

The South West Regional Committee of the CPSA

Regional Committee Information and Guidelines for the South West Counties and Region

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WHO ARE WE

Known as **SWRC** or **SOUTH WEST REGIONAL COMMITTEE**; we are a Regional Committee formed within the guidelines and Articles of our governing body; the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association for the South West Region and the Counties therein.

OUR AIMS

- [a] To promote the sport of clay target shooting within the Region.
- [b] To advise and assist on all matters relating to clay target shooting within the Region.
- [c] To allocate and manage the annual Regional championships.
- [d] To arbitrate on any disputes that may from time to time arise in the Region which may be referred to the Regional Committee by the County Committees, Affiliated Clubs or Individual members within the Region.
- [e] To define, publish and operate an acceptable selection procedure for the various Regional teams.
- [f] To elect representatives to serve on such outside bodies as shall from time to time be deemed necessary.
- [g] To actively encourage and promote the formation and/or continuance of County Committees within the Region.

The Committees finances are gained through Ground Fees and Levy payments, together with a percentage payment for courses held within the region and paid to us by the CPSA HQ. Most of the fees and levy income are put back into the following years Regional Events by annual awards decided by the serving Committee. In 2018 the reintroduction of perpetual trophies gave the SWRC more scope to look at other ways of rewarding shooters be it through issuing medals, cash prizes or other awards.

The SWRC are not responsible for County Committee finances, entry fees, competition prize money, classification payments or travel expenses to attend Regional Events.

THE REGION

The South West Regional Committee (SWRC) is made up of two Regional Representatives elected at their own County AGM. A Reserve Representative is also required to cover any absence of either or both South West Regional Representatives at Regional Meetings.

Each individual SW Representative has one vote to use for any resolutions or decisions raised at a Regional Meeting giving a total of two votes per County. If a Representative is unable to attend a Regional Meeting and prior notice has been given relating to an Agenda item which will require voting on; that said Representative is able to put his vote in writing to the Regional Secretary (email accepted) and counted at the Regional Meeting.

REGIONAL OFFICERS

The Regional Annual General Meeting (RAGM) will elect a Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer from the previously elected County Reps or co-opt a CPSA member without voting rights. The Region have combined the roles of the Secretary and Treasurer for a number of years.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND AGM

The SWRC hold a minimum of four Regional Meetings per annum in addition to the RAGM. It has been decided that all meetings will be held online via Zoom until further notice to reduce travel and room hire costs, carbon footprint and Representative availability.

REGIONAL COUNTIES

The Regional Counties are Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, Somerset and Wiltshire. The Isle of Wight are still part of the Region; however, as this County has previously decided not to be included in the SWRC; they are still able to enter SW Championships and enter teams for Inter County events but do not sit on the Committee or are able to vote on Regional decisions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE SUB-COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

If required, the SWRC will either elect Regional Committee members or nominated members of the Region to participate as Sub Committee Representatives and report back to the Regional Committee

JOHN NEWTON MEMORIAL TROPHY

This is an annual award, announced at the RAGM, to a promising Junior, up to the age of 21, who has shown great interest in our sport and deserves to be recognized for their improvement and/or achievements. Counties are requested to submit their nominations to the SWRC before our November meeting.

REGIONAL SHOOTING GROUNDS

Grounds wishing to host South West Championships and Inter County Events must follow the current criteria, rules, regulations and safety policies as determined by the CPSA. They must also be able to provide male and female toilets with hot and cold running water; refreshments and shelter. New grounds will be sent an application form to complete and return with the details of their facilities and discipline details and if criteria are met will be added to the shoot rota.

Hosting Grounds will be invoiced by the SWRC and these fees are payable no later than **30 November** annually. All collected Championship levies must be paid on receipt to the Regional Treasurer and a copy of the shoot results sent to the Regional Secretary. If a Regional Representative is attending the shoot, the levies and shoot results should be handed over to them in person.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

It is the winning individual's responsibility to look after the trophy whilst in their possession and to ensure it is engraved with their details and is either returned to their County Committee or a Regional Committee member in person or to the Ground hosting the next event for that discipline

REGIONAL GROUND ALLOCATION ROTA

The Rota is compiled by the Regional Secretary and approved by the SWRC. It is established for a period of years at least equal to number of hosting grounds in any one discipline.

Only grounds having the endorsement of the County Committee and meeting the SWRC level of required facilities will be allocated Regional shoots.

New grounds wishing to join the Rota must notify the Regional Secretary prior to the SWRC November meeting. If agreed, they will join the Rota after all existing grounds have held the shoot at least once from 2018. It is the SWRC preference to allocate at least one event to a new ground on the next fixture list as a trial run

In each year all SW Championships and Inter County Team Events will, wherever possible, be separate events and spread as fairly as geographically possible across the Region with no excessive groupings in any one part of the Region.

No ground should hold the same SW Championship and Inter County Team Event for the same discipline in any one year. The only exception being where one ground alone has the facilities to stage this discipline or the other Grounds cannot host.

TRAP & SKEET DISCIPLINES

Ideally, all SW Championships should be held on two or more registered layouts and Inter County Team Events on four layouts but the SWRC understand that this may not always be possible; consideration is still given to smaller grounds to host certain disciplines if the Grounds ensure the shoot can be completed in good time.

SPORTING & FITASC DISCIPLINES

All grounds need to meet the required criteria in terms of number of layouts. As the SW ESP Championships is also an England selection it is agreed that this event may be held over two days to accommodate entries with priority still given to the Region.

The SWRC may reallocate shoots at any time it deems appropriate in the event of unforeseen circumstances which impact on any of the above or the best interests of the region's members.

INTER COUNTY TEAM FORMAT

TRAP DISCIPLINES (DTL, ABT, SB, AR)

There will be named Senior squads of 5/6 members (discipline dependent) entered prior to the commencement of the shoot. There are no limits as to how many teams a county wishes to enter in any category however Grounds must give priority to all County main teams before accepting 2 or more teams from individual Counties. These teams will be known as (County) 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so on ie Devon 1st, Devon 2nd etc. All scores to count

ALL OTHER DISCIPLINES (ESP, FITASC, STR, ESK)

The team format for these disciplines will be a 10/12 member Senior team with the best 5/6 scores to count. The team entries apply the same as the Trap Discipline section.

CATEGORY TEAMS

Ladies, Veteran and Junior teams will consist of up 3 members with 2 of the 3 scores to count. If a LVJ is nominated prior to the commencement of the shoot, they can use their scores to be counted as one of the 5/6 in their Senior Team. If a LVJ score is used for the Senior team the individuals score will also still count towards their category team results. The team entries apply the same as the Trap Discipline section.

***Inter County Team Events:** Priority will be given in the first instance for each County to be able to submit **one** team in each category (ie 1 x Senior, 1 x Ladies, 1 x Veterans, 1 x Junior) before any additional County teams can be entered. However, additional County teams should take priority over individual entries and are subject to the capacity of the hosting Ground.*

***Combined SW & IC Events:** Priority will be given to **one** County team in each category (S, L, V, J) followed by Regional individual entries and if the ground has capacity, the remaining spaces can either be filled with **additional** county teams and/or non-regional entries.*

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

It is at the discretion of the SWRC whether additional awards on top of the perpetual trophies are provided for the Teams and these decisions can change annually. The awards could be by way of medals, cash or other prizes. If Medals are provided, the full entered team members will receive medals. If monetary prizes are given, these will only be for the team members whose scores have counted eg top 5/6 or 2 of 3 scores to count.

REGIONAL EVENTS

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

County Championships are arranged by each individual County. All Championships are to be held between March and should be completed by the end of June where possible or at the latest during July. County Secretaries should advise the Regional Secretary of their dates and advise each hosting ground a fee of £15 will be charged by the SWRC for each Championship. If Counties decide to hold their championships outside of the Region or at non registered grounds, Regional fees still apply and the County Committee will be invoiced directly by the SWRC.

SOUTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

We hold eleven annual SW Championships; DTL, SB, ABT, OT, UT, ESP, DR, ESK, FITASC, STR and AR. The SWRC charge the hosting Ground £25 per Regional Championship for each 100-target event. South West Championships are held on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday during July and August ideally but may run into September and entry priority must be given to the Region.

INTER COUNTY TEAM EVENTS

We hold eight annual IC Team Events; DTL, SB, ABT, ESP, FITASC, ESK, STR and AR. The SWRC charge the hosting Ground £25 per event. County Secretaries should submit their teams directly to the Regional Secretary in good time to allow the Grounds to allocate squads and start times. Regional Teams take priority at these fixtures and always shoot before any individual/non Regional entrant; the Grounds allocated to host must adhere to this ruling. There are no restrictions for Grounds to fill spaces up with individual shooters once all teams entered have been allocated spaces. Inter County Events are held on either a Saturday or Sunday during September and October with possible overspill into November.

COMBINED SOUTH WEST AND INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

There are occasions where it is only possible to combine SW/IC Championships. The same principal applies as with Inter County Team Events where priority is given to Regional Teams. The SWRC charge the hosting Ground £50 per combined event. These are ideally held on a Saturday or Sunday during August to October. There is also an option to split the championship over two days (including weekdays) but the Teams must only shoot on the weekend. The extra day is to be used for the overspill of individuals wishing to shoot the SW Championship only.

REGIONAL LEVIES

COUNTY LEVIES

It is standard practice for Counties to charge a levy fee at all County Selection and County Championship shoots although some County Committees may not adopt levy charges at their own selection shoots. The current levy is £2 per entrant per fixture regardless of their county of origin. The proceeds from these levy payments go directly to the County Committee. If a selection and championship shoot are held on the same day, only one levy will be payable by every entrant.

COMBINED COUNTY EVENTS

If two or more Counties share the same fixture, each shooter will pay one £2 levy regardless of county of origin. The levy proceeds will be divided by the number of entrants from each County and paid to the respective County. Levies paid by non-championship entrants will be split equally between the Counties holding the Championship.

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The levy for all South West Regional Championships is £2 per entrant regardless of county/region of origin. The proceeds are payable to the Secretary/Treasurer of the South West Regional Committee. It is the hosting grounds responsibility to ensure that all entrants pay the SW levy when entering the shoot and prompt payment is made to the SWRC.

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The levy amount and procedures are the same as the South West Regional Championships.

COMBINED SW CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTER COUNTY EVENTS

At a combined SW & IC Event, a £4 levy is payable by every entrant regardless of county/region of origin and the same procedures apply as above.

