



**Rules, Byelaws and Regulations  
for the Conduct of the Association  
including National Competitions  
their Rules and Details**

**MLAGB**

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## Part 1

### INTRODUCTION

The MLAGB was formed in 1952 and is the Governing Body for muzzle loading shooting in the UK. Its objectives are to encourage an interest in muzzle loading firearms; to promote, regulate and safeguard their use; and to preserve their freedom of collection.

#### 1.1 Name and Address

The name and address of the Association (“Association”) is “The Muzzle Loaders’ Association of Great Britain” (“MLAGB”) whose Registered Office is situate at 3 Kitsmead Lane, Longcross, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 0EF and whose premises and activities are situate and carried on at “Wedgnock Rifle and Pistol Ranges,” Wedgnock Lane, Warwick, Warwickshire.

#### 1.2 Management

Management of the Association shall be the responsibility of the “Council of Management” in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of the Association (a copy of which can be obtained via the members area of the Association web site ([www.mlagb.com](http://www.mlagb.com)) or via the Honorary Secretary upon request who may raise a reasonable charge in the event of a disbursement being incurred for the service).

#### 1.3 Subscriptions

All subscriptions become due on the first day of January in each year and Members who are in arrears for more than two months shall, subject to the discretion of the Council of Management, be deemed to have resigned.

#### 1.4 Member

A “Member” is a Full Member, Associate Member or Honorary Member of the MLAGB as defined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the MLAGB.

### **1.5 Termination of Membership**

The Council of Management have the power to terminate the membership of a Member. Circumstances under which this power may be exercised include the following:

- Serious breaches of MLAGB rules
- Safety infractions
- Criminal acts
- Wilful destruction of property
- Acts likely to bring the Association into disrepute

In all cases the complaint will be verified by the Council of Management and the matter considered at a meeting. The member involved shall be served notice in writing of the complaint and shall have at least fourteen days notice of the Council of Management meeting at which the complaint is to be considered. The member shall be given the opportunity to make written representations and/or shall be admitted to state their case in person to the meeting. The member shall be entitled to an appeal subject to the same rules and to be heard by different persons.

### **1.6 Rules, Byelaws and Regulations**

The Council of Management may from time to time make, vary or revoke Rules, Byelaws and Regulations not inconsistent with these Rules, Byelaws and Regulations for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Association and the conduct of its Members. All Rules, Byelaws and Regulations shall until revoked by the Council of Management be binding on all Members. Notification of any changes will be posted in the members section of the MLAGB web site.

### **1.7 Expenses**

Members of the Council of Management and other persons authorised by the Council of Management may claim reimbursement of allowable expenses in line with the policy that is published on the MLAGB web site. No expenses will be reimbursed unless they are in line with this policy.

**1.8 Accident or Injury**

In the event of an accident involving personal injury at an Association event the principal parties may have their membership suspended pending investigation by the Council of Management.

**1.9 Policies**

The Association acknowledges its responsibilities in respect of child protection and gender equality legislation and associates itself with the relevant policies and guidance directions given by British Shooting ([www.britishshooting.org](http://www.britishshooting.org) uk) and the British Association for Shooting and Conservation ([www.basc.org.uk](http://www.basc.org.uk)).

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## Part 2

### GENERAL SHOOTING/CONDUCT REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 **Bisley Camp**

Bisley Camp and Ranges (“Bisley”) are under the control of the National Rifle Association/National Shooting Centre. Therefore when attending at Bisley, Members will at all times conduct themselves in accordance with and have due regard to NRA Rules of Shooting (“NRA Rules”) in addition to these Regulations. In the event of any dispute or ambiguity touching and concerning any of NRA Rules the decision of the National Rifle Association/National Shooting Centre shall be final. When shooting at Bisley or on MOD ranges a ‘Shooter Certification Card’ issued by the NRA, the MLAGB or the Member’s local club will be required.

It is strongly recommended that Members should acquaint themselves with NRA Rules.

#### 2.2 **Wedgnock Ranges**

Wedgnock Ranges (“Wedgnock”) are under the control of The Muzzle Loaders’ Association of Great Britain. When attending Wedgnock, Members will at all times conduct themselves in accordance with and have due regard to Range Orders, Range Standing Orders and these Regulations.

#### 2.3 **Shooting Events**

All shooting events of the Association shall be run in accordance with the appropriate regulations for the firearm to be used as hereinafter more particularly set out and detailed under the appropriate section relevant to the type of firearm.

#### 2.4 **Rules, Byelaws & Regulation**

All Members are expected to comply with both the letter of these rules, byelaws & regulations, and the spirit of sportsmanship implied in their content.

## **2.5 Changes to Rules, Byelaws & Regulations**

For the avoidance of doubt, rules, byelaws and regulations may be made, varied or revoked by the Council of Management in accordance with paragraph 1.5 of Part 1 of this document.

## **2.6 Firearms**

All firearms intended for use must be held on either a shotgun or firearms certificate as appropriate.

## **2.7 Safety**

All shooters are responsible for ensuring that their firearms and ammunition are safe to use. All firearms and ammunition must be made available for inspection and testing whenever required.

## **2.8 Transport**

Firearms must be transported in unloaded and uncharged condition.

## **2.9 Black Powder**

Unless otherwise specified the use of any propellant instead of or as a substitute for factory made black powder is prohibited in competition. Members or Guests must handle black powder in accordance with current legislation.

## **2.10 Percussion Caps**

When shooting percussion firearms, only commercially manufactured percussion caps are permitted.

## **2.11 Hearing and Eye Protection**

It is mandatory for all Members and Guests to wear hearing protection and eye protection during any shooting event.

## **2.12 Loading using Pre-Measured Charges**

Loading using pre-measured charges is encouraged wherever practical. The use of powder flasks for loading is prohibited for some activities including Cannon and matchlock shooting.

**2.13 Inspection of Firearms**

The Range Officer may inspect any firearm or ammunition being used/about to be used or having been used at an Association event and, in the event that either or both are considered to be unfit for use, may immediately prohibit their further use.

**2.14 Legislation**

All Members and their guests attending Association events shall comply with the provisions of the Firearms Act 1968 and all statutory modifications to firearm and explosives legislation that may be made from time to time.

**2.15 Guests**

Guests are permitted to shoot provided they comply with the following:

- a) Guests must be shown section 21 of the Firearms Act (see MLAGB website) regarding criminal records and prohibited persons.
- b) Guests must sign into the guest book with their names and address to state that they are not a prohibited person under section 21 of the Firearms Act.

**2.16 Responsibility**

Members are responsible for their family members and guests. Pets other than working animals are not allowed anywhere on the range while shooting is in progress.

**2.17 Suspension**

Two Directors, or one Director and one Officer of the Association, may immediately suspend any Member whose conduct is, in their opinion, likely to bring discredit upon the Association.

**2.18 Right of Review**

In the event of any breaches of any of the Rules, Byelaws and Regulations contained mentioned or referred to in this document there remains a right of review to the Council of

Management who will at all times use its best endeavours to adjudicate fairly.

### **2.19 Clearance of Stoppages**

In the event that a loaded firearm cannot be discharged due to for example a breakage of a part or obstructed barrel then it must be unloaded by a competent person. Where a firearm cannot be discharged or unloaded then the charge must be rendered inert before its removal from the range following clearance by the Range Officer.

### **2.20 Spotting and Coaching**

Telescopes are allowed for spotting. Coaching is not permitted during competitions unless specifically permitted.

### **2.21 Smoking and Vaping**

Smoking and/or Vaping is forbidden on all ranges and facilities of the MLAGB, and anywhere that black powder or any other propellant is being handled or is likely to be handled. Smoking and/or Vaping is forbidden within three metres of any doorway or entrance/exit point on MLAGB ranges and facilities of the MLAGB. In addition, Smoking and/or Vaping is forbidden within three metres of the firing point and loading area on open ranges. Smoking and/or Vaping is forbidden in indoor ranges under all circumstances.

### **2.22 Mobile Telephones**

All mobile phones shall be turned off or placed in 'silent' mode in or on the shooting range while any competition is taking place.

### **2.23 Definition of Reproductions**

A reproduction firearm is defined as one of modern manufacture. Reproduction arms are specifically restricted to competitions allowing their use. Flintlock arms that have been converted to percussion and then correctly re-converted to flint ignition are permitted in 'original' class. Firearms that have had

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their barrels lined will be allowed in ‘reproduction’ class. Any newly fitted or replacement sights must be in the spirit of the original. Any firearm judged not to be in the spirit of the original will be limited to the “Free” or “Any” competitions, and may also be used for practice.

#### **2.24 National Trophies**

National Trophies may be won by any MLAGB member, but the trophy must remain in the UK. This rule does not affect English, Scottish or Welsh events where separate rules may apply.

#### **2.25 International Competition**

Members who meet qualifying criteria in recognised competitions may offer themselves for selection to represent the Great Britain in MLAIC International matches. Details of qualifying criteria and recognised competitions will be published in *Black Powder* and the MLAGB web site. Selection for international competition will be at the discretion of the Council of Management.

Any member who wins an individual gold medal in an MLAIC international event will, subject to complying with the published attendance criteria, automatically qualify for the subsequent event in order to defend their title.

### Part 3

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SHOOTING/CONDUCT REGULATIONS

### Section 1– RIFLE AND MUSKET

#### 3.1.1 Use of Breech loaders

The use of any firearm other than a muzzleloader or capping external ignition or flintlock breech loader is absolutely forbidden in any competition unless specifically permitted. All permitted breech loaders and their ammunition may be inspected by the Range Officer prior to their use.

#### 3.1.2 Breech Loaders and Practice

The use of breech loading firearms is allowed for practice and for competitions where they are specifically permitted.

#### 3.1.3 .22 Rimfire

The use of any firearm of .22-inch rimfire calibre is permitted for the purpose of practice.

#### 3.1.4 Range Officer

A Range Officer shall be appointed for each function organised by the Association. Their lawful instructions must be obeyed; they may order any Member to leave the firing point for misbehaviour and may forbid the use of any weapon or ammunition at any shoot under their control. No rifle or musket may be handled during a target change, or when anyone is forward of the firing point. No one may go forward of the firing point until the Range Officer has given the “all clear”. The Range Officer or their assistant must be on the firing line at all times.

#### 3.1.5 Safety

Rifles and muskets when loaded must be pointed down range at all times. A rifle or musket is deemed to be loaded when it is capped or primed.

### **3.1.6 Capping and Flashing Off**

Capping or flashing off is only permitted during the duration of the detail. When capping or flashing off barrels will be pointed down range or into the ground in front of the firing point with the muzzle of the barrel forward of the firing point.

### **3.1.7 Matchlock Muskets**

When shooting matchlock muskets the match must be secured so that it does not fly about on firing. The match must be placed in a safe container whilst reloading.

### **3.1.8 Covering Powder Flasks and Caps**

Powder flasks or containers, priming flasks and percussion caps must be covered or removed from the area of the muzzle and breech flashes before commencing fire. Loading direct from flasks is not permitted. Priming flasks must be removed from the area or covered before firing.

### **3.1.9 Scoring**

- The centre point of the bullet shall touch the line to count for the higher score.
- When scoring, the outside of the line shall be deemed to be the line for the purposes of this Rule.

## Part 3

### DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SHOOTING/CONDUCT REGULATIONS

#### Section 2 – PISTOL

##### 3.2.1 Minimum Calibres

The following minimum calibres may be used in competitions unless otherwise specified: .30 inch for percussion pistols, .433 inch for flintlock pistols and .34 inch for matchlock pistols. Other calibres may be used for practice.

##### 3.2.2 Scoring

- The centre point of the bullet shall touch the line to count for the higher score.
- When scoring, the outside of the line shall be deemed to be the line for the purposes of this Rule.

##### 3.2.3 Range Officer

A Range Officer shall be appointed for each function organised by the Association. Their lawful instructions must be obeyed; they may order any Member to leave the firing point for misbehaviour and may forbid the use of any weapon or ammunition at any shoot under their control. No pistol may be handled during a target change, or when anyone is forward of the firing point. No one may go forward of the firing point until the Range Officer has given the “all clear”. The Range Officer or their assistant must be on the firing line at all times.

##### 3.2.4 Covering Powder Flasks and Caps

Powder flasks or containers, priming flasks and percussion caps must be covered or removed from the area of the muzzle and breech flashes before commencing fire. Loading direct from flasks is not permitted. Priming flasks must be removed from the area or covered before firing.

### **3.2.5 Matchlock Pistols**

When shooting matchlock pistols the match must be secured so that it does not fly about on firing. The match must be placed in a safe container while reloading.

### **3.2.6 Loading Presses**

Modern loading presses are not permitted during competitions for percussion revolver events unless the revolver is not equipped with an integral rammer. Stands to support pistols during loading are permitted.

### **3.2.7 Safety**

Pistols when loaded must be pointed down range at all times. A pistol is deemed to be loaded when it is capped or primed.

### **3.2.8 Safety Devices**

Pistols will be kept in such a condition that they cannot be fired accidentally. Any safety devices must be functional.

### **3.2.9 Holsters**

Holsters if used must not be in evidence.

### **3.2.10 Charging, Capping and Priming**

No pistols to be charged, capped or primed until the signal is given by the range office to “open fire”. At the signal to “cease fire”, any pistols that still have a charge in them must be brought to the attention of the Range Officer. The Range Officer will instruct the shooter on how and where to discharge the pistol.

### **3.2.11 Range Commands**

Commands to “open fire” and “cease fire” will either be by whistle or verbal as decreed by the Range Officer.

### **3.2.12 Sealing Revolver chambers**

It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure that the chamber of a revolver is sealed suitably so as to prevent a 'chain fire'.

### **3.2.13 Capping Revolvers**

Revolver cylinders may not be capped out of the frame.

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**Part 3****DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SHOOTING/CONDUCT REGULATIONS****Section 3 – SHOTGUN****3.3.1 Eligibility of Shotguns**

Only muzzle loading smoothbore long arms or black powder breech loading hammer/pinfire shotguns will be permitted in MLAGB competitions organised by or held under the supervision of the Association. At Branch clay pigeon shoots nitro guns may be permitted dependant on the local rules of the particular Branch. Guns should be in good order and breech loading guns should be in proof.

**3.3.2 Types of Shot**

Only lead or bismuth shot is to be used.

**3.3.3 Safety Officer**

A Safety Officer will be appointed for each Clay Pigeon Shoot, and will be responsible for the control of regulations and safe gun handling practices. The responsibilities of this official shall also include the inspection of guns as to safety, and the suitability of the loads and ammunition being used.

**3.3.4 Risk Assessment**

The Safety Officer is also responsible for completing a Risk Assessment (see MLAGB web site at [MLAGB.com](http://MLAGB.com)) on each clay pigeon stand to ensure that all persons, public access areas and animals are clear from fall of shot, clays or broken clays and that there is a safe area of fire from the stand for 300 yards (275 metres) in any direction that a gun may be pointed.

**3.3.5 Safety Officer Responsibilities**

The Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring that all persons using traps are competent to use those traps safely and that

those persons are fully equipped with the necessary protective equipment. (Eye protection, hearing protection, head protection, gloves and high visibility vest).

### **3.3.6 Referee**

A Referee shall be appointed to referee competition shoots and uphold the competition rules. They may order any shooter to leave the shooting stand for misbehaviour, and may forbid the use of any gun or ammunition which they consider unfair.

### **3.3.7 Safety Officer and Referee**

The Safety Officer and the Referee may be the same person.

### **3.3.8 Assistant Safety Officer**

Assistant Safety Officers may also be appointed.

### **3.3.9 Disputes**

All disputes on the shooting line shall be decided by the Referee.

### **3.3.10 Cease Fire**

Should any conditions arise during the course of a shoot which may jeopardize either people, livestock or property it shall be the responsibility of the Safety Officer to call a cease fire and rectify the situation. Should rectification not be possible it is up to the Safety Officer to postpone or cancel shooting for that day. This applies particularly to changes in wind or weather conditions, or to the presence of persons or livestock who could be in danger on adjoining property.

### **3.3.11 Maximum Load - Muzzle Loaders**

The maximum load to be used in muzzle loading competition shoots other than those specifically intended for large bore guns, e.g. Big Bore, shall be 3.5 drams of powder and 1.25 oz of shot. In guns smaller than 11 bore this load would be unsafe and a more suitable load must be used. (See 1887 Rules of Proof for service loads on the MLAGB web site).

### **3.3.12 Maximum Load - Breech Loaders**

The maximum load to be used in black powder breech loading competitions; other than those specifically intended for large bore guns; shall be 3.5 drams of powder and 1.25 oz of shot. In guns smaller than 12 bore this load would be unsafe and a more suitable load must be used. (See 1887 Rules of Proof for service loads on the MLAGB web site). Care should be taken to ensure that the correct cartridge length is used for the chamber of the gun. Most original hammer guns will be chambered for 2 ½" cartridges. Most modern cartridge cases are 2 ¾" and are unsuitable unless cut down before reloading. Remember that the case length is taken as the total length of the cartridge case in the fully opened position and includes crimp/rolled turn over.

### **3.3.13 Big Bore Competitions**

For Big Bore competitions, guns shall not be smaller calibre than 10 bore. (See 1887 Rules of Proof for service loads on the MLAGB web site).

### **3.3.14 Small Bore Competitions**

For Small Bore competitions, guns shall not be larger than 18 bore. The maximum load for Small Bore competitions is the service load listed for 20 bore shotguns in the 1887 Rules of Proof. (2.5 drams of powder and 7/8 oz shot).

### **3.3.15 Shot Size**

Shot larger than English No. 6 is not permitted for clay pigeon shooting and it should be noted that many shooting grounds have smaller shot size limitations. In such cases the maximum shot size limit must always be observed.

### **3.3.16 Charging Muzzle Loading Guns**

Muzzle loading guns may only be charged at an approved place situated behind and adjacent to the shooting stand. Gun muzzles must be pointed straight up at all times other than on the shooting stand.

### **3.3.17 Capping or Priming**

Muzzle loading guns shall only be capped or primed when on the shooting stand, or at an official capping off point approved by the Safety Officer. Clearing of guns must only be carried out at the shooting stand or clearing point.

### **3.3.18 Loading - Breech Loading Guns**

Breech loading guns shall only be loaded on the shooting stand. At all other times breech loading guns will be unloaded and either “broken” or placed in a gun sleeve/case.

### **3.3.19 Checking the bore - Breech Loading Guns**

Care should be taken to ensure that the bore of a breech loading gun is clear every time the gun is loaded. An obstruction in the bore can have very serious consequences. Never mix cartridges of differing calibre. A 20 bore cartridge will lodge in the end of the chamber of a 12 bore gun allowing a 12 bore cartridge to be loaded (likewise for 20 bore and 28 bore). The result of a fired shot in this condition will almost certainly result in serious injury.

### **3.3.20 Clearing a Gun**

Any shooter wishing, or required, to leave a shooting stand with an unfired gun must either remove the cartridges or uncap or thoroughly remove the priming before leaving the stand. The gun must be kept pointing in a safe direction forward of the gun line whilst this action is completed. Loaded guns must not be transported between shooting stands even in the upright position.

### **3.3.21 Faulty Guns**

Should any gun prove faulty through breakage of parts or excessive fouling, it shall be retired from the shoot and only re-entered following an inspection by the Safety Officer. Should a faulty gun require a load to be removed it should be pulled in a safe manner at the nearest approved loading point.

### **3.3.22 Electric Traps**

In the interests of safety, electric traps are preferred especially when positioned forward of the gun line. They have their own safety requirements and the manufacturer's recommendations should be followed.

### **3.3.23 Trappers**

Trappers (if used) will be provided with a plainly visible marker e.g. a flag, and as soon as this is raised shooters will immediately make their guns safe. When the marker is lowered and the Safety Officer gives permission shooting may continue.

### **3.3.24 Equalising competition**

A conscious effort should be made to equalise the shooting qualities of all guns present even to the creation of two or more classes for a particular shoot, so that very large bores and heavier loads are not unfairly competing against smaller bores and lighter loads. Flintlock guns may be entered in percussion matches but percussion guns may not compete in flintlock competitions.

### **3.3.25 Persons without a Shotgun Certificate**

If it is the intention that persons not possessing a shotgun certificate be permitted to shoot; a section 11(6) Exemption Permit must be obtained from the Firearms Licensing department of the police force covering the area where the clay pigeon shoot is to be held.

### **3.3.26 Guests**

Guests are permitted to shoot provided they comply with the following:

- a) Guests must be shown section 21 of the Firearms Act (see MLAGB website) regarding criminal records and prohibited persons.
- b) Guests must sign into the guest book with their names and address to state that they are not a prohibited person

under section 21 of the Firearms Act.

### **3.3.27 Mounting of Guns**

The mounting of guns into the shoulder for any purpose is forbidden, unless it is carried out on a shooting stand or capping off point, or under controlled conditions at a place set aside for that purpose.

### **3.3.28 Targets**

Only point or shoot at whole targets thrown for you on your command – not other objects, live or inanimate.

### **3.3.29 Misfires**

In the event of a misfire, keep gun pointing down the range for 30 seconds before taking any remedial action.

### **3.3.30 Transport to and from a Vehicle**

Shotguns may be carried to and from a vehicle uncovered, with the muzzles pointing upright. Shotguns must be cased or suitably sleeved at all other times during transportation.

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**Part 3****DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SHOOTING/CONDUCT REGULATIONS****Section 4 - CANNON****3.4.1 Protocol – Miniature Cannon**

This protocol addresses the live firing of miniature cannon, whether smoothbore or rifled, and models thereof. The term ‘cannon’ covers all such guns, whether originally called such or whether they were known by any other mode of address or description.

**3.4.2 Originality**

Cannon do not have to be exact replicas of an original.

**3.4.3 Live Firing**

For the purpose of this Protocol, live firing involves the discharge of a projectile or projectiles, including ball, elongated shot, bolt, or any other missile or missiles. Blank firing involves a powder charge and wadding only.

**3.4.4 Legislation**

All cannon must be held in accordance with the 1968 Firearms Act, as amended. Live firing may only be conducted on ranges that are approved for the class of gun concerned.

**3.4.5 Proof Status**

Only cannon that are proved, and in proof, may be fired.

**3.4.6 Black Powder**

Only commercially produced black powder may be used.

**3.4.7 Projectiles**

Only projectiles made of lead or lead alloys may be fired.

**3.4.8 Loads**

Only target loads to be used, the over loading of cannon to generate excessive noise and smoke is not permitted.

**3.4.9 Hearing and Eye Protection**

Hearing and eye protection is mandatory for all those who are involved in the firing of the cannon and in the immediate vicinity.

**3.4.10 Recoil**

Such steps as are necessary must be taken to restrict and restrain the recoil and barrel flip of any discharge, particularly when models with low mass to projectile weight are fired. Reeving ropes, wheel and barrel chocks must be of sufficient robustness and fit to be effective.

**3.4.11 Gun Captain**

One person ('Gun Captain') must be nominated to be responsible overall for the safety, sighting, firing and discharge of any cannon.

**3.4.12 Range Officer**

Should more than one cannon be on the range at any time, a single person will be appointed Range Officer of them all. He or she will be in charge and responsible for the co-ordination of the safe handling and firing of all the guns on the line. This person must be in a safe position behind the gun line and able to see all the cannon and their crews. They must not be part of any gun crew.

**3.4.13 Safety Procedures**

Normal MLAGB safety procedures are to be followed for loading and firing. After firing, the Range Officer is to ensure that all cannon are cleared and to declare the range safe before any one is permitted to go down range, and before the cannon are removed from the range.

#### **3.4.14 Spectators**

Spectators must be restricted to areas where their safety is not compromised.

#### **3.4.15 Storage of Powder**

All sensible precautions must be taken to guard against accidental ignition of stored powder or ammunition. The use of a closed container such as a wooden lidded or plastic box is mandatory.

#### **3.4.16 Pre-measured Powder Charges**

Cannon must only be loaded with the appropriate pre-measured powder charge, these can be in phials or cartridges. If paper cartridges are used to hold the charge of black powder, the person loading the gun must ensure that the barrel is cleared after firing before inserting the next cartridge.

#### **3.4.17 Loading from Flasks**

Loading direct from flasks is not permitted. Priming flasks must be removed from the area or covered before firing.

#### **3.4.18 Match cord**

When match cord is used for ignition, a closed container must be to hand in which the lit end of the cord may be placed and held for safety whilst the gun is being loaded. Match cord must be secured in such away that it does not fly about when the charge is ignited.

#### **3.4.19 Brass and Bronze**

Brass or bronze cannon should be regarded with extra care as the barrel can become crystalline with age. Anyone wishing to use such a gun should consult the Proof House.

#### **3.4.20 Shooting at Bisley**

When shooting at Bisley or on MOD ranges a 'Shooter Certification Card' issued by the NRA, the MLAGB or the Member's local club will be required. This card must authorized for either muzzle loading rifle or muzzle loading pistol.

## Part 4

### RIFLE AND MUSKET COMPETITIONS

#### National Competitions - General Rules

##### 4.1 Calendar

Matches are fired at different times during the year and unless otherwise stated are annual. The appended table lists the individual competitions and the following conditions are common to all.

##### 4.2 Distances

Distances for short ranges of 100 metres or less will be expressed and generally shot in metres. Where local range facilities do not permit this they may be shot in yards but any such scores will not qualify for record purposes. Distances above 100 metres will be expressed in yards.

##### 4.3 Targets

Where targets are specified they shall be understood to be as follows:-

- (a) "50" - ISSF 50 metre 10 Ring Pistol Target (MLAIC C50). Unless specified otherwise the centre point of the bullet hole shall touch the line to count for the higher score. The outside of the line shall be deemed to be the line for purposes of this Rule.
- (b) "MUSKET" - The French 200 metre 10 Ring Rifle Target (MLAIC C200). The normal distance at which this is used is 50 metres. Shots to score as in (a).
- (c) "200", "300", "500", "600" - The current NRA Target Rifle targets for these distances. Unless otherwise specified NRA scoring and rules for count back will apply.
- (d) "LR" - The current NRA Long Range Target Rifle target used for all distances from 800 to 1200 yards. Scoring and rules as (c).

#### 4.4 Number of Shots

The number of shots where specified shall be in the following form:-

- (a) 10/13 - 13 shots at the target, best 10 to score.
- (b) 10 - 10 shots only, all to count.
- (c)  $x/y$  - where “x” the number of sighters and “y” the number of shots to be taken following the sighters. Sighters under these rules are convertible. Intention to convert must be stated after the sighting shots have been fired. Any number maybe converted but they must be in sequence with the whole series, for instance 3 sighters scoring 5, 5, 2, could only be converted including the 2. On the other hand 3 sighters scoring 2, 5, 5, could be converted ignoring the 2. Where sighters are converted the total number of shots fired are reduced accordingly so that scoring shots are limited to the number applicable to the competition, normally 10 or 15.
- (d) Another format as clearly specified for an individual event

#### 4.5 Fouling and Misloaded Shots

In timed competitions any ‘fouling shot’ or shots that is allowed under competition rules must be “declared”. Any mis-load during the course of the detail that needs to be discharged away from the target must also be declared to the Range Officer. In no circumstances will the competition time period be extended.

#### 4.6 Clearing a Rifle

At mid and long ranges if it is necessary to clear a rifle of a load for any reason the intention to do so must be stated to the Register Keeper otherwise a “miss” may be registered.

#### 4.7 Shooting Positions

The terms prone, kneeling and standing shall be as defined by the NRA but prone may include the back position provided the rifle does not touch the ground. The back position may only be used at distances above 600 yards. At distances above 600 yards the use of hand or wrist rests in accordance with NRA Match

Rifle rules is permitted. The rest may be used in addition to or in place of a sling.

#### **4.8 Tie Breaking - Short Range**

For short-range competition up to and including 100m, ties will be decided according to MLAIC Rules. The winner will have the highest number of shots in each scoring ring from the ten scoring shots in descending order. If these are the same for each ten scoring shots, then the scoring shot furthest from the centre will determine the loser. If the tie is still unresolved the next nearest scoring shots are used until the winner is determined. The three non-scoring shots shall only be considered if a tie could not be resolved on measuring the ten counting shots.

#### **4.9 Tie Breaking - Mid and Long Range**

For mid and long range competition ties will be decided by the highest number of V Bulls. If still a tie, the winner shall be determined by having the higher score on count back (for example, a shooter whose final shots are 4, 3, 5 beats someone who finishes 2, 3, 5).

#### **4.10 Enfield Rifles**

Where Enfields are specified these must be .577 Enfield Rifles, long, short, or carbine. Lancaster's Oval Bores of Government gauge are permitted. Volunteer rifles are eligible but sights must be issue pattern and unmodified (bead foresights, for example, are not accepted). Where reproduction Enfields are specified the production models of Messrs. Parker-Hale are acceptable with the exception of that which resembles the Pattern '53 Long Rifle Musket but is rifled with a 48" twist. Only 78" three groove rifling is acceptable in this model. The same conditions as originals apply to the sights. Any suitably fitting ammunition is permitted. Cleaning between shots and the use of a long loading tube is not permitted however a funnel with a spout not exceeding 10cm in length may be used to prevent powder spillage. A sling may be used provided that it is of appropriate

design. Slings shall only be attached to proper original sling swivels.

#### **4.11 Free Rifle**

Free rifle events permit the use of any muzzle-loading rifle. Capping breechloaders may be used provided they are loaded at the muzzle. Reproductions shall be in the spirit of the original.

#### **4.12 Muskets**

Muskets, where specified, must be smooth bored military arms of any country, must be in unmodified condition, and any sights must be original. The use of sporting or ball guns is not permitted. Any service flintlock musket with a minimum calibre of .69 inch may be used in 'Brown Bess' events.

In competitions such as the 'Lovell' where percussion muskets are permitted, these may include any original that has been converted from flintlock, any flintlock as specified above, issue muskets of Patterns 1838, 1839, 1842, 1858 and 1859, and musket bored percussion carbines of issue pattern. Reproduction muskets are allowed where specifically permitted but must be genuine attempts to copy original arms and must be in the spirit of the original.

#### **4.13 Optical Sights**

Optical sights, whether original or not, are not permitted.

#### **4.14 Disputes**

The Range Officer's decision shall be final but in the event of a dispute they may seek expert opinion on the classification and authenticity of arms.

#### **4.15 Challenges**

If a shooter wishes to challenge their score, they must do so as soon as is practical. Some event organisers may require a challenge fee to be paid, returnable if the challenge is upheld.

**Part 5****PISTOL COMPETITIONS****National Competitions - General Rules****5.1 Targets and Distance**

All competitions will be shot wherever possible at 25 metres using the MLAGB Target 50 (ISSF 50 metre pistol target) as a standard. For Members with restricted range facilities, postal and other competitions may be shot from 20 yards on a reduced scale PL12 target subject to approval from the relevant MLAGB discipline secretary.

**5.2 Number of Shots**

The number of shots where specified may be in the following form:-

- (a) 10/13 - 13 shots at the target, best 10 to score.
- (b) 10 - 10 shots only, all to count.
- (c) Any other as specified in the competition

**5.3 Fouling Shot**

Unless otherwise specified, one fouling shot can be fired off the target within the allotted time. This shot must be declared to the range staff.

**5.4 Bullets**

Bullets shall be spherical for flintlocks, matchlocks and single shot percussion pistols. Any shape within the spirit of the original is permitted for revolvers.

**5.5 Scoring**

1. The centre point of the bullet hole shall touch the line to count for the higher score.
2. When scoring, the outside of the line shall be deemed to be the line for purposes of this Rule.

## **5.6 Regulations**

Where MLAIC Regulations are specified the competition is governed by such regulations. All other matches subject to MLAGB Pistol Range Regulations.

## **5.7 Divisions**

Competitions with relatively large numbers of competitors may be shot in divisions at the discretion of the discipline secretary.

## **5.8 Telescopes and Coaching**

Telescopes allowed for spotting. Coaching is not permitted during competitions unless specifically permitted.

## **5.9 Sighting Shots and Practice**

No sighters or practice is allowed at MLAGB competitions unless otherwise specified.

## **5.10 Tie Breaking**

Ties will be decided according to MLAIC Rules. The winner has the highest number of shots in each scoring ring from the 10 scoring shots in descending order. If there is still no clear winner the tie will be decided by measuring the distance of the scoring shot holes from the centre of the target and the loser will have the shot furthest from the centre.

## **5.11 Loading and Unloading**

No pistol to be loaded until the signal is given to start the detail. All weapons to be unloaded and proved safe on the signal to cease fire.

## **5.12 Shooting Position**

Unless otherwise specified, the shooting position for MLAGB pistol competitions is one handed standing.

## **5.13 Cross Shot**

In the event of a cross shot, the shot is counted as a miss.

### **5.14 Challenges**

If a shooter wishes to challenge their score, they must do so as soon as is practical. Some event organisers may require a challenge fee to be paid, returnable if the challenge is upheld.

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**Part 6****SHOTGUN COMPETITIONS****National & Regional Competitions General Rules****6.1 General Conduct**

For the general conduct of shoots reference should be made to MLAGB Clay Pigeon Shoot Regulations above.

**6.2 Wads**

The use of plaswads, card cup wads or any other form of cup wad, is prohibited.

**6.3 Score Cards**

If individual score cards are being used, these must be signed on completion of the stand by the scorer at that stand, in the presence of the competitor.

**6.4 Single Shot Events**

In any competition defined as 'Single Shots Only', both double and single barrel guns may be used. Double guns must be loaded with one barrel only.

**6.5 Single Barrel Events**

In any 'Single Barrel' competition only single barrel guns may be used.

**6.6 Eligibility - Breech Loading Shotguns**

Breech Loading shotguns may not be used in muzzle loading competitions.

**6.7 Eligibility - Muzzle Loading Shotguns**

Muzzle Loading shotguns may not be used in breech loading competitions.

**6.8 Eligibility - Flintlock Shotguns**

Flintlock guns may be entered in percussion competitions, but percussion guns may not compete in flintlock competitions.

### **6.9 Single Target Events**

Single target competitions shall be for 20 targets. (Except for Skeet & DTL)

### **6.10 Double Barrel Events**

Double Barrel competitions shall be for 30 targets. Targets should be simultaneous, on report or following pairs. (Except for Skeet)

### **6.11 Practicing**

Practicing is not permitted on any competition stand.

### **6.12 Allowance for Misfires**

Misfires for all competitions are limited to two per round for percussion guns and four per round for flintlock guns. The scorer will record the permitted misfires on the competitors score card and when the limit is reached all subsequent misfires will be recorded as lost birds.

### **6.13 Definition of Misfires**

A misfire is defined as the failure of the main charge to ignite through a fault in the ignition system or main charge itself. This could be due to a faulty flint or percussion cap; fouling or a blockage of the nipple or vent; no ignition due to the priming powder getting wet. If a gun is incorrectly loaded without powder and is aimed at a target with the result that only the percussion cap explodes this shall be considered as a misfire. If the gun is correctly loaded with powder but the shot is omitted and the gun being aimed at the target the powder explodes then this shall be recorded as a miss and no appeal can be considered.

### **6.14 Double Clays**

Double clays broken with a single shot – when a pair of targets

are broken with the first shot the score is “a pair killed”. If the first shot is a miss but the second shot breaks both targets then this is recorded as “a miss and a kill”.

### **6.15 No Birds**

‘No birds’ are targets that break on leaving the trap or fly in such a way that they are not representative of the targets set for that stand. Minor deviations caused by the wind are not regarded as ‘No Birds’.

Single target - The scorer calls ‘No Bird’, target again.

Simultaneous Pair - The scorer calls ‘No Bird’, pair again. No score established.

Pair on Report / Following pair- If the first target is a ‘No Bird’ the scorer calls ‘No Bird, pair again’. If the second target is a ‘No Bird’ the scorer calls ‘No Bird, pair again, first bird established’ and scores the result of the first bird on the score card. In such circumstances with muzzle loading guns, the fired barrel may be capped or primed to save re-loading for the established target.

When shooting a pair again the shooter must make every effort to shoot at the already established first bird.

### **6.16 Open Shoots**

The objective of open shoots is to open up part of MLAGB shoots to a wider participation and to encourage new membership. Non-members taking part in these shoots shall be covered by the Association’s insurance subject to the conditions in Rule 3.3.26.

### **6.17 Changes to Rules**

The MLAGB Shotgun Secretary reserves the right to alter these conditions should it prove necessary or desirable.

**6.18 Down-the-Line Events**

Down-the-Line (DTL) competitions are to be shot under Muzzle Loaders Association International Committee rules.

Note: MLAIC rules are subject to change. For up to date rules visit [www.mlaic.org](http://www.mlaic.org)

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**Part 7****CANNON COMPETITIONS****National & Regional Competitions General Rules****7.1 Distance**

Shooting at distances of 10m, 25m and 50m is generally permitted subject to any restrictions placed upon an individual range.

**7.2 Targets**

Target MLAGB Target 50 (PL7, 50m ISSF) or its equivalent or specially printed targets.

**7.3 Tables**

Shooting shall be from suitable tables.

**7.4 Shooting Position**

The shooter must fire the Cannon firing from a standing position, however dispensation is given to anyone with a disability to fire from the sitting position.

**7.5 Originals and Reproductions**

There is no distinction in Cannon competitions between originals and reproductions.

**7.6 Maximum Calibre**

The maximum calibre when shooting at the MLAGB range at Wedgnock or at Bisley is 0.75 inch.

**7.7 Loading by Partners**

To encourage greater inclusivity, Cannon may be loaded by a shooter's partner but the sighting and firing must be carried out by the shooters themselves.

## 7.8 Permitted Calibres and Barrels

### 7.8.1 Smoothbore

**Without sights** - barrel length 800mm (32") max, calibre between 16mm (0.63") and 19mm (0.75")

**Without sights** - barrel length 400mm (16") max, calibre between 11mm (0.43") and 19mm (0.75")

**With sights** - barrel length 800mm (32") max, calibre between 16mm (0.63") and 19mm (0.75")

**With sights** - barrel length 400mm (16") max, calibre between 11mm (0.43") and 19mm (0.75")

### 7.8.2 Rifled

**Without sights** - barrel length 400mm (16") max, calibre between 11mm (0.43") and 19mm (0.75")

## 7.9 Competitions

The following conditions generally apply to Cannon competitions unless otherwise specified.

### 7.10 Distance

Shooting shall take place at 25m

### 7.11 Sighting Period

There is a 15 minute sighting period.

### 7.12 Course of Fire

Course of fire is described in Appendix 4.

### 7.13 Targets

Targets PL7 (50m ISSF) or equivalent or specially prepared novelty targets.

### 7.14 Scoring

Scoring to be specified by the Range Officer before the competition starts.

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**Part 8****POSTAL COMPETITIONS****8.1 Eligibility**

MLAGB postal competitions are open to Members and members of MLAGB affiliated clubs. These competitions will be run at the discretion of the MLAGB Postal Secretary.

**8.2 Leagues**

The MLAGB runs leagues for revolver and single shot pistol and revolver competitions based on averages, and run for nine rounds. Standard MLAGB scoring and rules apply.

**8.3 Targets**

All pistol/revolver competitions to be shot on MLAGB Target 50 (PL7) or equivalent at 25m. Time allowed is 30 minutes including capping off and one fouling shot. Unless otherwise specified, 13 shots are to be fired at the target, the best ten to count.

**8.4 Scoring**

1. The centre point of the bullet hole shall touch the line to count for the higher score.
2. When scoring, the outside of the line shall be deemed to be the line for purposes of this Rule.

**8.5 Retention of Targets**

All cards to be retained until leagues are complete and results published.

**8.6 Stickers**

Stickers are not issued for the postal leagues with the exception of re-entry competitions but competition cards must be declared before shooting and scored and witnessed by an officer of the club.

## **8.7 Blackpowder**

MLAGB Rules require the use of blackpowder for all competitive shooting. However, where local range rules do not permit its use, special dispensation allowing the use of an equivalent propellant such as 'Pyrodex' would normally be granted by the Postal Secretary on request.

## **8.8 Reduced Scale Targets**

Reduced scale targets may be permitted to allow entry to postal competitions on ranges where range is limited to 20m and permission will normally be granted by the Postal Secretary on request.

## **8.9 Re-entry competitions**

The following re-entry competitions run yearly from January to early December. Please note that stickers are issued for re-entry competitions and should be purchased from the Postal Secretary.

### **8.9.1 25m Pistol**

- Smoothbore Flintlock Pistol
- Revolver (Spirit of the Original)
- Percussion
- Any Pistol
- Any Pistol (15 shots, all to count)
- Cannon

### **8.9.2 50m Off Hand Rifle/Musket**

- Flintlock Rifle
- Percussion Rifle
- Any Rifle
- Percussion Patch Ball
- Flintlock Patch Ball

### **8.9.3 100m Prone Rifle**

- Military Rifle
- Free Rifle
- Flintlock Rifle

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**APPENDIX 1 - RIFLE AND MUSKET COMPETITIONS**

The competitions are grouped together by type and allocated numbers permitting future expansion. The number groups are as follows:-

001-020	100 metre military rifle
021-040	100 metre free rifle
041-060	50 metre rifle
061-080	Smooth Bore Musket
081-100	Mid and Long Range
101-120	Aggregates
121-140	Teams
141-160	Concurrents
161-180	Postal Matches

Where a match has an equivalent International Event the name of the International Event will be shown in brackets. In the following events, 'class O' means that the event is for original firearms, and 'class R' means that the event is for reproductions.

**001 ENFIELD CUP**

target 50, class O, shots 10/13, Enfields only (MINIE)

**002 PARKER-HALE TROPHY**

As 001 but class R.

**003 BELL TROPHY**

Target 50, class O, shots 10, Enfields only, no use of spotting telescope allowed nor any coaching.

**004 BELL REPRO**

As 003 but class R.

**021 SILVER SPOON**

Target 50, class O, shots 10/13, Free Rifle (WHITWORTH)

**022 LOCKRIDGE-HUPPENBAUER**

As 021 but class R (WHITWORTH)

**023 WORSLEY CUP**

Target 50, shots 10/13, class O, Flintlock Rifles (MAXIMILIAN)

**024 HUDSON CUP**

As 023 but class R (MAXIMILIAN)

**025 LADIES CUP**

Target 50, shots 10/13, class O or R, any rifle (WALKYRIE).

**026 SOUTHERN COUNTIES TROPHY**

As 003 but Free Rifle.

**027 SOUTHERN COUNTIES REPRO**

As 026 but class R.

**028 CAPTAIN FORSYTH TROPHY**

Target 50, shots 10, any double barrel rifle class O or R, shots to be taken alternately from each barrel, any position except prone.

**029 PATCHED BALL CUP**

Target 50, shots 5 prone and 5 kneeling, a total of 10 all to count. Class O. Any rifle or smoothbore patched spherical ball only, no mechanically fitting projectiles allowed.

**030 PATCHED BALL REPRO**

As 029 but class R

**041 BILL MOORE TROPHY**

Target 50, shots 10/13, class O, Enfields only, Offhand 50 metres. (LAMARMORA)

**042 HOLBROOK CUP**

As 041 but class R. (LAMARMORA)

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- 043 WHITWORTH CUP**  
As 041 but Free Rifle. (VETTERLI)
- 044 HYTHE TROPHY**  
As 043 but class R. (VETTERLI)
- 045 J SALMON TROPHY**  
Target 50, shots 10, class O or R, any double barrel rifle, shots to be taken alternately from each barrel, offhand.
- 045 THE REX CUP**  
Target 50, 10/13 shots flint rifle offhand Class O  
(PENNSYLVANIA)
- 046 THE FENTON**  
As 045 but Class R (PENNSYLVANIA)
- 061 WATERLOO TROPHY**  
Target Musket, shots 10/13, class O, flintlock military muskets as defined, offhand. (MIQUELET)
- 062 LOVELL TROPHY**  
Target Percussion Musket, shots 10/13, class O, percussion military muskets as defined, offhand.
- 063 WATERLOO REPRO**  
As 061 but class R (MIQUELET).
- 064 COURTNEY CUP**  
As 061 but any smoothbore matchlock. (TANEGASHIMA)
- 065 BROWN BESS CUP**  
Target Musket, shots 10, class O, flintlock military muskets with a minimum calibre of .69, time limit ten minutes
- 066 BROWN BESS REPRO**  
As 065 but class R.

- 067 JONATHAN CUP**  
Target Musket, shots 10/13, class O or R, any smoothbore matchlock, kneeling (HIZADAI)
- 081 CAPPER CUP**  
Target 300, shots 3/10, 300 yards, Free Rifle.
- 082 CAPPER ENFIELD**  
As 081 but Enfields only.
- 083 RIDGE SHIELD**  
Target 500, shots 3/10, 500 yards, Free Rifle.
- 084 HANS BUSK CUP**  
As 083 but Enfields only.
- 085 SIR HENRY HALFORD CUP**  
Target 600, shots 3/15, 600 yds, Free Rifle.
- 086 E.C.R. ROSS CUP**  
As 085 but Enfields only.
- 087 MALET CUP**  
Target LR, shots 3/15, range 900 yards, Free Rifle.
- 088 CAPTAIN HEATON TROPHY**  
Target LR, shots 3/15, range 1,000 yards, Free Rifle.
- 089 JACQUES CUP**  
Target 200, shots 3/10, 200 yards, Free Rifle.
- 090 MILITARY RIFLE CUP**  
As 089 but Enfields only.
- 103 E.J. BURTON EXPERTS TROPHY**  
Class O Free Rifle Aggregate. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 001, 021 and 043.

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- 104 JERSEY CUP**  
Class R Free Rifle Aggregate. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 002, 022 and 044.
- 105 ENFIELD EXPERTS CUP**  
Class O Enfield Aggregate. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 001, 003 and 041.
- 106 WILLIAMS CUP**  
Class R Enfield Aggregate. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 002, 004 and 042.
- 107 MALET MID RANGE CUP**  
200, 300, 500 and 600 Free Rifle Aggregate. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 089, 081, 083 and 085.
- 108 MID RANGE ENFIELD AGGREGATE**  
200, 300, 500 and 600 Enfield Aggregate. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 090, 082, 084 and 086.
- 109 MALET MEMORIAL LONG RANGE AGGREGATE**  
900 and 1,000 Aggregate. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 087 and 088.
- 110 MALET MEMORIAL SHIELD**  
All range free rifle aggregate 100 to 1,000. Awarded to the highest aggregate from 021 or 022, 089, 081, 083, 085, 087 and 088.
- 121 BRANCH ENFIELD TEAMS**  
Teams of three from any Branch at the Short Range Championships. Teams to be nominated in advance and at the same time choice of either competition 001 or 002 to be stated for each shooter. Branches with insufficient members present may amalgamate with each other to create a team of three.
- 122 ENTENTE CORDIALE CUP**

Annual Anglo French Match. Shot alternately in England and France by teams of six using original military Minie rifles. The British Team customarily uses the Enfield. Standard MLAIC Conditions, 100 metre prone, target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes.

**141 SWEENEY CUP**

Ladies 100 Metre. Awarded to the lady with the highest score in any 100 metre prone rifle match at the Short Range championships. (WALKYRIE)

**161 POSTAL RIFLE MATCH - INTER BRANCH MILITARY TEAM**

Teams of three at 100 metres. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 100 metres. Rifles to be original or reproduction .577 or .58 Minie military rifles conforming to the rules. Coaching allowed.

**162 POSTAL RIFLE MATCH - MILITARY RIFLE**

Individual Military Rifle competition. Military percussion Minie rifles of .577 or .58 calibre using Minie bullets. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 100 metres.

**163 POSTAL RIFLE MATCH - THE VOLUNTEER**

Individual Free Rifle competition. Any rifle and any ammunition. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 100 metres. Metallic sights only.

**164-170 POSTAL OFFHAND 50 METRE MATCHES**

All matches shot offhand at 50 metres on target 50, shots 10/13 in 30 minutes. Flintlock and Percussion Muskets to be of .69" minimum calibre.

**164 POSTAL FLINTLOCK MUSKET**

Arms as described in rule 4.12, spherical ball only. Target Musket, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 50 metres.

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- 165 POSTAL PERCUSSION MUSKET**  
As 164 but percussion.
- 166 POSTAL MILITARY RIFLE**  
.577 or .58 military Minie Rifles using Minie bullets. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 50 metres.
- 167 POSTAL FREE RIFLE**  
Any percussion rifle, any ammunition, any sights except optical, palm rests where fitted are allowed. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 50 metres.
- 168 POSTAL FLINTLOCK RIFLE**  
Any flintlock rifle, spherical ball only. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 50 metres.
- 169 POSTAL PERCUSSION SPORTING RIFLE**  
Spherical or belted ball only. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 50 metres.
- 170 POSTAL MATCHLOCK MUSKET**  
Smoothbore matchlock musket, spherical ball only. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 50 metres.
- 171 POSTAL BENCH REST RIFLE**  
Any muzzle loading rifle, 50 metres.
- 172 POSTAL RIFLE MATCH - FLINTLOCK RIFLE**  
Individual Flintlock Rifle competition. Flintlock Rifles, spherical ball at 100 metres. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes. Open or aperture sights, in spirit of original. Coaching is not allowed.

**APPENDIX 2 - PISTOL COMPETITIONS**

The competitions are grouped together by type and allocated numbers permitting future expansion. The number groups are as follows:-

201-400            25m Pistol (50m where specified)

**NATIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS****201    PHILLIPS TROPHY**

Any pistol within the spirit of the original. Open to any Member who has not won a National Percussion Pistol competition. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**202    M.H. BENN FLASK**

2 targets each of ten shots all to count. Original pistols only but reproduction pistols may compete forfeiting one place. Target 50. Two details of twenty minutes each.

**203    CRIMEA CUP**

For revolvers of English design and manufacture as a test of precision, speed and reliability. First Course of Fire: having loaded, five shots in five minutes at 25 metres. Second Course of Fire: having loaded, five shots in ten seconds at 10 metres. Only one hand to be used to discharge the weapon. NO ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTIONS. The weapon to be held at 45 degrees until target turn. The same gun to be used for both courses of fire. MLAGB Rules.

**204    JIM GREATHEAD TROPHY**

Any flintlock pistol, original or reproduction, smooth or rifled barrels, 10 shots all to count. Target 50. Time allowed thirty minutes.

**205    THE REMINGTON CUP (Mariette)**

Reproduction revolvers. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

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- 206 ORIGINAL PISTOL CUP**  
Original revolvers or original single shot pistols. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 207 HOWARD MARKHAM FLASK (Cominazzo O)**  
Original smoothbore flintlock pistols. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 208 FREE PISTOL TROPHY**  
Any muzzle loading pistol having iron sights adjustable or otherwise with a bore .30 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 209 SINGLE SHOT FREE PISTOL CUP (Kuchenreuter)**  
Any single shot muzzle loading pistol with bore .30 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 210 DOUBLE REVOLVER CUP**  
Two targets to be shot, one with a reproduction revolver, one with an original revolver. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes for each target, distance 25 metres.
- 211 KELLY TROPHY. (Cominazzo R)**  
Reproduction smoothbore flintlock pistols with a bore .433 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 212 JIM ALCOCK TROPHY. (Tanzutsu R)**  
Reproduction smoothbore matchlock pistols with a bore .34 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 213 ADAMS TROPHY (Colt)**  
Original revolvers. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**214 LINCOLN CUP**

Branch teams of three. Branches may enter any number of teams, one target per man, taken from any one of the events Nos. 201, 205, 206, 207 and 210 to be nominated before shooting starts.

**215 LADIES PISTOL CUP**

Presented annually to the lady with the highest score in competitions Nos.201, 204, 205, 206, 207 and 208 after the last competition has been shot.

**216 TRIPLE TROPHY**

Aggregate of competitions Nos. 205, 207 and 209.

**217 OTTO HALFMANN TROPHY**

Aggregate of competitions Nos. 206 and 207.

**218 COUPLES TROPHY**

Best male revolver score and best female single shot score.

**PISTOLFEST MEETING****225 JOHN MUNT TROPHY**

Any pistol within the spirit of the original. Open to any Member who has not won a National Percussion pistol competition. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**226 KUCHENREUTER 'O'**

Original single shot percussion pistols. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**227 KUCHENREUTER 'R'**

Reproduction single shot percussion pistols. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

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- 228 COMINAZZO ‘O’**  
Original smoothbore flintlock pistols with a bore .433 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 229 COMINAZZO ‘R’**  
Reproduction smoothbore flintlock pistols with a bore .433 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 230 COLT Original revolvers**  
Original revolvers. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 231 MARIETTE**  
Reproduction revolvers. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 232 FREE PISTOL**  
Any muzzle loading single shot pistol or revolver having iron sights adjustable or otherwise with a bore .30 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 233 MATCHLOCK PISTOL (Tanzutsu)**  
Original or Reproduction Japanese style Matchlock pistols of .34 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 234 ENGLISH REVOLVERS**  
Any English revolver or copy thereof. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 235 50m PISTOL**  
Any muzzle loading single shot pistol or revolver having iron sights adjustable with a bore .30 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 50 metres.

**236 PERCUSSION DUELLING**

Single shot percussion pistol in the spirit of the original. 7 seconds away followed by 3 seconds exposure. Shots 10/13, PL17 (ISSF Rapid Fire target), distance 25m.

**237 FLINTLOCK DUELLING**

Flintlock pistol in the spirit of the original. 7 seconds away followed by 3 seconds exposure. Shots 10/13, PL17 (ISSF Rapid Fire target), distance 25m.

**238 COLIN JACKSON TROPHY**

Aggregate of competitions Nos. 226 and 228

**ENGLISH PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**250 KUCHENREUTER 'O'**

Original single shot percussion pistols. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**251 KUCHENREUTER 'R'**

Reproduction single shot percussion pistols. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**252 COMINAZZO 'O'**

Original smoothbore flintlock pistols with a bore .433 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**253 COMINAZZO 'R'**

Reproduction smoothbore flintlock pistols with a bore .433 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

**254 COLT**

Original revolvers. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.

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- 255 MARIETTE**  
Reproduction revolvers. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 256 TANZUTSU 'O'**  
Original Japanese style smoothbore matchlock pistol of .34" or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 257 TANZUTSU 'R'**  
Reproduction Japanese style smoothbore matchlock pistol of .34 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 258 FREE SINGLE SHOT PISTOL**  
Any muzzle loading single shot pistol with a bore of .30 inches or greater. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 259 FREE REVOLVER**  
Any muzzle loading revolver with a bore greater than .30 inches with fixed or adjustable sights. Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 260 FREE SINGLE SHOT PISTOL**  
Any muzzle loading single shot pistol with a bore of .30 inches or greater. (Members of the National Squad cannot enter). Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 261 FREE REVOLVER**  
Any muzzle loading revolver with a bore greater than .30 inches with fixed or adjustable sights. (Members of the National Squad cannot enter). Target 50, shots 10/13, time 30 minutes, distance 25 metres.
- 262 ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**  
Aggregate of competitions 250, 252 and 254

**263 ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

Aggregate of competitions 251, 253 and 255

**264 SCOTTISH TROPHY**

Highest score in any competition (must be resident in Scotland)

**265 WELSH Trophies**

Highest score in any competition (must be resident in Wales)

**275 OVERSEAS TEAM FUND RAISER**

At the discretion of the Pistol Secretary and Council of Management there can be other events throughout the year  
Spring OVERSEAS TEAM FUND RAISER (Open meeting)  
Summer PEDERSOLI CHALLENGE (Open meeting)  
Autumn OVERSEAS TEAM FUND RAISER (Open meeting)

**300 POSTAL PISTOL MATCHES**

All matches shot offhand at 25 metres on target 50, shots 10/13 in 30 minutes.

**301 POSTAL SMOOTHBORE FLINTLOCK PISTOL**

Any smoothbore flintlock pistol

**302 POSTAL SINGLE SHOT PERCUSSION PISTOL**

Any single shot percussion pistol

**303 POSTAL PERCUSSION REVOLVER**

Any muzzle loading revolver in the spirit of the original.

**304 POSTAL TARGET REVOLVER**

Any muzzle loading revolver with adjustable sights.

**305 POSTAL FREE PISTOL**

Any muzzle loading pistol with iron sights adjustable or not, with a minimum calibre of .30 inches

**306 POSTAL TEAMS**

Teams of three shooters with scores nominated from any of the above individual disciplines. Shooters to indicate on the appropriate targets that they are to be used for team entry.

**350 HISTORIC REVOLVER**

Shot on the MLAGB No 11BP 'Racetrack' target with the course of fire as follows:

Shooting Position – Standing, one or both hands may be used to support the pistol.

'Ready' Position – Charged and capped and held at 45 deg to the ground

Series 1: 25 metres, 6 shots in 60 seconds, then repeat.

Series 2: 15 metres, six target appearances of two seconds each. 1 shot to be fired at each target appearance, then repeat.

Series 3: 10 metres, three target appearances of four seconds each. 2 shots to be fired at each target appearance.

A limit of 4 minutes is given at each series for loading, at end of which is a count of

5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 and the targets appear for the current series.

Separate classes are normally held for:

- (a) Original percussion revolvers or reproductions made in the 'spirit of the original'
- (b) Free percussion revolvers, including Ruger Old Army revolvers, reproductions with adjustable sights. There is no allowance for misfires during this competition.

### **APPENDIX 3 - SHOTGUN COMPETITIONS**

The MLAGB National Clay Pigeon Shooting competitions are set up, as far as is practicable, to be evenly distributed throughout the country.

National Sporting shoots:

- Spring National – Held in the North of England.
- Scottish Muzzle Loading Clay Pigeon Championships
- National Clay Pigeon Championships – Held in the Midlands.
- Autumn National – Held in the South -West of England.

DTL Championships: Held in the Midlands.

National Skeet Championships: Held in East Anglia.

Hornsey Wood Pigeon Match (Helice): Held in the Midlands.

#### **SPRING NATIONAL**

- 1 The Pennine Double Barrel – 30 targets (pairs).
- 2 The Presidents Cup – 20 targets (singles).
- 3 The Small Bore Challenge Trophy – 20 targets (singles).
- 4 The Big Bore Bowl - 20 targets (singles).
- 5 The Berni Inns Trophy (flintlock) - 20 targets (singles).
- 6 The Ladies Cup – (Highest score from Presidents Cup).
- 7 The Airedale Hammer Gun – 20 targets (singles) – Re-entry.
- 8 The Pape Hammer Gun – 30 targets (pairs) – Re-entry.

#### **NATIONAL CLAY PIGEON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 9 The Double Barrel Trophy – 30 targets (pairs).

- 10 The Thames Valley Trophy – 20 targets (singles).
- 11 The Warwickshire Shield – 20 targets (single barrel guns only).
- 12 The Baker Flintlock – 20 targets (singles).
- 13 The Ladies Salver – (Highest score from Thames Valley Trophy).
- 14 The Richards Hammer Gun – 20 targets (singles) – Re-entry.
- 15 The Greener Hammer Gun – 30 targets (pairs) – Re-entry.

### **AUTUMN NATIONAL**

- 16 The Cotswold Shield – 30 targets (pairs).
- 17 The Tankard – 20 targets (singles).
- 18 The Nock Trophy (flintlock) – 20 targets (singles).
- 19 The Blue Rock Live Pigeon – 20 targets DTL (singles) – Re-entry.
- 20 The Roy Burford Shield (small bore) – 20 targets (singles)
- 21 The Ladies Trophy – (Highest score from Tankard).
- 22 The Team Trophy – (Nominated Teams of 3, scores from Tankard).
- 23 The Ted Burton Big Bore Shield – 20 targets (singles).
- 24 The Hammer Gun Cup – 30 targets (pairs) –Re-entry

## **SCOTTISH CLAY PIGEON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- The Tayside - 20 targets (singles)
- The Leuchars Double Barrel - 30 targets (pairs)
- The Craigie Hammer Gun - 20 targets (singles)
- The Rhynd Hammer Gun - 30 targets (pairs)

## **DTL NATIONALS**

- 25 DTL Percussion National Championship – 50 birds, single shot only. (Lorenzoni)
- 26 DTL Flintlock National Championship – 50 birds, single shot only. (Manton)
- 27 DTL Aggregate Cup (scores taken from 25 and 26).

## **MUZZLE LOADING SKEET CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 28 Skeet – National Championships “Double Barrel”. Any muzzle loading double barrel shotgun, 25 targets (singles and pairs), re-entry.
- 29 Skeet – National Championships “Single Barrel”. Any muzzle loading shotgun, 15 targets (singles), re-entry.
- 30 Skeet – National Championships “Flintlock”. Any muzzle loading flintlock shotgun, 15 targets (singles), re-entry.
- 31 Skeet – National Championships “Ladies Challenge”. Any muzzle loading shotgun, 15 targets (singles), re-entry.

- 32 Skeet – National Championships “Hammer Gun” Any breech loading double barrel hammer shotgun 25 targets (singles and pairs), re-entry.
- 33 Inter-Branch Challenge Trophy – to be hosted, where possible, by the defending branch, over a course of sporting clay pigeons as decided by the hosting branch. Teams should consist of 5 shooters or any other number mutually agreed by the competing branches. All challenges to the defending branch are to be made through the Shotgun Secretary.

### **HORNSEY WOOD PIGEON MATCH (HELICE)**

- 20 single helice targets without elimination - any muzzle loading gun.

### **ANNUAL HIGH GUN AWARDS**

- 34 Annual High Gun Percussion (scores taken from 2,10,17,25 and 29).
- 35 Annual High Gun Flintlock (scores taken from 5,12,18,26 and 30).
- 36 Annual High Gun Hammer (scores taken from 8,15,24 and 32).

The Annual High Gun Award winners in each class will be the person scoring most points in a season. Points will be scored as follows: 6 points for 1st place, 5 for 2nd, etc., down to 1 for 6th place. Any shoot-offs will take place at the end of the last qualifying event.

The above muzzle loading competitions may only be shot for once a year and re-entry is not permitted except where indicated. Breech loading hammer shotgun competitions may be re-entered. The allocation of these competitions is controlled by the MLAGB Shotgun Secretary.

**APPENDIX 4 - CANNON COMPETITIONS**

**600 CANNON POSTAL LEAGUE**

**601 FORT TROPHY**

Ten shots all to count. Fort target.

**602 SHIP TROPHY**

Ten shots all to count. Ship target.

**603 PAINE MEMORIAL CUP**

Thirteen shots best ten to count. Target 50 (50m ISSF target)

**604 GROUP SIZE TROPHY**

Ten shots with best five shot group to count. Blank target

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## APPENDIX 5 - INTERNATIONAL MATCHES RIFLE AND MUSKET

An abridged version of the International Match Competition List is given as a guide to enable Members to decide if they would like to be considered for international team selection and to train under the right conditions.

HIZADAI	- Matchlock musket at 50 metres kneeling.
LAMARMORA	- Military percussion rifle at 50 metres offhand.
PENNSYLVANIA	- Flintlock rifle at 50 metres offhand.
MAXIMILIAN	- Flintlock rifles at 100 metres prone.
MINIE	- Military percussion rifles at 100 metres prone.
MIQUELET	- Flintlock muskets at 50 metres offhand.
TANEGASHIMA	- Matchlock musket at 50 metres offhand.
VETTERLI	- Any rifle at 50 metres offhand.
WALKYRIE	- Ladies free rifle at 100 metres prone.
WHITWORTH	- Any percussion rifle at 100 metres prone.

Team matches are concurrent with a number of these competitions. All competitions are fired on the basis of 13 shots best 10 to count in a half hour time limit. In addition the MLAIC hold Long Range World Championship matches with shooting at 300, 500, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards (or nearest metric equivalents).

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## INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

### PISTOL

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MARIETTE	Percussion revolver at 25m off hand. Reproductions only.
COLT	Percussion revolver at 25m off hand. Originals only.
KUCHENREUTER	Percussion single shot pistols at 25m off hand. Original and reproduction class.
COMINAZZO	Single shot flintlock pistols at 25m off hand. Original and reproduction class.
TANZUTSU	Single shot matchlock pistols at 25m off hand. Original and reproduction class.
MALSON	Percussion revolver at 50m off hand. Original and reproduction class.
REMINGTON	Unfired aggregate of Mariette and Malson (reproduction class) or Colt and Malson (original class).

Team matches are concurrent and are arranged under the following titles:

ADAMS	Colt
BOUTET	Kuchenreuter original
FORSYTH	Kuchenreuter reproduction
KUNITOMO	Tanzutsu Mixed
PETERLONGO	Mariette
WOGDON	Cominazzo Reproduction
EGG	Cominazzo Original

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## INTERNATIONAL MATCHES SHOTGUN

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LORENZONI	Percussion shotgun. Original and reproduction class. Total of 50 clay targets shot in two separate rounds.
MANTON	Flintlock shotgun. Original and reproduction class. Total of 50 clay targets shot in two separate rounds.

Team matches are arranged under the following titles:

HAWKER	Concurrent with Manton (original or reproduction). Nominated team of three.
BATESVILLE	Concurrent with Lorenzoni (original or reproduction). Nominated team of three.

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