.

32. **Ammunition Entitlements.** Scaling of ammunition, which may be authorised for stations for the training of station teams, is iaw PFA HQ AIR Cmd Armament Accounting Policy Directive 'Formulating the Annual Explosives Requirement'. The Director Service Weapons, in collaboration with the Deputy Director Service Weapons) Secretary and HQ Air Cmd Arm Role Office is responsible for the allocation of ammunition authorities in conjunction with Air Command staffs.

33. **Challenges.** As per Army OSC publications, with the exception that the value of the deposit will be promulgated at the start of the meeting.

RAFSAA CLUBHOUSE RULES

34. The affairs of the RAFSAA Clubhouse are under the supervision of the RAFSAA Board of Trustees. Day-to-day management of the Clubhouse will be exercised by the Secretary.
35. The Clubhouse and its surrounds, and specifically the Members' Bar Lounge, are for use by RAFSAA Members and their guests only. Members inviting guests shall be responsible for the guests' behaviour whilst on RAFSAA premises. "Block" or "open house" invitations to guests are not permitted - but see para 36 below.
36. Members of teams visiting for shooting competitions may be admitted to the premises provided they are bona fide members of a visiting team present for a shooting competition. Drinks and intoxicating liquor may be sold to such persons as if it were "supply" to a member or a guest. Members of teams visiting for shooting competitions may also make use of the dining facilities.
37. The Secretary may authorise the use of the Clubhouse for private functions (up to a maximum of 10 per annum) provided that this can be done without detriment to members of the Association. A charge for the use of the facility will be made to defray expenses incurred by the Association.
38. The Bar opening hours will be determined by the Secretary in accordance with the Club Rules with the approval of the Local Licensing Authority.
39. Children under the age of 12 are not permitted in the Bar after 7.00pm without the express permission of the Secretary or the senior serving officer present.
40. Dogs are not permitted in the Bar without the express permission of the Secretary, and then only if kept on a lead.
41. Members and guests are expected to be reasonably dressed at all times in the Clubhouse. Combat dress is permitted up to 7.00pm, but webbing and foul weather clothing is to be deposited elsewhere. During Service Weapons Meetings Duty personnel are authorised to wear Combat Dress after 7.00pm. The Secretary's or senior serving officer's decisions regarding any particular form of dress are final.
42. Firearms and ammunition are not permitted in any public rooms in the Clubhouse. Firearms are not to be cleaned on the veranda: The Gunroom is to be used for this purpose. (The only exception for firearms is designated indoor training and coaching events).
43. The consumption of food, other than sandwiches snacks and afternoon tea, is not permitted in the Bar (Unless authorised by the Secretary). Plated meals are to be consumed in the Dining Room.
44. The consumption of alcohol that has not been purchased from RAFSAA during bar opening times is not permitted without the express permission of the Steward or RAFSAA Secretary.

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45. Any person damaging the property of the Association shall make good the same to the satisfaction of the Trustees Committee.
46. The Bar and Cellar are out of bounds to all persons and may not be entered without the permission of the Steward or the Secretary.
47. The Kitchen is usually out of bounds however it may be utilised by members if approved by the Steward or Secretary. Individuals or Groups utilising the kitchen are to ensure it is clean and tidy after use.
48. The conduct of any employee shall in no instance be made a matter of personal reprimand by any member or guest. Any complaint against any person is to be made in writing to the Secretary.
49. Requests for sleeping accommodation shall be made to the Steward. In cases of great demand, the Secretary's decision on the allocation of accommodation is final, and full members of the Association and those on Duty shall have priority. A charge for the use of any sleeping accommodation will be made to defray expenses incurred by the Association. Accommodation facilities may be made available to affiliated and non-members of the Association provided that full members have priority in the allocation of spaces.
50. Sleeping accommodation is not to be used for the purpose of any business or trade.
51. **Smoking is not permitted within any RAFSAA building.**
52. **The charging of mobile phones, e-cigarettes or similar devices is not to be left unattended whilst charging and not charged overnight whilst personnel are sleeping.**
53. These Rules are to be exhibited in a prominent position in the Clubhouse and brought to the attention of all Members.
54. The Secretary has complete discretion regarding these Rules and is to report any anomaly to the Main Committee.

These Clubhouse Rules are submitted to the Licensing Authority and form the basis for the grant of a Club Licence and Fire Regulations.

SECTION 5 – REPRESENTATIVE BADGES AND COLOURS

RAF TEAM BADGES

1. Personnel selected to represent the RAF in Inter-Services matches are entitled to be awarded the RAF Team Badge, known as the RAF VIII (SW and SB) or RAF XII (TR) badges. The badges are only awarded to an individual on their first representation in the Inter-Services Matches listed below:

- a. TR Long Range Inter-Services Match. (Figure 1)
- b. TR Short Range Inter-Services Match.
- c. SP Inter-Services Match (NRA Whitehead).
- d. SR FIBUA Inter-Services Match. (Figure 2)
- e. SR Inter-Services Match (NRA United Services).
- f. Target Pistol Inter-Services Match.
- g. Small Bore Rifle Inter-Services Match.



TR XII Badge (Figure 1)



SR FIBUA VIII Badge (Figure 2)

2. Team Captains are to record who is awarded the RAF Team Badge and inform the RAFSAA Stats Officer so that records can be updated.

ADDITIONAL BADGES

3. The following additional badges are to be awarded as appropriate to each team member on each occasion that they represent the RAF in the Inter-Services matches listed at Para 1, a-g. The badges are to be on Black material with Gold coloured thread lettering.

4. **Reserves.** Reserves are not to be awarded the RAF Team Badges but are to be awarded the reserve badges.

5. **Date Badges.** Date Badges (Figure 3) are to be awarded to all team members. One date badge is to be awarded for each team they represent.



Date Badge (Figure 3)

6. **Captain and Vice-Captain.** The Captain (Figure 4) and Vice Captain (Figure 5) are to be awarded the appropriate badges.



Captains Badge (Figure 4)



Vice-Captains Badge (Figure 5)

7. **Adjutant.** The team Adjutant is to be awarded the appropriate badge.

8. **Coach.** Where applicable (TR & SB) the team coach (Figure 6) is to be awarded the appropriate badge.



RAF Team Coach (Figure 6)



Presidents of the RAF Rifle Association (RAFRA) and the RAF Small Arms Association (RAFSAA)

1921-1925	MRAF Sir Hugh Trenchard GCB DSO
1926-1928	Air Mshl Sir John Salmond KCB CMG CVO DSO
1929	AVM C A H Longcroft CB CMG DSO AFC
1930-1931	Air Mshl Sir E L Ellington KCB CMG CBE
1932-1936	Air Chf Mshl Sir Robert Brooke-Popham GCVO KCB CMG DSO AFC
1937-1939	Air Mshl Sir Charles Burnett KCB CBE DSO
1947-1949	Air Chf Mshl Sir John Slessor GCB DSO MC
1950-1952	Air Chf Mshl The Hon Sir Ralph Cochrane GBE KCB AFC
1953-1957	Air Mshl Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman KBE CB DFC AFC
1958-1961	Air Mshl Sir Edmund Hudleston KCB CBE
1962-1968	Air Chf Mshl Sir Wallace Kyle GCB CBE DSO DFC
1969-1970	Air Mshl Sir Peter Fletcher KCB OBE DFC AFC
1971-1972	Air Mshl Sir Denis Smallwood KCB CBE DSO DFC
1975	Air Mshl Sir Ruthven Wade KCB DFC
1976-1985	Air Mshl Sir Alasdair Steedman CB CBE DFC
1986-1990	Air Chf Mshl Sir Peter Harding KCB
1991-1992	AVM D R Hawkins MBE
1993-1995	Air Mshl Sir John Harris KCB CBE
1995-2000	Air Chf Mshl Sir John Cheshire KBE CB FRAeS
2000-2002	Air Cdre J A McLoughlin MBE MA
2002 - 2010	Air Chf Mshl Sir Glenn Torpy KCB CBE DSO BSc(Eng) FGCI RAF
2010 - 2018	Air Marshal R F Garwood CB CBE DFC MA RAF
2018	Air Vice Marshal H Smyth OBE DFC MA RAF



Chairmen of the RAF Rifle Association (RAFRA) and the RAF Small Arms Association (RAFSAA)

1921	Gp Capt J G Hearson CB DSO
1922-1923	Air Commodore F C Halahan CMB DSO MVO
1924-1925	Air Commodore C A H Longcroft CMB DSO AFC
1927-1928	Air Commodore F C Halahan CMB CBE DSO MVO
1928-1929	AVM F C Halahan CMB CBE DSO MVO
1930	Gp Capt R Peel-Ross DSO AFC
1931-1937	AVM F C Halahan CMB DSO MVO
1950-1952	AVM W E Staton CB DSO MC DFC
1953-1954	Gp Capt G E Watt CBE AFC
1955	Air Cdre G Silyn-Roberts CBE AFC
1956	AVM J G W Weston CBE OBE
1958-1963	AVM J G W Weston CBE OBE
1964-1968	AVM B A Chacksfield CB OBE AFRAeS
1969-1972	AVM B P Young CBE
1973-1974	AVM D A Pocock OBE
1975-1976	AVM A Griffiths CB AFC
1977-1979	AVM H Gill OBE
1982-1983	AVM H Reed-Purvis OBE BSc
1984-1985	AVM J F O Rowe CBE AFC
1986-1987	AVM D B Leech CBE
1989	AVM J H Harris CBE
1990-1991	AVM G C Williams AFC AFRAeS
1992	Gp Capt M A Bassnett
1993-1994	Gp Capt W S Brereton-Martin
1994-2002	Group Captain R J Fishwick RAF

2002-2004	Group Captain A Davie OBE MBA MA RAF
2004-2009	Group Captain R W La Forte MBE ADC MA BA RAF
2009-2012	Air Commodore R W La Forte CBE MA BA RAF
2012-2016	Group Captain S M Miller RAF
2016-	Air Commodore S M Miller RAF



Secretaries of the RAF Rifle Association (RAFRA) and the RAF Small Arms Association (RAFSAA)

1922-1925	Flt Lt D S Jackson-Taylor
1926-1949	Flt Lt (later Sqn Ldr) J L K Pearce OBE
1950-1959	Sqn Ldr C J Collins OBE
1960-1969	Wg Cdr F P Gee OBE
1970-1972	Sqn Ldr E W Toogood
1973-1984	Wg Cdr R P Wilson
1985-1993	Sqn Ldr A J A Lutman
1994-1997	Wg Cdr P M Gardiner
1997-1998	Sqn Ldr R H Lloyd
1998	Wg Cdr P M Gardiner
1998-2002	Flt Lt B Ashton RAFVR(T)
2002-2006	Sqn Ldr D R Niblett
2007-2010	Sqn Ldr R E Nott
2010-2018	Sqn Ldr P Upham RAFVR(T)
2018	Flt Lt C Steele-Benny

Service Rifle Champion and Winner of The Queens Medal for Champion Shot of the Air Force

Year	
1921	Flt Lt J L K Pearce
1922	Sgt Maj A Zell
1923	FS C H Spry
1924	Wg Cdr S Grant-Dalton
1925	FS R J Williams
1926	LAC C C Willott
1927	Fg Off S Wallingford
1928	Fg Off G H Stainforth
1929	Flt Lt S Wallingford
1930	Cpl C C Willott
1931	Sgt C C Willott
1932	Sgt C C Willott
1933	LAC F Hanley
1934	AC1 G Gaskell
1935	FS J A Armstrong
1936	FS W H Hampshire
1937	Sgt E F Hancock
1938	Fg Off W H Hampshire
1939	WO J E W LeGras
1940-1946	No Match Held
1947	Sqn Ldr C C Willott
1948	Sqn Ldr C C Willott
1949	Sqn Ldr C C Willott
1950	Flt Lt H A Steele

Year	
1951	Flt Lt A C W Smith
1952	Sgt P W Lane-Joynt
1953*	Snr Tech J E P Witts
1954	Sgt C H Greenlee
1955	Cpl Tech B R Creasey
1956	Sqn Ldr C C Willott
1957	Flt Lt M Gill
1958	Wg Cdr P E H Thomas
1959	Wg Cdr P E H Thomas
1960	Sqn Ldr D H Young
1961	WO F Flanagan
1962	Chf Tech B R Creasey
1963	Snr Tech D J Limby
1964	Flt Lt R S Hassell
1965	Cpl R N Van Gelderen
1966	Cpl R N Van Gelderen
1967	Chf Tech H J Dillon-Lee
1968	Sgt R N Van Gelderen
1969	Sgt R N Van Gelderen
1970	Sgt R N Van Gelderen
1971	Sgt R N Van Gelderen
1972	Sgt R N Van Gelderen
1973	Flt Lt G Cox
1974	Chf Tech D D Watt

Year	
1975	Sgt P A Moss
1976	Sgt P A Moss
1977	Sgt P A Moss
1978	Sgt P A Moss
1979	Chf Tech A Thompson
1980	MEng I Wilkinson
1981	Cpl P W Raymond
1982	Cpl J A Wyles
1983	Flt Lt D P Calvert
1984	Cpl J T Pictor
1985	Cpl P W Raymond
1986	Cpl J T Pictor
1987	Cpl I L Vosper
1988	Cpl J T Pictor
1989	SAC I D E Brown
1990	Sgt J T Pictor
1991	No Match Held
1992	FS M W Silver
1993	Sgt P Barry
1994	Sgt B D Vick
1995	Sgt J T Pictor
1996	Flt Lt L F Smith
1997	Sgt J T Pictor
1998	Flt Lt L F Smith

Year	
1999	Sgt J T Pictor
2000	Chf Tech J T Pictor
2001	Chf Tech J T Pictor
2002	Chf Tech J T Pictor
2003	Chf Tech J T Pictor
2004	Flt Lt C Allen
2005	Sqn Ldr L F Smith
2006	Chf Tech J T Pictor
2007	Chf Tech J T Pictor
2008	Flt Lt B D Vick
2009	Chf Tech J T Pictor
2010	Sqn Ldr L F Smith
2011	Sqn Ldr B D Vick
2012	Sgt P Hunter
2013	Cpl RKL Jamieson
2014	Cpl RKL Jamieson
2015	Cpl RKL Jamieson
2016	Sgt A Lilley
2017	Cpl MR Keightley
2018	Sgt A Lilley
2019	FS PAD Guard
2020	No Match Held

*The Queens Medal Introduced in 1953

Service Pistol Champion

Year	
1921	Wg Cdr L W B Rees VC
1922	FS P G Pearce
1923	Capt J S Smith
1924	Sgt Maj J Trewin
1925	Wg Cdr R J F Barton
1926	Sqn Ldr C Darley
1927	Wg Cdr S Grant-Dalton
1928	Flt Lt C W Hill
1929	Flt Lt C W Hill
1930	Flt Lt C W Hill
1931	Flt Lt G H Stainforth
1932	Sgt C C Willott
1933	LAC E A Brett
1934	Flt Lt G H Stainforth
1935	Flt Lt G H Stainforth
1936	Flt Lt T Cresswell
1937	Wg Cdr C W Hill
1938	FS C C Willott
1939	WO C C Willott
1940-1946	No Match Held
1947	Flt Lt H A Steele
1948	Sqn Ldr C C Willott
1949	Sqn Ldr C C Willott
1950	Flt Lt H Kennedy

Year	
1951	WO R V Sperring
1952	Flt Lt H A Steele
1953	Wg Cdr R F B Guy
1954	Wg Cdr R F B Guy
1955	Sqn Ldr C C Willott
1956	Flt Lt H A Steele
1957	Plt Off S Pickles
1958	Flt Lt B R Davies
1959	Flt Lt C R White
1960	Flt Lt B R Davies
1961	Flt Lt T E W Pocock
1962	Flt Lt R S Hassall
1963	Flt Lt R S Hassall
1964	Flt Lt R S Hassell
1965	Sgt R P Holderness
1966	Chf Tech A D Pitt
1967	Flt Lt P Bobrowski
1968	Flt Lt P G Blake
1969	Chf Tech J B Coltherd
1970	Sqn Ldr P G Blake
1971	Sqn Ldr P G Blake
1972	Sqn Ldr R E Cooper
1973	MEng C Inward
1974	Chf Tech D E Durnford

Year	
1975	Chf Tech C W Barrand
1976	Gp Capt P W Gilpin
1977	Gp Capt P W Gilpin
1978	Chf Tech C W Barrand
1979	Sqn Ldr W A Whittaker
1980	Sqn Ldr A J A Lutman
1981	Chf Tech A P Warren
1982	Chf Tech A P Warren
1983	Chf Tech A P Warren
1984	Jnr Tech R Bound
1985	Sqn Ldr B C Cole
1986	Cpl I L Vosper
1987	Sqn Ldr B C Cole
1988	Wg Cdr P M Gardiner
1989	Sgt I Nicholas
1990	Flt Lt A M Fox
1991	No Match Held
1992	Flt Lt A M Fox
1993	Wg Cdr M J Gregory
1994	Sgt J T Pricor
1995	Sgt J T Pricor
1996	Flt Lt L F Smith
1997	Sgt J T Pricor
1998	Sgt J T Pricor

Year	
1999	Sgt J T Pricor
2000	Sgt A G Crowe
2001	Flt Lt L F Smith
2002	Sgt A G Crowe
2003	Sgt A G Crowe
2004	Sgt A G Crowe
2005	Sqn Ldr L F Smith
2006	Chf Tech J T Pricor
2007	Sqn Ldr L F Smith
2008	FS A G Crowe
2009	Sqn Ldr L F Smith
2010	Sqn Ldr L F Smith
2011	FS AG Crowe
2012	Sgt RKL Jamieson
2013	Sgt PAD Guard
2014	WO AG Crowe
2015	SAC C Ryan
2016	Chf Tech PAD Guard
2017	Chf Tech PAD Guard
2018	Chf Tech PAD Guard
2019	FS PAD Guard
2020	No Match Held

Target Rifle Champion

Year	
1921	
1922	
1923	
1924	
1925	
1926	FS R J Williams
1927	Cpl A W Hulse
1928	Fg Off G H Stainforth
1929	Cpl C C Willott
1930	LAC D H Paul
1931	Flt Lt E R C Hobson
1932	Sgt C C Willott
1933	Sgt A Armstrong
1934	Flt Lt T Cresswell
1935	Cpl D Bertie
1936	Sgt C J Collins
1937	Rev G H Nicholson
1938	FS C C Willott
1939	FS C C Willott
1940-1946	No Match Held
1947	FS C W Farrell
1948	Flt Lt A T Dugdale
1949	WO V J Eva
1950	Flt Lt R H King

Year	
1951	Snr Tech C H Breislin
1952	Flt Lt H Gill
1953	Flt Lt A T Dugdale
1954	Flt Lt A C W Smith
1955	Flt Lt W A Vasseur
1956	Sgt R S Richards
1957	Sqn Ldr R A B James
1958	Flt Lt J S Henderson
1959	AC A Calvert
1960	Flt Lt A T Dugdale
1961	Gp Capt A B Riall
1962	Snr Tech D Truluck
1963	Snr Tech B Perryman
1964	Flt Lt J E S Rolfe
1965	Sgt B Perryman
1966	Flt Lt P G Blake
1967	Flt Lt P G Blake
1968	Air Cdre D Bower
1969	Sqn Ldr B T Griffiths
1970	FS M Nicholson
1971	SAC K Rowland
1972	Plt Off D P Calvert
1973	Flt Lt C Fitzpatrick
1974	Chf Tech D E Durnford

Year	
1975	FS P W Sharman
1976	Cpl J E White
1977	Jnr Tech P W Raymond
1978	Flt Lt G J Gatenby
1979	SAC J T Pricor
1980	Sqn Ldr C J Hockley
1981	Sqn Ldr C J Hockley
1982	Sgt J E White
1983	Flt Lt D P Calvert
1984	Flt Lt D R Niblett
1985	Sgt J E White
1986	Chf Tech D E Jones
1987	Flt Lt C Fitzpatrick
1988	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert
1989	Flt Lt N P Moxon
1990	Chf Tech D E Jones
1991	Sqn Ldr J Lindsey
1992	FS F J Carlin
1993	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert
1994	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert
1995	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert
1996	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert
1997	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert
1998	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert

Year	
1999	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert
2000	Cpl S J East
2001	Wg Cdr D P Calvert
2002	Wg Cdr D P Calvert
2003	Wg Cdr D P Calvert
2004	Flt Lt D P Calvert RAFR
2005	Flt Lt D P Calvert RAFR
2006	Flt Lt I W Robertson
2007	Flt Lt D P Calvert RAFR
2008	Flt Lt N P Moxon
2009	Flt Lt N P Moxon
2010	Flt Lt D P Calvert RAFR
2011	Wg Cdr CR Smith
2012	Flt Lt NP Moxon
2013	Flt Lt ME Fray
2014	Flt Lt NP Moxon
2015	No Match Held
2016	Flt Lt RJSG Clark
2017	No Match Held
2018	No Match Held
2019	No Match Held
2020	No Match Held

Sub Machine Gun and Ivalaw-Chapman Challenge Cup (FIBUA - CQB) Champion

Year		Year		Year		Year	
1921		1951		1975	Chf Tech D E Durnford	1999	Sgt JT Pricor
1922		1952		1976	Chf Tech H R V Hayes	2000	Chf Tech JT Pricor
1923		1953		1977	Sgt R A Riste	2001	Flt Lt LF Smith
1924		1954		1978	Flt Lt P R B Williams	2002	Sqn Ldr LF Smith
1925		1955		1979	Chf Tech C W Barrand	2003	Sqn Ldr LF Smith
1926		1956	WO A Novis	1980	MEng I Wilkinson	2004	Sgt AG Crowe
1927		1957	WO A Novis	1981	Cpl D J Hughes	2005	Sqn Ldr LF Smith
1928		1958	Sqn Ldr J N Williams	1982	Cpl K Nicholson	2006	Chf Tech JT Pricor
1929		1959	Flt Lt R S Hassell	1983	MAEOp P W Sharman	2007	Chf Tech JT Pricor
1930		1960	Sgt P Dempsey	1984	Cpl P Barry	2008	Cpl P Beckford
1931		1961	Flt Lt J E S Rolfe	1985	Cpl P Barry	2009	Chf Tech JT Pricor
1932		1962	Jnr Tech C A Cox	1986	Cpl K Nicholson	2010	Sqn Ldr LF Smith
1933		1963	Chf Tech J D Toogood	1987	Cpl K Nicholson	2011	Flt Lt C Steele-Benny
1934		1964	Flt Lt R S Hassell	1988	Cpl P Barry	2012	Sgt RKL Jamieson
1935		1965	Flt Lt R S Hassell	1989	Sqn Ldr D P Calvert	2013	Cpl JA Hepburn
1936		1966	Flt Lt R S Hassell	1990 ¹	Sgt J T Pricor	2014	Cpl RKL Jamieson
1937		1967	Flt Lt R S Hassell	1991 ²	No Match Held	2015	Flt Lt C Steele-Benny
1938		1968	Flt Lt H Greig	1992	Sgt JT Pricor	2016	WO AG Crowe
1939		1969	Sqn Ldr P Flucker	1993	SAC S Temple	2017	Sgt A Lilley
1940-1946	No Match Held	1970	Chf Tech T M Humphries	1994	Sgt JT Pricor	2018	Sgt A Lilley
1947		1971	Sqn Ldr A S Beebe	1995	SAC S Temple	2019	FS PAD Guard
1948		1972	Sgt A Thompson	1996	Flt Lt LF Smith	2020	No Match Held
1949		1973	Sgt M Levesley	1997	FS MW Silver		
1950		1974	Chf Tech T M Humphries	1998	Sgt JT Pricor		

¹ Introduction of the Ivalaw-Chapman Challenge Cup

² End of Sub Machine Gun Championship

The Small Arms Efficiency Champion

Year	
1921	
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1933	Sqn Ldr CS Richardson
1934	FS T Creswell
1935	FS J Whiting
1936	Fg Off GE Watt
1937	FS JEW Le Gras
1938	FS CC Willott
1939	No Match Held
1940-1946	No Match Held
1947	Flt Lt HA Steele
1948	Flt Lt HA Steele
1949	Sqn Ldr CC Willott
1950	Flt Lt HA Steele

Year	
1951	Flt Lt HA Steele
1952	Sqn Ldr CC Willott
1953	M Plt D Fisher
1954	FS S Pickles
1955	FS S Pickles
1956	Flt Lt HA Steele
1957	Chf Tech BR Creasey
1958	Sgt RS Richards
1959	Flt Lt RS Hassel
1960	Flt Lt BR Davies
1961	Flt Lt LA Wood
1962	Flt Lt RS Hassel
1963	Flt Lt RS Hassel
1964	Flt Lt RS Hassel
1965	Flt Lt RS Hassel
1966	Sgt TM Humphries
1967	Flt Lt CW Gray
1968	Sgt GM Upton
1969	Chf Tech B Williams
1970	Sqn Ldr PG Blake
1971	Sgt RN Van Gelderen
1972	Chf Tech DE Durnford
1973	Flt Lt G Cox
1974	Chf Tech CW Barrand

Year	
1975	Chf Tech DE Burnford
1976	FS I Wilkinson
1977	JT PW Raymond
1978	Flt Lt PRB Williams
1979	Chf Tech A Thompson
1980	M Eng I Wilkinson
1981	Chf Tech AP Warren
1982	Sqn Ldr AJA Lutman
1983	Flt Lt DP Calvert
1984	Flt Lt DP Calvert
1985	Cpl PW Raymond
1986	Cpl JT Pricor
1987	Cpl PW Raymond
1988	Cpl JT Pricor
1989	Cpl JT Pricor
1990	Cpl JT Pricor
1991	No Match Held
1992	Sgt JT Pricor
1993	Wg Cdr MJ Gregory
1994	Sqn Ldr DP Calvert
1995	Sgt JT Pricor
1996	Sgt JT Pricor
1997	FS MW Silver
1998	Sgt JT Pricor

Year	
1999	Sgt JT Pricor
2000	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2001	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2002	FS MW Silver
2003	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2004	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2005	Sgt T Kay
2006	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2007	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2008	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2009	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2010	Chf Tech JT Pricor
2011	FS AG Crowe
2012	Flt Lt C Steele-Benny
2013	Sgt P Hunter
2014	Flt Lt C Steele-Benny
2015	FS P Hunter
2016	Cpl C Crossman
2017	Sgt A Lilley
2018	Sgt A Lilley
2019	FS PAD Guard
2020	No Match Held

The Stirling Challenge Cup (Air Officers Challenge)

The Sterling Challenge Cup Presented By The Sterling Engineering Company Ltd 1967 for the The Flag General And Air Officers Match

Year	
1967	Air Cdre D Bower OBE AFC
1968	AVM AA Case CB CBE
1968	Capt GA Looker CBE RN
1970	Air Cdre AB Riall CBE
1971	Air Cdre AB Riall CBE
1972	Air Cdre D Bower OBE AFC
1973	AVM BP Young CB CBE
1974	Air Cdre D Bower OBE AFC
1975	Air Cdre AB Riall CBE
1976	Air Cdre H Gill OBE
1977	Air Cdre H Gill OBE
1978	Air Cdre H Gill CB OBE
1979	ACM Sir Alastair Steedman
1980	AVM H Gill OBE
1981	AVM H Gill OBE
1982	AVM H Gill OBE
1983	AVM H Reed-Purvis CB OBE BSc
1984	AVM TP White
1985	ACM Sir Peter Harding KCB
1986	AVM FM Holroyd
1987	AVM H Gill CB OBE
1988	AVM JH Harris CBE
1989	AVM H Gill CB OBE
1990	AVM H Gill CB OBE

Year	
1991	No Match Held
1992	AM Sir John Harris KCB CBE
1993	AM Sir John Harris KCB CBE
1994	AM Sir John Harris KCB CBE
1995	AVM CG Terry CB OBE
1996	AVM CG Terry CB OBE
1997-2004	No Match Held
2005	AM Sir Glenn Torpy KCB CBE DSO
2006	Air Cdre M Swan
2007	Air Cdre R Lock
2008	Air Cdre M Swan
2009	AM Sir Glenn Torpy KCB CBE DSO
2010	Air Cdre RW La Forte CBE
2011	Air Cdre RW La Forte CBE
2012	Air Cdre RW La Forte CBE
2013	Air Cdre BP Doggett RAF (Retd)
2014	Air Cdre BP Doggett RAF (Retd)
2015	Air Cdre BP Doggett RAF (Retd)
2016	AM R Garwood CB CBE
2017	Air Cdre SM Miller MA
2018	Air Cdre PJM Suires OBE MA BEng
2019	Air Cdre SM Miller MA
2020	No Match Held

The Watt Salver (Commanders Challenge)

The Station Commanders Trophy (The Watt Salver) Presented By Chief Technician DD Watt In 1988

Year	
1967	
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1987	
1988	Gp Capt JV Bell – RAF Lyneham
1989	Wg Cdr AJ Bruce – RAF Innsworth
1990	Gp Capt MJ Abbott – RAF Coltishall

Year	
1991-1992	No Match Held
1993	Gp Capt CM Chambers – RAF Odiham
1994	Sqn Ldr P Melhuish – RAF Stanbridge
1995	Wg Cdr SW Exton – RAF Aldergrove
1996	Wg Cdr SW Exton – RAF Aldergrove
1997-2002	No Match Held
2003	Wg Cdr G Dunn – RAF Henlow
2004	Gp Capt MJM Jenkins – RAF Wittering
2005	Gp Capt G Fletcher DCAE Cosford
2006	Gp Capt AD Stevenson – RAF Wittering
2007	Gp Capt AS Barmby – RAF Valley
2008	Gp Capt T McWilliam – OASC
2009	Gp Capt A Radcliffe – RAF High Wycombe
2010	Wg Cdr A Howard – RAF Benson
2011	Wg Cdr G Clark – RAF Honington
2012	Gp Capt A Hill – RAF Valley
2013	Wg Cdr A Glazebrook – DCBRNC
2014	Gp Capt F Clifford – RAF High Wycombe
2015	Wg Cdr M Biggerdike – RAF Benson
2016	Wg Cdr A Baron – RAF Benson
2017	Wg Cdr M Lock – RAF Benson
2018	Gp Capt GE Littlejohns – MoD Boscombe Down
2019	Air Cdr PJM Squires OBE MA BEng – RAF Cranwell
2020	No Match Held

ROYAL AIR FORCE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Year	Supreme Champion
1982	Sqn Ldr NM Evans
1983	Sgt L Cull
1984	Chf Tech M Locke
1985	Sgt T Hyde
1986	JT R Howe
1987	JT R Howe
1988	Flt Lt PR Atkinson
1989	Cpl D Thorp
1990	Sqn Ldr MW Taylor
1991	JT K Martin
1992	Flt Lt PR Atkinson
1993	Gp Capt NM Evans
1994	WO J Bray
1995	Cpl DJ Hewitt-Hulin
1996	Cpl DJ Hewitt-Hulin
1997	WO J Bray
1998	Cpl RG Dytor
1999	Cpl RG Dytor
2000	Cpl RG Dytor
2001	Cpl RG Dytor
2002	Sgt D Wells
2003	Cpl DJ Hewitt-Hulin
2004	Cpl DJ Hewitt-Hulin
2005	Sgt RG Dytor

Year	Supreme Champion
2006	JT L Hoyland
2007	Sgt K Johnston
2008	Sgt P Atkin
2009	Sgt GA Reid
2010	Chf Tech K Johnston
2011	Chf Tech K Johnston
2012	Sgt P Atkin
2013	Sgt AM Goodwin
2014	Sgt P Atkin
2015	Chf Tech K Johnston
2016	FS K Johnston
2017	Chf Tech P Atkin
2018	FS K Johnston
2019	Cpl R Parry-Sargent

PART 2 - SERVICE WEAPONS

SECTION 1 - STATUS OF SERVICE WEAPON SHOOTING IN THE RAF

1. Operational Shooting Competitions (OSCs) are an effective way of developing an individual's basic weapon skills. Under the referenced documents this seeks to clarify that OSCs are classed as military training as part of Common Core Skills and thus it attracts funding from Force Development sections. This is backed up in documentation from the RAF Sports Board. OSCs are listed as Individual Training and a Force Protection activity. **Service Weapon shooting is classed as Individual Training and thus attracts full duty status.**

BACKGROUND

2. **Defence Instructions and Notices (DINs).** “Within the military there is a minimum standard of both weapon handling and shooting that accompanies the dual requirements of operational effectiveness and safety. MOD personnel that are required to use personal weapons need the expertise to handle a loaded weapon safely and fire it effectively in a variety of operational environments”. The referenced policy outlines the minimum training requirement for weapon handling and training across the Armed Forces & MOD Police and allocates responsibilities for ensuring that the standards are validated and achieved.

3. **Army Operational Shooting Policy.** Further guidance is directed from the Army Operational Shooting Policy which directs Single Service Policy. This document states Operational Shooting is; “the ability to shoot effectively on operations is a fundamental skill, which depends on training to achieve the highest standards in weapon handling and individual marksmanship in realistic battle shooting conditions”. It is conducted using Service Issued weapons i.e. Rifle and Pistol. A mandatory prerequisite is for the individual to have passed the relevant Weapon Handling Test (WHT) within 6 months prior to attending the Operational Shooting Competition.

4. **Purpose and Value of Combat Shooting Competitions.** “The value of combat shooting competitions is too often underestimated. Service combat shooting competition is an integral and important part of personnel's shooting training. Matches exist for Rifle, LSW, Pistol and LMG. Its value in meeting the requirements of operational shooting can be highlighted in the following areas:

- a. **Incentive.** Competition is a powerful incentive to units and individuals to aspire to high standards of marksmanship.
- b. **Interest.** Competition matches maintain interest. They are framed to provide a real challenge and will usually be more difficult than the ACMT. Interest will be maintained if units enter competitions regularly.
- c. **Battle Training.** Competition stress has a similar effect to battle stress. The keener the competition, the greater the pressure. Simultaneous firing of team combat shooting matches are a particularly good way of creating pressure. Qualities which competition shooting develops include determination, esprit de corps, concentration, self-confidence and confidence in weapons and equipment.

5. **Operational Shooting Competitions.** Details of Operational Shooting Competitions are given in the relevant AOSPs. In summary matches are organised as follows: Central Matches. Central matches are those organised and fired by units, corps and District/Division at Operational Shooting Competitions (OSCs). They should be organised on the broadest possible basis with teams made up of all classes of shots. A good shooting team is an invaluable asset as it is a source of shooting ‘know how’ and the team members should be used as coaches to assist the unit training staff. District/Division and Command Competitions are also the vehicle for selecting unit teams to compete annually in Army Operational Shooting Competition (AOSC), which includes the Queen’s Medal Competition for Shooting Excellence. The RAF have the same format albeit Group and Central OSCs and their own Queen’s Medal.

6. **Eligibility.** Eligibility criteria will be detailed in the administrative instruction and is to be fair and unambiguous. All competitors must have passed Weapon Handling Tests (WHT) and Annual Combat Marksmanship Test (ACMT) on all weapons they are to fire during the competition. In addition, and where applicable they must have also passed the appropriate operational fitness tests for their role. It is the responsibility of the organising unit to promulgate the eligibility criteria within a suitable time frame in order to allow competitors to meet the standards.”

7. **RAF Force Development.** “In support of the RAF Force Development (FD) Trg Strategy, there is a clear need to provide training that develops knowledge and understanding in the 5 FD domains of:

- a. Air Power/Air Warfare.
- b. Leadership.
- c. RAF Ethos and Heritage.
- d. Training for Deployed Operations.
- e. Common Military Skills.

8. FD activities offer the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding in the key areas of Air Power/Air Warfare, Leadership, RAF History and Ethos, Deployed Operations and Common Military Skills. It is primarily aimed at RAF personnel, but selected civilian staff who support the RAF’s operations, can be included. Unlike ‘Team Building’ and ‘Unit Cohesiveness’, participants do not need to form part of a team and can be individuals from across all areas of the Station. FD activities must comply with strict training criteria and objectives and its aims should be linked to Station Management plans.

9. Team training should offer value-for-money, taking into consideration the cost of the training/activity, travel and subsistence (T&S) and time away from the office. It is MOD policy to encourage the maximum use of its facilities to meet defence requirements and therefore, wherever possible, teams should use MOD venues and other facilities.”

10. **RAF Sports Federation.** This is summed up in Annex B to [2014DIN01-099](#) Status of Sports in the Services which defines the following for Shooting:

Shooting	
a. Target Rifle	Recognised
b. Small Bore	Recognised
c. Clay Target	Recognised
d. Target Pistol	Recognised
e. Service Weapon	Individual Training

TRAVEL

11. **Duty travel to Rifle Meetings.** Travel at public expense to authorised shooting competitions in the UK, organised by unit or higher headquarters or by the Army Rifle Association, may be permitted subject to the following conditions:

- a. Travel is restricted to competitors, officials and organisers of the meetings.
- b. Travel to District meetings is restricted to a Service person located within the District.
- c. Travel to Corps meetings is restricted to a Service person serving in the UK and Germany.
- d. Travel to Bisley meetings is restricted to Service personnel serving in the UK and Germany except that the total from UKSC(G) is to be limited to 20 officers and 180 non-commissioned personnel.

MEMBERSHIP

12. Current RAFSAA membership is a pre-requisite for individuals to enter the RAF Group or RAF OSCs. This membership is valid for a period of 12 months. *“Competitions are open to all individual members of RAFSAA who are serving and entitled to full pay on the last day of the concerned Meeting or Competition; and to all units, stations and Commands as specified in the competition conditions”.*

SUMMARY

13. The High-level DIN shows the requirement for the need for military personnel to be trained with Service Weapons. The Army Operational Shooting Policy highlights the training and pre-requisites for use of Individual Weapons and the need to exercise this through OSCs. Leaflet 2410 directs that FD activity should be funded by stations and that this includes CCS activities of which weapon handling and associated WHTs are one of these. The RAF Sports Board recognises that Service Weapon Competitions are Individual training. T&S is authorised via JSP 752 and to compete in one of the OSCs the individual must be a member of that association and thus this cost should be provided from the Unit budget.

SECTION 2 - CONDUCT OF SERVICE WEAPON SHOOTING

1. All SW shooting is to be conducted in accordance with current Army and RAF Operational Shooting Policies and in compliance with the local range orders. The Range Conducting Officer (RCO) is solely responsible for the conduct and safety of all personnel on the range irrespective of rank. This is to be iaw with the RASP for that range.
2. Local ranges for training of station shooting teams are authorised with the Chairman as Exercise Director. RCOs are to ensure they are in date and current and competent to run ranges iaw RAF policy. The Senior Planning Officer for OSCs will typically be Dir SW or Deputy Dir SW.
3. Security of Arms and Ammunition. All personnel are to strictly adhere to the regulations contained in JSP 440. All ammunition will be supplied centrally from service sources parented by RAF Honington.
4. Fitness. All firers are mandated to follow the current regulations set down in the competition. Failure to meet the requirements will result in the individual not being able to compete. These regulations include but are not limited to fitness as well as alcohol and drugs misuse in line with current Service policy.

MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO COMPETITION SHOOTING

5. All individuals are to follow the progression of training as required in the AOSP. Anyone who has fired in GpOSC since 2016 will have undertaken this training. All RAF Regiment by nature of their training will have completed this requirement. All individuals are to be in date with the appropriate weapon handling test for the weapon they intend to shoot at any OSC. All individuals are to be in date with the relevant ACMT for that weapon prior to starting the competition.

SECTION 3 - SERVICE WEAPON RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **General.** In all cases the rules and regulations contained in Reference D and local range orders take precedence over anything contained in this publication. Specific rules are detailed below.

- a. **Concurrent Shooting.** Where specified in the competition conditions that 2 or more matches are to be fired concurrently, the score obtained shall count for all matches. Where concurrent shooting is optional, the competitor must notify the Range Officer or Register Keeper before shooting commences and hand in all relevant and completed squadding cards for marking.
- b. **Incorrect Firing Position.** If an individual adopts the wrong firing position he is not to be interrupted by the Safety Staff (SS) until he has fired in that position (discretion applied e.g. at start of shoot and it is blatant!). At that point he is to be informed by the SS that he has shot in the wrong position. The total no of round(s) witnessed that he has fired in that position are to be noted on the score card and that number of rounds are to be removed off the score in the order low/high. This final number cannot be less than zero. E.g. 8 hits and 4 rounds fired in wrong position score will be 4 hits. Or 3 hits and 5 fired in wrong position score is 0. (*Note the interruption to the individual and his correction should be enough to penalise him anyway.*)
- c. **Cross lane firing.** As per the relevant AOSP and competition rules but simply reduce by low/high unless more than 50% extra hits in which case a reshoot is required. Note that in CQB matches, for example, where 2 practices are fired on the same target there are different rules in the AOSP and below. Butts/safety to flag up if this is seen so the firer can be informed. Safeties to be aware and inform firer at the end of the exposure/ASAP.
- d. **More than the requisite number of rounds per exposure.** If a situation arises that the firer has shot more than the number of rounds per exposure he is to lose the total score for that practice. For this to apply it MUST be physically witnessed at the firing point. If it is suspected from the target puller in the butts that the number of hits on a target is more than the rounds expected, then this information is to be passed to the RCO who will nominate an individual to check on the firer at the firing point. This eliminates any potential of cross lane shot, errors in the butts, potentially a patch falling off or a combination of the above.
- e. **Multiple hits on target.** If more than the requisite hits on target occurs scores are to be reduced low/high until the requisite number of rounds on target are counted. If there are no cross-lane shots e.g. Match 52 and the firer has made an error and fired 20 rounds on one target rather than 10 and 10. Then the process will be as follows. Target with multiple hits will reduce low/high etc until 10 rounds are on it, the other target will score up to 10. There will not be a reshoot. This will save a full reshoot.
- f. **Multiple exposures and more hits on target.** E.g. P1 CQB a target could have max 20 rounds on it if shot correctly. If there are 25 or less shots, then low/high

is to be applied until total 20 hits. If more than 25 hits (50% of one practice additional) then the firer will reshoot.

g. **CQB.** If a firer has to have a reshoot they are to fire the entire competition up to and including that point where the situation occurred. Those targets already shoot on the first run through will count to score and only the target he needs to reshoot will be scored and included with the first run through scores. This puts all people under the same match conditions. Firers are to be asked in the first instance if they have not complied with the match rules. Failing any witnessed physical evidence then the benefit will be with the firer.

h. **Ricochets.** A shot will not be marked as a ricochet unless it gives evidence, by the throwing of sand or dirt against the target or into the gallery, that it has previously struck the ground. An elongated hole is not, by itself, evidence of a ricochet. No spotting disc will be shown for a ricochet.

i. **Scoring.** In matches where turning/disappearing targets are used, a hit will not count if the maximum dimension of the hole exceeds twice the diameter of the round used.

j. **Tie Breaks.** In the event of a tie in the shoots rankings will be assessed as follows. For the first place the range team will endeavour to conduct a tie reshoot, if that is not possible then the following conditions apply for countback by stages where these stages have been shot.

- (1) Match 43 = 1-4-3-2
- (2) Match 44 = Right Hand Target
- (3) Match 45 = 1-2-3
- (4) Match 46 = 2-3-4-1
- (5) Match 47 = 2-5-4-3-1
- (6) Match 48 = 2-4-3-1
- (7) Match 49 = Targets 2-3-1-4
- (8) Match 50 = 5s - 4s - 3s
- (9) Match 51 = 5s - 4s - 3s
- (10) Match 52 = 1-2-4-3
- (11) Match 53 = 1-2-3-4

2. **Definition of RAF Tyro/Non-Tyro.** A Tyro is a competitor who, at the time of entry, has not been placed in the top 3 of any previous Tyro competitions e.g. won a RAFSAA Medal, souvenir medal, in any **individual** competition at RAFOSC. Prizes won at GpOSCs or in sweepstakes, pool bull, efficiency or restricted entry competitions such as YOAM or the now defunct RAF(W) championships do not count for this purpose. A competitor will only become Non-Tyro on an individual weapon (SR or SP) but will remain a Tyro for the remainder of the current Meeting. Having become non-tyro on a weapon type (either rifle or pistol), that status remains in force for all time in RAFSAA SW competitions. Entry as a Tyro implies that the individual so doing certifies that they are a Tyro under this rule. Competitors who are subsequently discovered to be Non-Tyros will forfeit any prizes won in matches for which they are incorrectly entered. Scores will not be transferred to the Non-Tyro prize list, and no entry fees will be refunded. Furthermore, the RAFSAA Committee will consider action as if the competitor was guilty of deliberate cheating.

3. **The Service Rifle (SR).**

- a. RAFSAA competitors may only use only the 5.56 mm L85 A2 or A3 rifle as issued.
- b. Personnel may only use one SR during a competition. The only exception will be as a result of a breakage and authorised by an armourer or Competition organiser e.g. Dir SW. The practice of competitors using one SR with a conventional zero and another with a 'competition zero' concurrently during RAFSAA competitions is not allowed.
- c. Adjustments to the SR. Once a practice has begun the only adjustment permitted is re-setting of manually adjustable range scale mechanisms.

4. **The Service Pistol (SP).**

- a. RAFSAA competitors may only use the Glock 17 (Gen 4) as issued.

5. **Dress.** Dress for competitions is laid down in the AOSP. The outer layer must be of MTP but cannot include sniper smocks unless at a sniper match.

SECTION 4 - CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL OVERSEAS COMPETITIONS

TEAM SELECTION AND COMPOSITION

1. Each competition has a different requirement however, in general the top placed 8 competitors at RAFOSC in their discipline will automatically be selected for the RAFOST. The remaining places are available to SW competitors who are considered in the opinion of the Overseas Member and Director SW as potential future development shooters. The main RAF overseas competition of choice is the Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Concentration due to the progression of training and dates. Although, other competitions are to be considered for example the Armed Forces Skill at Arms held in the USA.

PART 3 - SPORTING DISCIPLINES

SECTION 1 - CONDUCT OF FULL-BORE SHOOTING

GENERAL

1. Although competitions at RAFSAM are shown as open to all full members of RAFSAA, range and accommodation space constraints may require preliminary competitions be held to qualify for places in the Championships Meeting. Details of Group and RAF Regiment pre-selection Meetings will be circulated to units by the appropriate organisers.
2. **Arms and Ammunition.** All official regulations concerning the handling and safe custody of arms and ammunition are to be strictly complied with at all times.
3. **Concurrent Shooting.** Where specified in the competition conditions that 2 or more matches are to be fired concurrently, the score obtained shall count for all matches. Where concurrent shooting is optional, the competitor must notify the Range Officer or Register Keeper before shooting commences or as advised by the Stats officer and hand in all relevant squadding cards for marking.
3. **Ricochets.** A shot will not be marked as a ricochet unless it gives evidence, by the throwing of sand or dirt against the target or into the gallery, that it has previously struck the ground. An elongated hole is not, by itself, evidence of a ricochet. No spotting disc will be shown for a ricochet.
4. **Scoring.** In matches where turning/disappearing targets are used, a hit will not count if the maximum dimension of the hole exceeds twice the diameter of the round used e.g 11mm for a 5.56mm round.
5. **Sighting Shots.** Where allowed in the match conditions, sighting shots will be fired and signalled in the usual manner. In separate team competitions, sighting shots are included in any time limit. If a competitor has been interrupted for more than 10 minutes through no fault of his own, he may be allowed to fire one more sighting shot before resuming the match. Sighting shots will not be allowed for re-shoots unless there has been a delay of more than 10 minutes from the time the re-shoot was claimed.
6. **Team Competitions.** Where separate Team competitions are held, team members may coach for each other provided that they do not screen a competitor from the weather. A non- shooting captain and/or coach may assist in like manner. Coaches and Team Captains are to dress in accordance with the conditions for the Match. No other person is permitted to offer instruction or advice to competitors. A team member may change his weapon for another at any time. In any practice where the value of each shot is signalled separately, the following will also apply:
 - a. There will be a time limit for the whole team to complete its shoot, and the captain will be responsible for ensuring that all team members complete their practice(s) in the time allowed.

- b. At the expiration of the time allowed, all firing is to cease whether or not the team has completed firing.
- c. The Chief Range Officer may extend the time allowed if there have been any exceptional delays not occasioned by any act or neglect of any member of a team.
- d. The Team Captain is responsible for calling to the attention of the range officer any such delay immediately it occurs.

Any misconduct or non-compliance with the rules by a member of a team will entail the disallowance of the score of that individual and may, if so decided by the RAFSAA Committee, entail the disallowance of the score of the whole team.

7. **Team Cards.** Team Nominations are to be handed in to Stats 24 hours before the relevant Match is fired, unless notification is given to the contrary however, no nomination will be accepted once the match has commenced.

8. **Definition of Tyro/Non-Tyro.** A Tyro is a competitor who, at the time of entry, has not been placed in the top 3 of any previous Tyro competitions e.g. won a RAFSAA Medal, souvenir medal, in any **individual** competition at RAFOSC. Prizes won at GpOSCs or in sweepstakes, pool bull, efficiency or restricted entry competitions such as YOAM or the now defunct RAF(W) championships do not count for this purpose. A competitor will only become Non-Tyro on an individual weapon (SR or SP) but will remain a Tyro for the remainder of the current Meeting. Having become non-tyro on a weapon type (either rifle or pistol), that status remains in force for all time in RAFSAA SW competitions. Entry as a Tyro implies that the individual so doing certifies that they are a Tyro under this rule. Competitors who are subsequently discovered to be Non-Tyros will forfeit any prizes won in matches for which they are incorrectly entered. Scores will not be transferred to the Non-Tyro prize list, and no entry fees will be refunded. Furthermore, the RAFSAA Committee will consider action as if the competitor was guilty of deliberate cheating.

TARGET RIFLE

9. **Rules and Regulations.** In all TR competitions, the current regulations of the National Rifle Association (NRA) Rules of Shooting are applicable to all RAFSAA competitions unless otherwise stated.

10. **Dress.** In TR competitions, any form of dress is permitted except that under no circumstances is a mixture of Service and civilian dress to be worn away from the firing point. Other dress and 'aids to shooting' are to be in accordance with NRA rules.

11. **Modifications.** Vertical and lateral adjustments of the rearsight and changing of rearsight filters and foresight elements. (See also NRA Handbook).

12. **Ties.** In the event of a tie for TR Championship first place, a shoot-off will be held in accordance with the NRA Rules of Shooting. In all other competitions, tied places will be decided by counting out, either in accordance with NRA Rules of Shooting or, for multi-stage match competitions, as stipulated below.

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a. **Individual Matches.** Ties will be counted out as stipulated in the relevant AOSP, Publication or the NRA Rules of Shooting, as appropriate. In multi-stage competitions ties are counted-out as follows:

- (1) By the aggregate of each stage, commencing with the last.
- (2) If still a tie, by range totals, in order of distance, commencing with the longest.
- (3) If still a tie, by the value of each shot in order commencing with the longest range.

b. **Team Competitions.**

- (1) By range totals, in order of distance, commencing with the longest.
- (2) By the aggregate of all team members' shots in order, commencing with their last ones at the longest range.

SECTION 2 – CONDUCT OF SMALL-BORE SHOOTING

GENERAL

1. The rules and regulations generally governing Small-Bore Shooting, both Rifle and Pistol, in the RAF are published by the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA), Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley Camp, Woking, Surrey, GU24 ONP. Additional regulations for the conduct and rules of shooting under the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) are published as General Technical Rules (for all shooting disciplines) and Special Technical Rules (Pistol) and Special Technical Rules (Rifle). All documentation is obtainable from the NSRA or the ISSF website.
2. All RAF Small-Bore Clubs should be in possession of at least one copy of the current NSRA and ISSF Rules. All RAFSAA Small-Bore Rifle and Pistol Competitions will be fired in accordance with NSRA and ISSF Rules and Regulations as applicable, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Except where a time limit is basic to the competition (ie ISSF Standard Pistol), no time limit shall normally be imposed on the shooting of Individual or Team Cards. However, where 2 cards at the same range form the aggregate or part of the aggregate for a Round of the Competition, they shall be fired on the same day, unless specifically stated otherwise in the conditions of the Match. Further pairs of cards or more at a different range may be fired on another day within the match period. Exceptionally, Independent Witnesses may require the firing of one card within 15 minutes, including sighters, and 2 cards within 30 minutes and so on. At centrally controlled RAFSAA Meetings NSRA timings will in general apply.
 - b. During the firing of any match card (rifle competitions only), the competitors may if desired return to his sighter card with unlimited sighters, but the total time for the Individual or Team Match must not be exceeded (NSRA Rule 7.4.6).
 - c. Reserved.
 - d. NSRA rule 7.3.1 will be waived in RAFSAA Postal Shooting. This allows detached personnel to use the host Unit's ranges/equipment during periods of detachment, thus ensuring that no team is penalised by members proceeding on detachment during the competition period.
 - e. NSRA Rule 7.9.5 is to be applied when a Unit enters more than one team in any competitions. Should an 'A' Team be eliminated in a Knock-Out match, members of the 'A' Team may not be included in the Unit "B" Team in further rounds of that competition. Should a 'B' Team be eliminated, members of that team may be placed in the 'A' Team if needed in subsequent rounds of the competition. NSRA Rules 7.9.7 do not apply to RAFSAA Shooting.
 - f. Shooting may only be witnessed by persons qualified under NSRA Rule 7.5, except that these witnesses need not be registered with the NSRA for RAFSAA Matches. The Secretary RAFSAA may, if required, nominate Independent Witnesses at any time. Unit Witnesses may be nominated by the Officer Commanding or the Officer IC Shooting, prior to RAFSAA Postal Team Shoots.

g. A competitor may only shoot for the Unit on whose strength he/she is borne. In the event of an attachment to another Unit, the Parent Unit shall have the right to claim his/her services for a period of 28 days from the date of attachment, otherwise personnel may shoot for the Unit to which they are attached. Should the Parent Unit waive its option to claim the individual, he/she may shoot for the attachment Unit from the date of arrival. An individual may not shoot for more than one Unit in any round of a competition. In certain competitions Associate Members, may be permitted to shoot 'alongside'; details will be included with the relevant Entry Forms.

h. A competitor selected to shoot in a Unit Team in a Semi-final Round of any competition, prior to a posting/attachment, can be claimed by that team for inclusion in the Final Round. The same competitor may be proficient in both Small-Bore Rifle and Air-Pistol, but may only be required to shoot with one weapon for his/her last Unit. Provided that separate competitions (ie Rifle and Pistol) are involved, a competitor may shoot for 2 Units in the Finals of the NOBEL and VJ Matches.

i. Where special conditions are called for in any competitions which are contrary to, or are not in agreement with, current NSRA Rules and Regulations and the exceptions listed above, these special conditions will be announced in the Entry Form or covering letter calling for competition entries.

3. **Classification - Rifle and Pistol.** Competitors wishing to enter Individual Small-Bore competitions must be classified in accordance with the regulations set out below, to ensure that all personnel compete against each other on an equal basis. There will be 4 rifle classifications and 4 pistol classifications, ie A, B, C and D.

a. At the completion of the Rifle and Pistol Open Meetings, personnel taking part will be classified in accordance with NSRA rules but using RAFSAA grading.

b. Rifle classification will be derived from scores obtained on all rifle cards fired in the Open Meeting at Short Range, the NOBEL scores and Postal Individual Rifle cards. Pistol classification will be based on scores on EITHER PL 12 (20 yard) or PL7 (25 metre) ISSF Targets (BUT NOT CARDS FIRED IN 20 OR 10 SECOND TIME LIMITS) fired at the Open Pistol Meeting, VJ scores and any other known scores on these types of target.

c. Personnel who have not received a classification from previous year's shooting, must complete a declaration Form stating the average of the best 10 of the last 12 cards shot on Unit/Club ranges, or the best 5 of the last 6 competition/match cards shot in local leagues; where RAFSAA or local League cards have not been fired, practice cards shot under competition conditions (ie Club Spoon shoots) can be used. The declaration must be signed by the club secretary or the Officer IC Shooting. Competitors entering RAFSAA competitions without previously being classified, or without submitting a Declaration Form with their Entry Form, will shoot in Class 'A' for that particular meeting/competition, until a classification can be determined.

d. The following RAFSAA Classifications are to be used:

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- (1). Rifle (2510BM cards or appropriate range).
 - (a). Class A 97.5 or over.
 - (b). Class B 95.5 and under 97.5.
 - (c). Class C over 93.0 and under 95.5.
 - (d). Class D under 93.
- (2). Rifle (PSK) (Highest score in preceding 2 years).
 - (a). Class A 950 and over.
 - (b). Class B 875 and under 950.
 - (c). Class C under 875 and Tryos.
- (3). Pistol (PL 12/PL 7 cards other than those fired in 20 or 10 second time limits).
 - (a). Class A Over 90.
 - (b). Class B Over 85.
 - (c). Class C Over 80.
 - (d). Class D 80 and below.

4. **Scoring of Rifle and Pistol Cards.** The NSRA system of scoring and recording cards will be used by the RAFSAA.

- a. Rifle. Cards are to be marked and the scores recorded as POINTS SCORED. The practice of scoring points dropped has been terminated.
- b. Pistol. Cards are to be marked as total number of points scored. With 10 rounds fired, the HPS would be 100.
- c. Any shots falling outside the last scoring ring, or missing the target altogether will count as a MISS and will score zero. Rifle cards are marked by gauging from the inner to the outer edge of the scoring ring, ie Outward Gauging. Shots touching or cutting the scoring ring count the lower score. Pistol cards are marked using Inward Gauging where the higher score counts.

MATCH CONDITIONS FOR SMALL BORE COMPETITIONS

5. Specific details of Small-Bore Matches are in Part 4 Section 4 of this Handbook.
6. NOBEL and VJ Inter-Unit Matches will be conducted in one Stage and will be organised by the Small-Bore Member. All entries are to be submitted to the Secretary RAFSAA in accordance with the conditions contained in the covering letter asking for entries. The competitions will normally be shot progressively from December to April, with a Shoulder-to-Shoulder FINAL on a central range on a date to be decided each year.
7. Dependent upon the number of entries received, the results from the Winter League competitions will be used to determine the top 4 teams to take part in the shoulder-to-shoulder Final.
8. Teams overseas reaching the Finals will be required to fire on a nominated range, under the same conditions as UK-based teams. The Final will be shot in the morning of the same day as the UK-based teams, and score will be communicated to the Secretary RAFSAA at the main Final.
9. **Shooting of Cards and Witnessing.** NOBEL and VJ cards must be shot as a set, on the same day, ie NOBEL Cards as a pair, and the full series of 6 cards of the VJ as a full ISSF Standard Pistol Course of Fire. Competitions should be fired shoulder-to-shoulder if at all possible, as a full team shoot. The Witness should endeavour to assemble as many team members as possible on the same day for this purpose. Non-team members should not shoot on the range whilst team cards are being fired, unless the standard of the shooter is known to be high. 'Wild' or 'Throw-away' shots fired on to team cards must be identified by the witness and endorsed on the TARGET FACE, otherwise excess shots will be penalised. Similarly, shots fired on to adjacent cards by team members should be identified, and a statement endorsed on each card as appropriate. Only the witness can know what took place on the range at that time. Without a suitable explanation the marker can only penalise from what he can see. Witnesses must read the witnessing certificate before firing commences and sign and date the certificate, if required, before the card is placed on the target frame. Bulk collection of cards and one single signing session at the end of the team shoot lasting over a period of days, is not within the spirit of correct and honest witnessing.
10. **Pistol Malfunctions.** The procedures for malfunctions are detailed in NSRA Pistol Rules 7.18 and in ISSF Special Technical Regulations (Pistol) Section 8. The procedures are fairly complex, but it is essential that competitors and witnesses are familiar with those that apply to ISSF Standard Pistol. They can be summarised as follows:
 - a. Malfunctions are allowable if there was no fault on the part of the firer (eg, misfires, failure to extract fired cases). They are non-allowable if the firer contributed to the problem (eg failure to release trigger fully, incorrectly fitted magazine).
 - b. In either case, the competitor fires a repeat series of 5 shots on the same target. The target will then have 10 shot holes plus however many were fired in the series in which the malfunction occurred.

c. The score will be the lowest scoring number of hits in either case: 10 hits will be scored for allowable malfunctions, but only 9 for non-allowable malfunctions.

12. Witnessing of Malfunctions. Witnesses are to clearly endorse targets with information regarding the nature of the malfunction (ie, allowable or non-allowable) and the number of shots fired in the series in which the malfunction occurred, to ensure that the correct scoring procedures are applied.

13. Range Orders. To conform with standard NSRA and ISSF range orders, the following commands will be used at RAFSAA meetings and should be used on Unit ranges:

a. **PREPARATION TIME BEGINS NOW.** During the Preparation Time the shooters may dry fire and carry out holding and aiming exercises on the firing lane.

b. **LOAD.** Competitors should load not more than 5 rounds into the magazine, insert the magazine in the pistol and make ready. Firers may test alignment with target.

c. **ATTENTION.** Targets will be turned edge on (if appropriate) and the shooter must lower his/her arm and adopt the Ready position, ie arm motionless before the target is presented. With no further orders, targets will turn to face the shooter in 7 seconds; the appearance of the target is the signal to commence firing. Alternatively, the order START or a whistle will be given for ranges without turning targets.

d. **STOP.** Cease firing immediately. This signal can also be given by whistle. If turning targets are provided, this word of command will usually be preceded by the targets turning away from the firers.

e. **UNLOAD.** Remove magazine from pistol, check chamber is clear, remove any unfired rounds from both chamber and magazine. Place pistol and magazine on bench, with breech open, for inspection by Range Staff.

SECTION 3 – CONDUCT OF CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

General

1. Competition clay shooting in the RAF is conducted under the regulations laid down by the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) which is the national governing body (NGB). These regulations are published in Booklet 1 CPSA General and Technical Rules. All competition shooting takes place at venues that are affiliated, approved and licensed by the NGB.

Membership

2. Membership of the RAFCPSA is divided in to the following categories¹
- a. Full – Personnel from the regular and reserve forces of the RAF.
 - b. Associate - Former serving members of the RAF who have been awarded Honorary Member status at the association's AGM and those in receipt of Life Vice-President honours.

Team Selection

3. Selection of the RAFCPSA team is the responsibility of the Captain and Vice-Captain. The team consists of 24 individuals who are chosen based on the following considerations.
- a. Performance at the RAFCPSA Championships,
 - b. Scores achieved at the previous years Armed Forces & Emergency Services fixtures.
 - c. CPSA scores and averages achieved during registered competitions.
 - d. Performance during the RAFCPSA winter series and training events.

There is no dedicated single event that determines selection, a combination of the performance and scores achieved at the above events is utilised. Only Full members of the association are eligible for team selection.

Competitions

4. The RAFSAA Secretary compiles and publishes a list of fixtures for all disciplines within the association. The RAFCPSA makes an annual bid for participation in the following competitions and events:

RAFCPSA Championships

5. Normally held during the second week in May this is an annual 4-day event which is also the associations 'festival of sport'. There are 4 individual competitions one held on each day and an overall event which determines the RAF supreme

champion for the year. Full and associate members are permitted to take part and can compete for trophies and prizes. Invited guests can also participate but are not entitled to win RAFCPSA trophies and prizes. Only a Full member can win RAF Silverware and the Overall (Supreme) title & trophy. Full details are contained in the Championships Admin order²

Armed Forces and Emergency Services Competition

6. Selected team members participate in a 6-event competition, held throughout the year, with one event being hosted by each service (RN, Army, RAF, Fire, Police and Prison Services). Associate members can also participate by invitation of the RAF Captain, subject to the rules of the Armed Forces and Emergency Services Competition Committee. (Associate members are self-funding and do not receive any service equipment, corporate clothing or financial support).

Interservice Competition

7. Annual event held between the RN, RAF and Army to decide the interservice Champions. Hosted by each service on a rotational basis, this is also the 'RAF Representative Colours' shoot. Those team members selected and identified on the event calling notice³ who finish in the RAF team's top 10 scores are nominated for their RAF Sports Colours for that year.

Other Fixtures

8. The RAFCPSA calendar may contain events from the NGB including the British and English Open, World Championships and other registered fixtures. A winter series of competitions will also be selected, and the calendar may also include training days.

New Member Event

9. An event specifically held for the benefit of newcomers to the sport will also be included on the RAFCPSA fixture list.

SECTION 1 - RAFSAA PRIZES

THE QUEEN'S MEDAL FOR CHAMPION SHOT OF THE AIR FORCES

1. Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the Institution of a medal to be designated "The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces". So far as the RAF is concerned, the medal will be awarded annually under the conditions laid down in the relevant Royal Warrant and Regulations made thereunder.
2. The award is in silver in the form of a circular medal bearing on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of the Sovereign and on the reverse the inscription "The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces" together with a representation of Hermes throwing a javelin and mounted on a hawk in flight.
3. The medal is to be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon one inch and a quarter in width of dark crimson with, at both edges, three stripes in dark blue, light blue and dark blue respectively, each one-eighth of an inch in width. Each such medal will be accompanied by a clasp to be affixed to the ribbon and bearing the year of the award inscribed thereon. Should a recipient of the award qualify for the medal again, a clasp will be granted on each occasion. When the ribbon is worn the grant of a second or further clasp will be denoted by the wearing of rose emblems in the manner of the Accumulated General Service medal. The medal and ribbon will be worn next in order after the Air Efficiency Award.
4. The regulations made under the Royal Warrant provide that the medal shall be restricted to the Air Force at home and shall be competed for under small arms championship conditions during the Annual Championship Meeting of RAFSAA and awarded to the winner of a Championship at that Meeting under conditions to be prescribed by the RAFSAA Committee.
5. The name of the winner will be recorded in the Air Force List.
6. The award is made to the winner of the RAFSAA Service Weapons Championship¹.

RAFSAA PRIZE LISTS AND MEDALS

7. The RAFSAA Committee may amend any prize list in the event of the number of entries falling below economic limits. Revised prize lists will be promulgated prior to commencement of shooting. At least 2 competitors must have fired in the competition for the award of a prize.
8. Any prize not claimed within 2 months of the conclusion of the meeting at which it was won shall be deemed forfeit and medals etc returned to stock.
9. The making of replicas of any RAFSAA trophies, medals, articles or insignia is prohibited unless authorised and documented by the committee. The reasons for such replication should be recorded.

¹ Whilst all RAF Regular Serving and all active members of the RAFR and RAuxAF serving on FTRS, ADC, PTVR, VeRR terms and conditions of service are eligible to compete in the SR Championship The Queens Medal for Champion Shot of the Air Forces can only be awarded to a Regular Serving competitor.

10. Summaries of the RAFSAA Prize Lists will be promulgated at the Full Bore, Small Bore Rifle and Small-Bore Pistol Championship Meetings.

11. Souvenir Medals and Bars². RAFSAA Souvenir Medals and bars are awarded to the leading competitors in specified RAFSAA competitions at Championship Meetings and in Postal competitions. The medal is a RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal suspended from a ribbon one and one quarter inches wide and equally divided vertically in red, white and blue. Metal Bars, giving the name of the competition, are attached to the ribbon. Only one medal may be won at any Championship Meeting, but there is no limit to the number of bars that can be won. Date Bars, and Brooches for suspending the ribbon, may be purchased if desired. The number of bars which will be awarded for each competition are in accordance with the prize list detailed for each competition.

12. Specific details of the awards for some competitions will also be detailed in Volume 2 in the appropriate Annex.

RAFSAA TROPHIES

13. All RAFSAA Trophies are assumed to be in good condition at the time of presentation and their subsequent removal from any RAFSAA Meeting is subject to the following conditions:

- a. Following Prize-giving, the recipient or team captain is required to hand over the trophy to a member of the RAFSAA staff for fitment into its transit case. The recipient is then to sign a receipt in acknowledgement that the trophy (and case if provided) has been received in good condition.
- b. The parent unit of the winning individual or team is responsible for the correct engraving of the winner's details. The unit is also responsible for the care and safe custody of the trophy and case until it is returned for re-presentation at the next Meeting. Individual trophies are not to be retained by the winner but are to be retained by the unit and recorded on the unit's Silver Register.
- c. Trophies may not normally be taken to overseas units and are to remain in the custody of RAFSAA unless specifically authorised by the Secretary.
- d. All trophies are to be returned to the RAFSAA Secretary at Bisley prior to the next relevant Championship Meeting; ideally, they should be delivered in the custody of personnel from the unit attending the Meeting. If sent by carrier, keys should be despatched separately in advance by post. Trophies are to be cleaned prior to return to RAFSAA and be ready in every respect to be presented to the next winner(s).

² The descriptions of RAFSAA medals and bars refer to colour and NOT the metal content.

SECTION 2 - EXERCISE ROTHERMERE SHIELD (RAFOSC)

INTRODUCTION

1. Ex ROTHERMERE SHIELD is the exercise name for the RAF Operational Shooting Competition (RAFOSC) held at Bisley Camp in Jun/Jul. Participants in RAFOSC may fire in both Service Weapon (SW) and Target Rifle (TR) competitions. RAFOSC comprises of 4 phases:

- a. Phase 1. TR and Optics Matches (Optional dependent on competitor availability) and UAS Matches.
- b. Phase 2. Service Rifle (SR) and Service Pistol (SP) individual and team matches. (RAF Operational Shooting Competition (RAFOSC))
- c. Phase 3. NRA SW matches, the Methuen Cup, Inter-Service and International Matches.
- d. Phase 4. Sporting Discipline NRA Matches culminating in HM The Queen's Prize Final.

UNIVERSITY AIR SQUADRON (UAS) MATCHES

2. **The UAS Individual TR Match.** Open to student officers and officer cadets of the undergraduate element of all UAS.

- a. Conditions.
 - (1) Distance. 600yds.
 - (2) Number of Shots. Two (2) sighters and Seven (7) to count.
- b. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. The FINNINGLEY Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver Bar.
 - (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

3. **The UAS TR Team.** Open to teams of 3 from each UAS. Team membership is restricted to the undergraduate element of the Squadron.

- a. Conditions. Competitors may be coached.
 - (1) Distance. 600 yds.
 - (2) Number of shots. Two (2) sighters and Seven (7) to count.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The KINGSLEY WOOD Challenge Cup and 3 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

4. **The University Air Squadrons Individual Pistol Match.** Open to student officers and officer cadets of the undergraduate element of University Air Squadrons.

a. Dress and Equipment. Combat Dress is to be worn, head-dress is optional, but if worn is to be of service pattern. Firers will require their own pistols and at least 2 (ideally 4) magazines. The wearing of belts and holsters is optional but recommended.

b. Conditions and Procedures. To be promulgated prior to the commencement of the competition. Service Pistol Match 52 Phases 2-4 without movement.

c. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The EAGLE Trophy and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver Bar.

- (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

5. **The UAS Team SP Match.** Open to teams of 3 from each UAS. Team membership is restricted to the undergraduate element of the Squadron.

a. Conditions. As for the UAS Individual Pistol match.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The DRILL Challenge Cup and up to 3 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

TARGET RIFLE MATCHES

6. **The RAF TR Championship.** Fired in 2 stages and open to full RAFSAA members.
 - a. Stage 1.
 - (1) Conditions.
 - (a) Distance. 300 and 600 yds
 - (b) Number of shots. Two (2) sighters and Ten (10) to count at each distance.
 - b. Stage 2. Scores for the First Stage will be carried forward to the Second Stage.
 - (1) Conditions.
 - (a) Distance. 900 and 1000 yds.
 - (b) Number of shots. Two (2) sighters and Ten (10) to count at each distance.
 - (2) Prizes.
 - (a) First Prize. The J C HALAHAN Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Large Silver Gilt Medal.
 - (b) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.
7. **The Young Officers and Airmen's (YOAM) TR Rifle Match.** Open to full RAFSAA members. Competitors must not have reached their 25th birthday on the first day of the meeting.
 - a. Conditions. As for, and concurrent with, the TR Championship.
 - b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of the scores obtained in the TR Championship.
 - (1) First Prize. The INLAND AREA SKILL-AT-ARMS Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver 'YOAM' Bar.
 - (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.
8. **The TR Long-Range Match.** Open to full RAFSAA members.
 - a. Conditions. As for the Second Stage of the TR Championship.
 - b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of scores obtained at the 2 distances.

(1) First Prize. The AIR MINISTRY CHALLENGE Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with a Silver 'Air Ministry' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

9. **The TR Long-Range Tyro Match.** Open to all full RAFSAA members.

a. Conditions. As for the Second Stage of the TR Championship.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of scores obtained at the 2 distances.

(1) First Prize. The MILITIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION Cup, RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver 'Tyro' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

10. **The TR Short-Range Match.** Open to full RAFSAA members.

a. Conditions.

(1) Distance. 300 and 600 yds.

(2) Number of shots. Two (2) sighters and Ten (10) to count at each distance.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of scores obtained at the 2 distances.

(1) First Prize. The WESTON Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver 'Weston' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

11. **The TR Short-Range Tyro Match.** Open to full RAFSAA members who are Tyros as defined in RAFSAA rules.

a. Conditions. As for and concurrent with the TR Short-Range Match.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of scores obtained at the 2 distances.

(1) First Prize. The KARACHI Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver 'Karachi' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

12. **The TR Tyro Match.** Open to full RAFSAA members who are Tyros as defined in RAFSAA rules.

a. Conditions. As for and concurrent with the TR Championship.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of scores obtained in the TR Championship.

(1) First Prize. The LEDGER Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal and Silver 'Tyro' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

13. The TR Grand Aggregate. Open to full RAFSAA members.

a. Conditions. The winner will be the competitor whose scores in the TR Championship, Short-Range and Long-Range Matches together make the highest aggregate.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The GUNSMITH Trophy and RAFSAA Large Gilt Medal.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

14. The Station TR Team Match. Open to teams of 2 competitors, together with a Captain, from any RAF Station.

a. Conditions. As for and concurrent with the First Stage of the TR Championship. Team nominations are to be handed to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The BURNETT Challenge Cup and 2 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

15. The Group TR Short-Range Team Match. Open to one team of up to 4 competitors from any RAF Group. The score made in this match, when fired at Bisley, will count towards the aggregate for the ROTHERMERE Shield.

a. Conditions. As for, and concurrent with, the First Stage of the TR Championship. Team nominations are to be handed to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The DALZIEL Memorial Trophy and up to 4 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

16. The Group TR Long-Range Team Match. Open to one team of up to 4 competitors for any RAF Group. The score in this match will NOT count towards the aggregate for the ROTHERMERE Shield.

a. Conditions. As for, and concurrent with, the Second Stage of the TR Championship. Team nominations are to be handed to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The SILYN-ROBERTS Challenge Cup and up to 4 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

17. The Old Comrades Challenge Cup. Open to those who have formerly served on full pay in the RAF, its Reserved and Auxiliaries and associated Women's Services, and who are paid-up members of The Royal Air Forces Association.

- a. Conditions. As for the First and Second Stages of the TR Championship. This match will be shot alongside the Second Stage of the TR Championship.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The OLD COMRADES Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

- (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

18. The Retired Members Match. Open to RAF veterans and who are members of the Association.

- a. Conditions. As for the Old Comrades Match and, if entered, fired concurrently.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The RETIRED MEMBERS' Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

- (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

19. The Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Challenge Cup. Open to all officers and airmen who are members of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force or the RAF Volunteer Reserve.

- a. Conditions. As for the Old Comrades Match and fired alongside.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The AUXILIARY and VOLUNTEER RESERVE Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

- (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

SERVICE RIFLE MATCHES

20. The Royal Air Force Service Rifle Championship for The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of The Air Forces. Open to Regular Serving RAF personnel¹ who are full RAFSAA members who have qualified for places through Group and RAF Regiment pre-selection meetings or have been called forward by discipline captains.

Note that due to range availability the programme may not follow the exact sequence laid out below for the various stages of the Queens Medal competition. However, the programme should incorporate the matches listed and therefore comply with the conditions.

a. **Stage 1.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 47 – The Short-Range Rural Contact Match.

b. **Stage 2.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 46 – The Rural Contact Match.

c. **Stage 3 & 4.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 49 - The Close Quarter Battle Match – The Graham Trophy (FIBUA). All competitors will qualify for entry to the Fifth Stage.

d. **Stage 5.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 47 – The Short-Range Rural Contact Match.

e. **Stage 6.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 47 – The Short-Range Rural Contact Match.

f. **Stage 7.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 48 – The Long-Range Rural Contact Match.

g. **Stage 8 – The Service Rifle Final.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 48 – The Long-Range Rural Contact Match or Match 47 – The Short-Range Rural Contact Match. The top 20 competitors whose aggregate scores in Stages 1 to 7 will qualify for entry to Stage 8. Scores obtained in the Stages 1 to 7 are brought forward.

¹ See Part 4 Section 1 – RAFSAA Prizes for details of eligibility of Service personnel for The Queens Medal.

(2) Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to the competitors on the aggregate of all scores obtained in the Service Rifle Championship (Stages 1 to 8) and Service Pistol Championship (Match 49 - Stages 3-4):

- i. First Prize. Her Majesty The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces. The DUKE OF SUTHERLAND CHALLENGE CUP² and RAFSAA Large Silver Gilt Medal with Silver Bar.
- ii. Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.
- iii. The Top 20 competitors are to receive a RAFSAA Top 20 Badge and Certificate.

h. Match **Practices Aggregate Trophies.**

(1) The following Trophies and Prizes are awarded for various Practice aggregates:

- i **The Snap Aggregate** (The Burge Challenge)
 - (a) Stages 1, 2 5 and 6 - Match 46s and 47s, Practice 3 – 100 Snap Aggregate.
 - (b) First Prize. The BURGE Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver Bar.
 - (c) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.
- ii. **The Rapids Aggregate** (The Forester Challenge)
 - (a) Stages 1, 2 5 and 6 - Match 47s and 46s, Practice 4 – 200 Rapid.
 - (b) First Prize. The FORESTER Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal and Silver Bar
 - (c) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.
- iii **The Harassing Fire Aggregate** (The Slessor Challenge)
 - (a) Stages 1, 2 5, 6 and 7 - Match 47s, 46s and 48, Practice 1 – Timed, Harassing Fire.
 - (b) First Prize. The SLESSOR Challenge Cup³ and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver Bar.
 - (c) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

² Presented by His Grace the Duke of Sutherland KT in 1923.

³ Presented by ACM Sir John Slessor DSO MC ADC in 1948.

iv **The Fire with Movement Aggregate** (The Joe Pearce Challenge)

(a) Matches 46s, 47s and 48, Practice 2 - Fire with Movement

(b) First Prize. The JOE PEARCE Memorial Trophy⁴ and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver Bar.

(c) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

21. **The FIBUA Match.** Open to full RAFSAA members who have entered the Service Rifle Championship.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 49 The Close Quarter Battel Match – The Graham Trophy (FIBUA), concurrent with Stages 3 and 4 of the Service Rifle Championship.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to the competitors achieving the highest aggregate score in Stages 3 and 4:

(1) First Prize. The IVELAW-CHAPMAN Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver Bar (FIBUA).

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

22. **The Gallery Match.** Open to full RAFSAA members who have entered the Service Rifle Championship.

a. Conditions and Procedure. Fired concurrently with Stage 1, 2 and Stage 5 of the Service Rifle Championship.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of the scores obtained in Stage 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 of the Service Rifle Championship:

(1) First Prize. The LE GRAS Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver 'Non-Tyro' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.D.

23. **The Service Rifle TYRO Match.** Open to all serving Regular and Full Time Reservist members of the RAF who are Tyros as defined under RAFSAA rules and have entered the Service Rifle Championship.

a. Conditions and Procedure. Fired concurrently with the First to Fifth stages of the Service Rifle Championship.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of the scores obtained in the First to Fifth Stages:

⁴ Presented in 1947 by RAFSAA in commemoration of the valuable and loyal service given to the Association and small arms shooting generally by Sqn Ldr J L K Pearce OBE, formerly Hon Sec of RAFSAA for 23 yrs.

- (1) First Prize. The LONGCROFT Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver 'Tyro' Bar.
- (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

24. The Young Officers' and Airmens' Match. Open to all serving Regular and Full Time Reservist members of the RAF who have entered the Service Rifle Championship. Competitors may not have reached their 25th birthday on the first day of the meeting.

a. Conditions and Procedure. Fired concurrently with the First to Seventh Stages of the Service Rifle Championship.

b. Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate of the scores obtained in the First to Fifth stages:

(1) First Prize. The WHITELOCK Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal and Silver 'YOAM' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

25. The Squadron Service Rifle Team Match. Open to teams of 2 firers from any Badged RAF or RAF Regiment Squadron.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for ARA Match 47 and fired either as a stand-alone competition or concurrently with the Service Rifle Championship. Team nominations are to be given to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The BROOKE-POPHAM-STEEL Challenge Cup and 2 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

26. The Station Service Rifle Team Match. Open to teams of 3 from any RAF Station.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for the Squadron Service Rifle Team Match.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The TRENCHARD Challenge Cup and 3 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

27. The Group Service Rifle Team Match. Open to, dependent upon total number of competitors, teams of 3 or more up to a maximum of 6 from any Group. The score made in this match will count towards the aggregate for the Rothermere Shield.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for PAM 20 Match 47 – The Short-Range Rural Contact Match and fired either as a stand-alone competition or fired concurrently with the Service Rifle Championship. Team nominations are to be given to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The RAF COMMAND Challenge Cup and (number as required) RAFSAA Small Silver Medals

28. The Falling Plates Match. Open to any number of teams of 3 firers from any RAF Station or Squadron.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for ARA Match 26 – The Fire Team Falling Plates Match.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The YOUNG Trophy and 3 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

SERVICE PISTOL MATCHES

29. The Royal Air Force Service Pistol Championship. Fired in 4 or 6 Stages, dependent on range availability and open to full RAFSAA members.

a. **Stage 1 & 2.**

(1) Conditions. As for AOSP Match 52 – The Pistol CQB Match -The Service Pistol Championship, Practices 1-4.

(2) Weapons and Equipment. The 9mm Glock 17 (Gen 4) as issued in accordance with current instructions. Adjustable sights and other modifications are not to be used. The issue Service holster for the Glock 17 is the ONLY one allowed to used and may be worn in any convenient position on the belt iaw relevant instructions for the weapon system.

(3) Prizes. None.

b. **Stage 3 & 4.**

(1) Conditions. As for AOSP Match 49 (Phase 2 Pistol) – The Close Quarter Battel Match - Practices 2a-2d.

c. **Stage 5 & 6 – The Service Pistol Final.**

(1) Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 52 - The Pistol CQB Match - The Service Pistol Championship, Practices 1-4 only; the Match conditions will be fired twice. Competitors whose aggregate scores in the First and Second Stages take the first 30 places will qualify for entry to the Final. Scores obtained in the preceding Stages are carried forward.

(2) Prizes. The following prizes will be presented to competitors on the aggregate scores obtained:

(a) First Prize. The BARTON Challenge Cup, NRA Bronze Medal (may only be won ONCE by any individual) and RAFSAA Large Silver Gilt Medal.

(b) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

30. The Pistol Tyro Match. Open to full RAFSAA members who are Tyros are defined in RAFSAA rules.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for, and concurrent with, Stages 1-4 of the Pistol Championship.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The F C HALAHAN Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal with Silver 'Tyro' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

31. The Young Officers and Airmen's Match. Open to full RAFSAA members who have not reached their 25th birthday on the first day of the Meeting.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for, and concurrent with, Stages 1-4 of the Pistol Championship.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The GREGORY Cup and RAFSAA Souvenir Medal and Silver 'YOAM' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

32. The Squadron Pistol Team Match. Open to teams of 2 competitors from any Operational (including Reserve) Squadron or RAF Regiment Squadron.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP 20 Match 52 - The Pistol CQB Match -The Service Pistol Championship, Practices 1-4 only, fired either as a stand-alone competition or and concurrent with, the Second Stage of the Pistol Championship. Team nominations are to be submitted to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The TURNER Challenge Cup and 2 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

33. The Station Pistol Team Match. Open to teams of three competitors from any RAF Station.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for PAM 20 Match 52 - The Pistol CQB Match - The Service Pistol Championship, Practices 1-4 only, fired either as a stand-alone competition or and concurrent with, the Second Stage of the Pistol Championship. Team nominations are to be submitted to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The SALMOND Challenge Cup and 3 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

34. The Group Pistol Team Match. Dependent on total entry, open to teams of up to a maximum 6 competitors from any RAF Group. The score made in this match will count towards the aggregate for the ROTHERMERE Shield.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 52 -The Service Pistol Championship, Practices 1-4 only, fired either as a stand-alone competition or and

concurrent with, the Second Stage of the Pistol Championship. Team nominations are to be submitted to RAFSAA Stats before firing.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The STATON Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

35. **The Air Officers Pistol Match.** Open to all serving officers of Air Rank.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 52 - The Pistol CQB Match - The Service Pistol Championship, Practices 2-4 only.

b. Prizes. The STERLING Challenge Cup.

36. **The Commanders' Pistol Match (Formally The Station Commanders Pistol Match).** Open to all RAF Heads of Establishment, Unit Commanders appointments and other commanders at the discretion of the RAFSAA Shooting Sub-Ctee.

a. Conditions and Procedure. As for AOSP Match 52 - The Pistol CQB Match - The Service Pistol Championship, Practices 2-4 only.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The WATT Salver and RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

- (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.

37. **The Pistol Tiles Match.** Open to teams of 3 from representing either Station or 'Badged' Squadron.

a. Conditions. As for AOSP Match 27 - The Fire Team Pistol Tile Match.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The GEE Cup and 3 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

EFFICIENCY COMPETITIONS

38. The Small Arms Efficiency Competition. Open to full RAFSAA members who have entered for, and fired all relevant Stages in, the SR, TR and SP Championships.

a. Conditions. The winner will be the competitor whose positions in the SR Championship (Stages 1 to 7 only), the SP Championship (Stages 1 to 4 only) and the TR or Optics Championship together make up the lowest score e.g. 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 point. Competitors are to enter and complete the relevant course of fire in all 3 Championships to qualify for prizes. Note that If there are insufficient competitors in the TR or Optics Championship then the SR and SP scores will be used as per the SW Efficiency.

b. Ties. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by ‘counting out’ with the competitor with the highest position (lowest scores) in the following order:

- (1) SR Championship.
- (2) TR Championship.
- (3) SP Pistol Championship.
- (4) By total gun score.
- (5) If still a tie, the Bisley Committee will decide.

c. Claim Forms. Claim Forms are not required. Stats will generate the prize list from competitors’ entries to the individual Championship events.

d. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The GRANT DALTON Challenge Cup and RAFSAA Large Silver Gilt Medal with Silver ‘Efficiency’ Bar.
- (2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

39. The SW Efficiency Competition. Open to full RAFSAA members who have entered for, and fired all relevant Stages in, the SR and SP Championships.

a. Conditions. Competitors are to enter and complete the relevant course of fire in both SR and SP Championships to qualify for prizes. The winner will be the competitor whose positions in the SR Championship (Stages 1 to 7 only), the SP Championship (Stages 1 to 4 only) together make up the lowest score e.g. 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 point. Competitors are to enter and complete the relevant course of fire in all 3 Championships to qualify for prizes

b. Ties. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by ‘counting out’ scores in the following order:

- (1) SR Championship.

- (2) SP Championship.
- (3) By total gun score.
- (4) If still a tie, the Bisley Committee will decide.

c. Claim Forms. Claim Forms are not required. Stats will generate the prize list from competitors' entries to the individual Championship events.

d. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. (Trophy to be allocated) RAFSAA Large Silver Medal with Silver 'SW Efficiency' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

40. The Young Officers and Airmen's Small Arms Efficiency. Open to full RAFSAA members. Competitors must not have reached their 25th birthday on the first day of the Meeting.

a. Conditions. As for the Small Arms Efficiency Competition, see para 4401-4404 above, except that if there are insufficient entries in the TR competitions, the Efficiency will be based on SW Weapons only.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The GILL SWORD and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal with Silver 'YOAM' Bar.

(2) Additional prizes iaw - ANNEX D – RAFSAM Prize List Matrix.

41. The Station Efficiency Competition. Open to all Stations entering teams in the Station SR, TR and SP Team Matches. Team nominations to be lodged with the Stats Officer prior to the commencement of the individual weapon competitions.

a. Conditions. Station Teams will be awarded 1 point for winning each of the Station Team matches, 2 points for Second Place, and so on. The Station obtaining the lowest number of points in these 3 matches will be adjudged the winner.

b. Tie. In the event of a tie the order of merit will be decided by the aggregate gun scores of the 3 matches.

c. Claim Cards. Claim Cards will be issued on application to the Stats Office, and completed cards are to be signed by the Station Team Captain.

d. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION CIGARETTE BOX

42. **The Group Efficiency Competition - The ROTHERMERE SHIELD.** Open to all Groups entering teams in the Inter-Group SR, TR Short Range and SP Team Matches.

- a. Conditions. Groups will be awarded 1 point for winning each of the Group Team Matches, 2 points for obtaining Second Place, and so on. The team obtaining the lowest number of points in these matches will be adjudged the winning Group.
- b. Ties. In the event of a tie, the order of merit will be decided by the aggregate score of the 3 matches.
- c. The Rothermere Shield. The Rothermere Shield will be presented to the Secretary of the winning Group SAA for display at the Group HQ. A Large Bronze Medal will be awarded to the competitor who obtains the highest score in each of the Group's winning teams. No competitor will be allowed to receive more than one medal in any year, instead it will be awarded to the competitor who records the next highest score in the match(es) concerned.

NRA MATCHES

43. The following additional prizes are awarded to RAFSAA Competitors competing in events as individuals in the National Rifle Association Annual meeting.

44. **The WILLOTT MEMORIAL Trophy.** The Willott Memorial Trophy will be presented annually to the serving Regular and Full Time Reservist member of the RAF who attains the highest placing in the final stage of HM The Queen's Prize.

- a. Prize. A commemorative RAFSAA Medal will be awarded to the winner each year.

45. **The ROTTENBURGH CHALLENGE Trophy.** The Rottenburgh Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the serving member of the Association who makes the highest score in the First Stage of HM The Queen's Prize.

- a. Prize. A set of commemorative Cufflinks will be awarded to the winner each year by Mr and Mrs Marlow of the RAFTRC to perpetuate the tradition instituted by the Rottenburgh Bequest.

46. **The DILLON-LEE CHALLENGE Trophy.** The Dillon-Lee Challenge Trophy will be awarded annually to the serving member of the Association who attains the highest placing in the NRA Grand Aggregate.

- a. Prize. A commemorative RAFSAA Medal will be awarded to the winner each year.

47. **The TURNER Trophy.** The Turner Trophy will be awarded annually to the serving member of the Association who attains the highest score in the Inter-Service TR Teams Matches.

- a. Prize. A commemorative RAFSAA Medal will be awarded to the winner each year.

48. **The GOMPERTZ Trophy.** The Gompertz Trophy will be awarded annually to the serving member of the Association who attains the highest placing in the NRA SR Championship.

- a. Prize. A commemorative RAFSAA Medal will be awarded to the winner each year.

49. **The HILL Trophy.** The Hill Trophy will be awarded annually to the serving member of the Association who attains the highest placing the NRA SP Championships (The SP Silver Badge).

- a. Prize. A commemorative RAFSAA Medal will be awarded to the winner each year.

50. **The LYDFORD Cup.** The Lydford Cup and commemorative RAFSAA Medals will be awarded to the Captain and members of the highest placed RAF Team (viz Group or RAF Regiment) in the NRA Methuen Cup SR Team match.

SECTION 3 – GROUP OPERATIONAL SHOOTING COMPETITION

1. The Group Operational Shooting Competitions (GpOSC) are to be held annually in the spring. They may be held separately or, to offer economies of scale, a combined meeting may be held. The Deputy Director Service Weapons is solely responsible for the organisation and administration of their event. As a minimum, GpOSC competitors are to fire the following matches:

- a. Match 46 – The Rural Contact Match.
- b. Match 47 – The Short-Range Rural Contact Match.
- c. Match 49 – The Urban Contact Match.
- d. Match 52 – The Pistol Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Match.

Conditions and Procedures are to be accordance with the relevant Army Operational Shooting Policy.

2. Performance of individual competitors at their GpOSC will determine their selection for the RAFOSC. Therefore, Dep Dir SW is to forward competitors' rifle and pistol gun-scores for the matches detailed in Para 1 to the SW Member within 7 days of their meeting. The SW Member will then co-ordinate the RAFOSC call-forward and reserve list with the Group Secretaries to ensure full capacity is achieved at RAFOSC.

3. RAF Regt personnel may compete in their respective GpOSC in addition to their own RAF RegtOSC. However, only the first gun-score fired at either their GpOSC or the RAF RegtOSC (dependant on which event is programmed first in the calendar year) will count towards selection at RAFOSC. The Organiser of RAF RegtOSC is to forward the results from their competition to the Dep Dir SW so that RAF Regt personnel can be called forward for RAFOSC and the Inter-Services.

4. Where possible GpOSC is to be utilised to provide a platform for training, developing competitors and introducing new shooters to the various aspects of competitive SW shooting and RAFSAA.

SECTION 4 - SMALL-BORE COMPETITIONS

INDIVIDUAL SMALL-BORE COMPETITIONS

1. **Postal Matches.** Individual Postal Matches for Rifle will be conducted between December to March and June to August each year. Each competitor will be required to fire 8 NSRA 25 10 BM 89 cards for the SB Rifle, 12 NSRA Air 4/89 cards for the Air Pistol and 12 NSRA Air 5/89 cards for the Air Rifle. Details of each annual competition, and the Entry Forms, will be circulated to Units in November and May of each year.
2. Under RAFSAA Committee ruling, no trophies will be awarded for Postal Competitions, but the competitions will be shot in classes and RAFSAA Souvenir Medals will be awarded in each Class in accordance with List E.

SMALL-BORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3. All RAFSAA S-B Championships which have a Challenge Cup/Trophy for award are contested in shoulder-to-shoulder shooting at a RAFSAA Championship Meeting. Two Central Championship Meetings will be held annually, in Spring and Autumn.
4. **Spring Meeting.** The Spring Meeting will consist of the RAFSAA Target Pistol Championship Meeting and the Finals of the following Winter Postal Competitions:
 - a. The NOBEL Cup - Inter-Unit Rifle Team.
 - b. The VJ TROPHY - Inter-Unit ISSF Standard Pistol Team.

The Team Finals will usually be held on the Friday preceding the RAFSAA S-B Pistol Championship Meeting at Bisley.

5. **Autumn Meeting.** The Autumn Meeting will consist of the RAFSAA S-B Rifle Championship Meeting and be followed by training for the Inter-Service S-B Rifle Long-Range Team.

UNIT TEAM MATCHES

6. **Inter-Unit Smallbore Rifle Championship.**
 - a. Teams. 3 with best 2 aggregates to count.
 - b. Targets. 2 NSRA British Match 10-bull Outward gauging cards.
 - c. Rounds. 10 shots to be fired at each card.
 - d. Prizes. First Prize. The NOBEL Cup (Presented by Messrs Nobel Industries in 1926 (Now IMI Ltd)) and up to 3 Gilt Medals.

7. Inter-Unit ISSF Standard Pistol Championship.

- a. Teams. 4 with best 3 aggregates to count.
- b. Targets. NSRA PL12 ISSF Pistol Targets - 6 each
- c. Rounds. 10 shots per target (See below) - 60 rounds per team member
- d. Pistols. Any Multi-Shot Air/CO₂ pistol, chambered for .177in (4.5mm), which conforms to ISSF Standard Pistol requirements (see ISSF STR 4.2 and 4.5). The same pistol must be used for all series.
- e. Timing. ISSF Standard Pistol conditions as detailed in ISSF STR 6.9, except that 10 will be fired on each target.
- f. Sighters. One series of Five (5) shots in 150 secs only is permitted before this match.
- g. Malfunctions. law NSRA and ISSF regulations.
- h. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The VJ TROPHY (Presented by Air Vice-Marshal W E Staton CB DSO MC DFC to commemorate his safe deliverance from the Japanese on VJ Day) and 4 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

(2) Runners-up. 4 RAFSAA Small Bronze Medals

INTER-GROUP SMALL-BORE MATCHES

8. Inter-Group Rifle and Pistol Team Postal Matches will be fired between January and April each year and are only open to RAFSAA Full members and up to one Joint member.

9. The Inter-Group Short Range Small-Bore Rifle Match.

- a. Teams. 4 team members.
- b. Targets. 2 current NSRA British Match 10-Bull Outward Gauging.
- c. Rounds. Ten (10) shots at each card by each team member.
- d. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. 4 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals (an additional medal will be awarded when a non-shooting Captain is appointed).

10. The Inter-Group Short Range Target Pistol Match.

- a. Teams. 6 team members, serving RAF personnel.

- b. Targets. 6 NSRA PL12 20 yd Pistol Cards (ISSF Standard Pistol) per member.
- c. Rounds. 60 shots per team member, 10 shots at each card (as per the VJ Match).
- d. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. 6 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals (an additional medal will be awarded when a non-shooting Captain is appointed).

11. **The Inter-Group Long Range Small-Bore Rifle Match.** This match is to be shot shoulder-to-shoulder at the Autumn S-B Rifle Championship, concurrently with the Long-Range Championship.

- a. Teams. 4 team members.
- b. Targets. 3 x 50 metre and 3 x 100 yd NSRA Rifle Cards. (Matches 3 and 4 of The RAF SB Rifle Meeting)
- c. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The WAPINSHAW Cup (re-allocated from The Wg Cdr Kaye Fruit Bowl) and 4 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.

THE RAF TARGET PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

12. The RAF Target Pistol Championship Meeting is normally held in March each year, using NRA and NSRA Ranges and RAFSAA accommodation facilities at Bisley Camp.

13. The RAF ISSF Standard Pistol Championship.

- a. Conditions. ISSF Standard Pistol Match of 60 Shots (As for VJ Trophy) (see ISSF STR 6.9). Competitors will use ISSF Standard Multi-Shot Air/CO₂ Pistols.
- b. Targets. NSRA PL7 (ISSF 50 m Pistol) at 25 m.
- c. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. The WILLOTT Cup (Presented by Squadron Leader F R Leatherdale DFC in 1965) and RAFSAA Large Silver Gilt Medal.
 - (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
 - (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Large Bronze Medal.
 - (4) Souvenir Medals. List D to Classes B, C & D only.

14. The RAF ISSF Sport Pistol Championship.

- a. Conditions. ISSF Sport Pistol Match of 60 shots [30 precision, 30 rapid] [See ISSF STR 6.8]. Competitors will use Service Issue 9mm pistols.
- b. Targets. NSRA PL7 [ISSF 50 m Pistol] and NSRA PL17 (ISSF Rapid Fire), all at 25 m.
- c. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. The HALTON Cup and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
 - (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.
 - (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.
 - (4) Souvenir Medals. List D to Classes B, C & D only.

15. The ISSF Aggregate.

- a. Conditions. The aggregate of scores obtained in the WILLOTT and HALTON matches.
- b. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
 - (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

- (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.

16. The RAF Slow Fire Pistol Aggregate.

- a. Conditions. 60 shots at 10 m. 5 sighting shots allowed. Competitors will use ISSF Standard Single Shot Air/CO₂ Pistols. If Multi Shot pistols are used, competitors will be required to reload for each shot.
- b. Targets. 12 NSRA Air 4/89 at 10m. Five shots per card
- c. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. The DANBY Cup and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
 - (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Large Bronze Medal.
 - (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.
 - (4) Class B. The WILSON Trophy.
 - (5) Class C. The SMYTHE Cup.
 - (6) Souvenir Medals. List D to Classes B, C & D only.

17. The Royal Air Force Target Pistol Champion. Competitors who shoot in all 3 Matches above will be awarded points based on their overall placing in each match. The competitor with the fewest points will be declared the **RAF Target Pistol Champion for the Year.**

- a. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. RAFSAA Silver-Wire Embroidered Badge and the NSRA Silver Plaque.
 - (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
 - (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Large Bronze Medal.

18. The RAFSAA S-B Pistol Team Match.

- a. Conditions. Team match shot concurrently with the DANBY Cup.
- b. Teams. Three from a Unit taking part in the Pistol Meeting.
- c. Scores. The aggregate scores taken from the results of the DANBY Cup, all to count.
- d. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. A RAFSAA Trophy [tbd] and 3 RAFSAA Small Silver Medals.
 - (2) Runners-up. 3 RAFSAA Small Bronze Medals.

TARGET PISTOL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MATCHES

19. The Target Pistol Meeting is also open to Full Members of RAFSAA and RAF(VR) officers and adult warrant officers. Entries will be accepted subject to range space being available after regular RAF personnel wishing to do so have entered. RAFSAA Souvenir Medals will be awarded to List D in the WILLOTT, HALTON and DANBY Matches.

THE RAFSAA SMALL-BORE SPRING RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

20. The RAFSAA SB Spring Rifle Championship Meeting is an Open competition to all RAFSAA Members and is conducted at Ash Ranges in April of each year. RAFSAA accommodation facilities at Bisley Camp are used.

21. Match 1 - The 50 Metre Match.

- a. Conditions. 60 Shots at 50 metres.
 - (1) The first 40 shots count as the prone score for the PSK Championship.
 - (2) The first 20 shots count as the prone score for the PSK Tyro Match.
- b. Timings. Three consecutive details of 20 mins with 5 mins between each detail.
- c. Prizes. There is no overall prize for this match and scores are aggregated to the 50 Metre Championship. However, Plaques are awarded to the competitors with the highest score in classes B to D.

22. Match 2a - The RAFSAA PSK Championship.

- a. Conditions. A Full ISSF PSK Course, comprising 120 shots at 50 metres as follows:
 - (1) 40 shots prone (first 2 cards in Match 1).
 - (2) 40 shots standing.
 - (3) 40 shots kneeling.
 - (4) There is a mandatory changeover time of 15 minutes between positions.
 - (5) For RAFSAA competitions, the non-standard timings above will be used.
 - (6) The first 20 shots in each position will count as the associated standing and kneeling scores in the PSK Tyro Match.
- b. Timings.
 - (1) Prone. As for Match 1.
 - (2) Standing. Two consecutive details of 40 mins with 5 mins between details.

(3) Kneeling. Two consecutive details of 30 mins with 5 mins between details.

c. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The COSFORD Trophy and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.

(2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

(3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.

(4) Souvenir Medals. List D to PSK Classes B & C only.

23. Match 2b - The PSK Tyro Match. The PSK Tyro Match is intended to introduce newcomers to this demanding discipline. It may only be entered on 3 occasions, after which competitors will be required to enter the PSK Championship. The winner each year will also be debarred from further entry.

a. Conditions. A ISSF PSK half-course, fired concurrent with the PSK Championship and comprising:

(1) Prone. The first 20 shots of Match 1.

(2) Standing. The first 20 shots of the PSK Championship.

(3) Kneeling. The first 20 shots of the PSK Championship.

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. THE CHAPMAN Trophy and RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.

(2) Souvenir Medals. List D to PSK Tyro Class only.

24. Match 3 - The English Match.

a. Conditions. 60 shots at 50 metres.

b. Timings. Three consecutive details of 20 mins with 10 mins between each detail.

c. Prizes. No separate prizes, but all scores count towards the 50 Metre Championship.

25. Match 4 - The Scottish Match.

a. Conditions. 60 shots at 100 yards.

b. Timings. Three consecutive details of 20 mins with 10 mins between each detail.

c. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The PERRIDGE Cup and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
- (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.
- (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.
- (4) Souvenir Medals. List D to Classes B, C & D only.

26. Match 5 - The 50 Metre Championship.

- a. Conditions. The aggregate of scores in Match 1 (50 metre Match) and Match 3 English Match).
- b. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. The UXBRIDGE Cup and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
 - (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.
 - (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.
 - (4) Souvenir Medals. List D to Classes B, C & D only.

27. Match 6 - The RAFSAA Spring Rifle Championship.

- a. Conditions. The aggregate of points based on positions gained in each of the Matches comprising the Championship. The competitor achieving the lowest number of points will be declared the RAFSAA Spring Rifle Champion.
- b. Prizes.
 - (1) First Prize. The QUEDGELEY Bowl and RAFSAA Gilt Medal.
 - (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.
 - (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.
 - (4) Novice Prize. The EDWIN BOTTOMLEY Shield. Awarded to a Novice shooter on their first entry to the competition, under Match 6 conditions. Awarded depending on the number of Novice Entrants.

THE RAF SMALL-BORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

28. The RAF SB Rifle Championship Meeting will be held during the Autumn, using Ash Ranges and RAFSAA accommodation facilities at Bisley Camp. The Championships is open to Full and Associate RAFSAA members. Associate members will shoot alongside for their own prizes and souvenir medals as appropriate.

29. Match 1 - The 50 Metre Match.

- a. Conditions. 60 Shots at 50 metres.
 - (1) The first 40 shots count as the prone score for the PSK Championship.
 - (2) The first 20 shots count as the prone score for the PSK Tyro Match.
- b. Timings. Three consecutive details of 20 mins with 5 mins between each detail.
- c. Prize.
 - (1) First Prize. The MILLER Cup.

30. **Match 2a - The RAF PSK Championship.**

- a. Conditions. A Full ISSF PSK Course, comprising 120 shots at 50 metres as follows:
 - (1) 40 shots prone (first 2 cards in Match 1).
 - (2) 40 shots standing.
 - (3) 40 shots kneeling.
 - (4) There is a mandatory changeover time of 15 minutes between positions.
 - (5) For RAFSAA competitions, the non-standard timings above will be used.
 - (6) The first 20 shots in each position will count as the associated standing and kneeling scores in the PSK Tyro Match.
- b. Timings.
 - (1) Prone. As for Match 1.
 - (2) Standing. Two consecutive details of 40 mins with 5 mins between details.
 - (3) Kneeling. Two consecutive details of 30 mins with 5 mins between details.
- c. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. The JACKMAN Trophy and RAFSAA Large Gilt Medal.
- (2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
- (3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Large Bronze Medal.
- (4) Souvenir Medals. List D to PSK Classes B & C only.

31. **Match 2b - The PSK Tyro Match.** The PSK Tyro Match is intended to introduce newcomers to this demanding discipline. It may only be entered on 3 occasions, after which competitors will be required to enter the PSK Championship. The winner each year will also be debarred from further entry.

a. Conditions. A ISSF PSK half-course, fired concurrent with the PSK Championship and comprising:

- (1) Prone. The first 20 shots of Match 1.
- (2) Standing. The first 20 shots of the PSK Championship.
- (3) Kneeling. The first 20 shots of the PSK Championship.

b. Prizes.

- (1) First Prize. A SILVER CIGARETTE Box and RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.
- (2) Souvenir Medals. List D to PSK Tyro Class only.

32. **Match 3 - The English Match.**

- a. Conditions. 60 shots at 50 metres.
- b. Timings. Three consecutive details of 20 mins with 10 mins between each detail.
- c. Prizes. No separate prizes, but all scores count towards the 50 Metre Championship.

33. **Match 4 - The Scottish Match.**

- a. Conditions. 60 shots at 100 yards.
- b. Timings. Three consecutive details of 20 mins with 10 mins between each detail.
- c. Prizes. No separate prizes, but all scores count towards the Long-Range Championship.

34. **Match 5 - The 50 Metre Championship.**

a. Conditions. The aggregate of scores in Match 1 (50 metre Match) and Match 3 English Match).

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The SPORTS BOARD Cup (re-allocated from The 90 Gp Small-Arms Efficiency Trophy) and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.

(2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

(3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.

(4) Souvenir Medals. List D to Classes B, C & D only.

35. Match 6 - The Long-Range Championship.

a. Conditions. The aggregate of scores in Match 3 (English Match) and Match 4 (Scottish Match).

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. The MAINTENANCE COMMAND Cup and RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.

(2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

(3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.

(4) Souvenir Medals. List D to Classes B, C & D only.

36. Match 7 - The Prone Aggregate.

a. Conditions. The aggregate of scores in Match 1 (50 Metre Match), Match 3 (English Match) and Match 4 (Scottish Match).

b. Prizes.

(1) First Prize. A Large Gilt Medal.

(2) Second Prize. RAFSAA Small Silver Medal.

(3) Third Prize. RAFSAA Small Bronze Medal.

(4) Class B Winner. The DANBY Cup (re-allocated from The 90 Gp Individual SB Rifle Challenge Cup).

(5) Class C Winner. A SILVER ICE BUCKET.

(6) Class D Winner. The TARGET RIFLE CLUB Trophy.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE SMALL-BORE RIFLE CHAMPION FOR THE YEAR

37. The competitor achieving the lowest score based on points awarded for placings in the RAFSAA Postal Rifle Match (para 4001), Match 2 (PSK Championship) and Match 6 (Long Range Championship) will be declared **The RAF Small-Bore Rifle Champion of the Year**.

- a. First Prize. RAFSAA Silver Wire Badge and the NSRA Silver Plaque.
- b. Second Prize. RAFSAA Large Silver Medal.
- c. Third Prize. RAFSAA Large Bronze Medal.

THE RAF SMALL-BORE RIFLE TEAMS MATCH

38. Conditions. A Team Match shot concurrently with the Long-Range Championship.

39. Teams. Three from a Unit taking part in the Championships.

40. Scores. The aggregate scores made in the Long-Range Championship with all to count.

41. Prizes. First Prize. The RAVEN Cup (re-allocated from The RAF Home Cmd Inter-Unit Jnr SB Rifle Championship Trophy) and 3 RAFSAA Silver Medals.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MATCHES

42. The S-B Rifle Meeting is open to Associate Members of RAFSAA. Entries will be accepted subject to range space being available after full RAFSAA members wishing to do so have entered. RAFSAA Souvenir Medals will be awarded to List D in Match 2a, Match 5 and Match 6, and the following separate Associate Members matches will also be held.

THE ASSOCIATE PSK CHAMPION

43. Conditions. Open to all associate members of RAFSAA and awarded to the competitor achieving the highest score in Match 2A of The RAF SB Rifle Meeting.

44. Prize.

- a. First Prize. The STAFFORD Cup and Souvenir Medal (re-allocated from The RAF Iraq Boxing Association Officers Competition Cup).

THE ASSOCIATE 50 METRE CHAMPION

45. Conditions. Open to all associate members of RAFSAA and awarded to the competitor achieving the highest score in Match 5 of The RAF SB Rifle Meeting.

46. Prize.

- a. First Prize. The CHURCH FENTON Trophy and Souvenir Medal (re-allocated from The Flt Lt Birks Tennis Challenge Trophy).

THE ASSOCIATE LONG - RANGE CHAMPION

47. Conditions. Open to all associate members of RAFSAA and awarded to the competitor achieving the highest score in Match 6 of The RAF SB Rifle Meeting.

48. Prizes.

- a. First Prize. The BRAMPTON Cup and Souvenir Medal (re-allocated from Air Commodores Badminton Trophy).

THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CHAMPIONSHIP

49. Conditions. Open to all associate members of RAFSAA and awarded to the competitor achieving the lowest score based on points awarded for placings in the Postal Rifle Match, Match 2 (PSK Championship), and Match 6 (Long Range Championship).

50. Prizes.

- a. First Prize. The LAKELAND Trophy.
- b. Souvenir Medals. List D regardless of class.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE SMALL-BORE CHAMPION FOR THE YEAR

55. The competitor who competes in all SB disciplines at all ranges, including the Winter Rifle, the Winter Pistol and the RAF S-B Rifle Championship, (including all matches comprising that competition)., will accrue a Points grading for each match, based upon their final placing in each. The competitor who, at the completion of the RAF S-B Rifle Championship Meeting, aggregates the lowest number of points, will be declared the **Royal Air Force Small-Bore Champion of the Year** and will be awarded **The RAFSAA Gold-Wire Badge and NSRA Silver Plaquette**.

56. In the event of a tie on points, the aggregate gun score for both Championship Meetings (i.e. excluding the S-B Rifle Postal) will decide the winner. In the event of a further tie, aggregate scores in the Pistol ISSF Aggregate and Rifle PSK Championship (Jackman Trophy) will decide the winner.

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PART 5 – ANNUAL EVENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Major competitions, as listed in Section 1 – Annexes, are to have their associated Admin Orders published with copies available to the members via the respective project officers, RAFSAA website and RAFSAA Secretary.
2. The RAFSAA Secretary is to receive copies of all admin orders for record and reference purposes.

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