



BEDFORDSHIRE SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

**TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY JUNE 21st 2026
AT THE BEDFORD RANGE**

**CLOSING DATE FOR SHORT-RANGE ENTRIES
2nd May 2026 (Late entries Accepted)**

**CLOSING DATE FOR LONG-RANGE ENTRIES
See BSSA Grand Slam Entry**

Following the loss of Thorn Range and limited capacity at the Bedford Range the format of the competition has been revised, the Short-Range Championship will be shot on a postal basis.

The Long Range Championship (50m and 100yds) will continue as a shoulder-to-shoulder shoot.

**The 2026
BSSA Long Range Championship
will be shot concurrent with the
BSSA Grand Slam Open Event
on the 21st June**

These Championships are open only to those who reside in the County of Bedfordshire.

Will Club Secretaries please do their utmost to publicise these Championships and encourage all their members to participate remembering that the competitions are by class and so there is a chance for everyone.

The County Champion competition will remain the same, with the Chris Fryer Memorial Trophy being awarded to the County Champion who will be the person with the highest aggregate over the Short- and Long-Range Championships. The County Champion will also receive a Gold Wire Badge.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS.

There will be a Champion of Champions competition at Bisley, which will held on Century Range, and counties are invited to send one person to compete in this. The BSSA Committee has decided to invite the winner of the Long-Range Championship to represent Bedfordshire in this competition on the last Sunday of Bisley week. If the winner is unable to go to Bisley then the runner-up will be invited.

If members are not shooting for any reason but are willing to come and help as range officers/scorers/refreshment helpers we will be very pleased to hear from them.

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Conditions

- ENTRIES:** Competitors need not enter both Championships.
- Short-range entries will close on the 2nd May. Stickered targets will be provided to Club Match Secretary's by the 9th May for supply to their members. Late entries will be accepted.
- Long range entries to be made on the BSSA Grand Slam entry form. The nominal closing date will be the 14th June, but late entries may be possible if space permits.
- Classes A & B** must enter both the main and optional shoots of the Grand Slam, the first two details at each distance will count and there will be no additional individual costs.
- Class C** may either enter both the main and optional shoots of the Grand Slam, the first detail at each distance will count and there will be no additional individual costs; or may shoot a single detail at each distance in which case the cost will be £5 (discounted to £4 if also competing in the short range). Competitors who wish to shoot single details will need to contact the Grand Slam organiser directly to book details, which may be limited.
- AVERAGES:** **Prone (All distances):**
- To be taken from the published Beds Winter League Averages or the last ten 25 yds Match Cards – no deletions.
- CLASS A: 96.5 and over**
CLASS B: 94.6 to 96.4
CLASS C: 94.5 and under.
- Benchrest (2026 Experimental):**
- Single class, average to be taken from the last ten 25 yds Match Cards – no deletions.
- LONG RANGE SQUADDING:** All Long-Range shooting on the 21st June will be squadded.
- JUNIORS:** Under 18 or under the age of 21 years if in full-time education as of the 21st June 2026. No coaching will be allowed.
- VETERANS:** Between the ages of 60 and 69 years (inclusive) as of the 21st June 2026 - (all 25 yds cards and first 2 cards at 50 and 100 yd).
- SUPER-VETS:** Aged 70 years or over on the 21st June 2026, other conditions as for Veterans.
- TIES:** Ties will be decided on countback.
- REFRESHMENTS:** Light refreshments will be available on the range.

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SHORT RANGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP (POSTAL) Prone and Benchrest (NSRA Benchrest Rules Apply)

Clubs will be issued with stickered cards.

Shot cards MUST be returned to the County Match Secretary no later than 12:00pm on the 13th June.

The Prone Short Range Championship cards may be shot concurrently with the Bedfordshire 25yd league. In this case the league card should be affixed back-to-back with the Championship card and shot with the Championship card face toward the shooter. The Championship card score will be transferred to the appropriate round of the Beds league. League cards shot in this way must **NOT** be scored locally.

PRONE CLASSES A/B/C BENCHREST	Course of fire – 40 shots at 25 yds	£5.00
JUNIORS (Prone only)	Concurrent with above	£Free
LADIES (Prone only)	Concurrent with above	£Free

SHORT RANGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be held concurrently with the Short Range Prone Championship and is Open to Club Teams of 3 (stickers will be provided). £2.00 per team

LONG RANGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

To be shot concurrent with the BSSA Grand Slam on the 21st June 2026 at the Bedford Range

CLASSES A/B	Course of Fire 40 shots at 50M & 40 shots at 100 yds	£Free (Grand Slam fee applies)
CLASS C	Course of Fire 20 shots at 50M & 20 shots at 100 yds	£Free (Grand Slam fee applies) £5 (Standalone) £4 (Standalone + short range)
JUNIORS	Course of Fire 20 shots at 50M & 20 shots at 100 yds. Concurrent With 1 st cards at each range.	£Free
LADIES	Classes A & B only (Concurrent with above).	£Free

LONG RANGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be held concurrently with the above Championship And is open to Club Teams of 3 from Classes A & B only. Teams to be declared before the competition commences. £2.00 per team

GARRETT CUP TEAM CHALLENGE

Will be held concurrently with the above Championship And is open to Club Teams of 3, one competitor from each of Class A, B & C. Teams to be declared before the competition commences. £2.00 per team