

RULES – SAA Portsmouth Winter Postal League 2024/2025

The Winter Portsmouth League will start in September 2024 and run over 6 months with a month break in the middle. The following months will be used, September, October, November, January, February and March. It is hoped that as many clubs and archers of all abilities as possible will take part as it helps to provide competition for archers who do not regularly shoot at tournaments, and it helps us all keep in touch over the winter. Clubs can enter as many teams as they wish.

Please fill the entry form found here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDneIASPXJv_sahBbFm_hF4vzOzzeBT1OHlOKNxv8Y7V7lxw/viewform?usp=sf_link

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE RULES

- 1) Archery GB Rules of Shooting will apply.
- 2) A Portsmouth Round will be shot for all styles of bows. (5 dozen arrows at 20 yds with 10 zone scoring on a 60cm face). Six sighters may be shot. Senior compound archers are to use a 60cm 3 spot vertical face. The same rule applies to Junior Teams, with exception to a Junior Compound Team, who will shoot their round on a standard face.
- 3) Each Team will consist of 3 Archers for Recurve/Compound and 2 Archers for Barebow /Longbow.
- 4) Each member of the Club Team must be affiliated to SAA and shall only shoot for one Club, normally the Club shown on his/her Archery GB Membership Card where this is indicated. However, if a club is entering no team, their members may shoot for another club's Team with their club secretary's permission sent in writing to the League Organiser with the entry form.
- 5) An Archer may shoot more than 1 discipline.
- 6) The league will be divided into divisions of 6 teams where possible. Each team will shoot one match against another team in their division each month over the winter. The Team pairs will be picked at random as close to the start of the month as possible. Teams will not be informed of who they are shooting against until that month's score tables are provided, usually the first week of the following month. Where there is an odd number of teams in a division one team will gain a bye. **BYES MUST BE SHOT**, as aggregate score will count in the event of a tie. **For info** A BYE is when a Team has no opponent to shoot against for that Month, or, where a Teams opponent has withdrawn from the League.
- 7) The divisions will be set either by alphabetical order or by 'Lucky Dip'. Thereafter, divisions will set up by previous scores, where the top team in a division will be promoted to the next highest division and the lowest team in a division will be relegated down a division. If you are entering a completely new or additional team, then that team will be placed in the lowest division.
- 8) A win or bye will score 3 points, a tie (where score, hits and tens are the same) 2 points, a loss 1 point and a bye not shot 0 points. If a team withdraws during the season its records will be removed, teams that have shot against the withdrawing team will retain their aggregate, and points will be adjusted if necessary, with the matches counting as byes. No points will be awarded if a match is not shot, or if the result arrives after the last day of the month.

9) If a team fails to shoot a match, they must still return their score sheet marked "not shot". If a team intends to withdraw please inform the League Organiser as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary delay in issuing the results to other clubs.

10) Matches may be shot at any time during the month, BUT they are not to be shot a second time in order to better the score! A nominated Club Official will be required to sign at the bottom of each team score to this effect.

11) Team scores are to be recorded on official club score sheets and scores must be signed by each archer and witnessed by the same official as in Rule 10. All score sheets must be double checked and signed by a Club Official to eliminate mistakes and any alterations must also be signed by that same Official in red, as in normal tournament conditions, any arrow score altered by the archer only will be deducted from the team total. All score sheets should be kept by the Club Official for 6 weeks after the end of the tournament so that if there is dispute the original score sheets can be produced on request. Failure to produce the original score sheets will automatically cause loss of dispute.

12) Completed results sheets must be sent to the League Organiser within 5 DAYS of the match being shot. These can be emailed or posted. Under no circumstances whatsoever will results be accepted if they arrive after the last day of the month for that match period. If for some reason you are late shooting your match then you can email your results through to the League Organiser and send confirmation on the usual results sheets as soon as possible.

13) All archers in each discipline (i.e. Recurve, Compound, Longbow or Barebow) must shoot for each match month on the same day. The archers with the top three scores will form the A Team, those with next highest scores will form the B team and so on. Recurve, Compound, Longbow and Barebow teams may shoot on separate days if necessary as long as team members shoot together. Junior Team members may shoot on any day so that a team score can be built up during the month if necessary. However, each team member must shoot on a selected day and not shoot a second time to better the score.

14) A Junior can compete in a Senior Team of a given category, in doing so, the Junior will not be permitted to compete in a Junior Team of the same category.

15) Juniors under 18 years of age on the day of their first match of the season may continue to shoot as Juniors even if they reach the age of 18 during the period of the Winter League.

16) Matches may be shot indoors, or outdoors if no indoor facilities are available.

17) The League Organiser will rule in the event of a dispute.

Awards: 1. Winning teams of each division will be awarded 4 medals

2. Top 3 scorers in each discipline (i.e. Recurve, Compound, Longbow or Barebow) will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively

3. A trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest total points score at the end of the league. This will be a combination of the points gained from each A team from each bow type.

Good Shooting!

P.S. Provisions will be made for the American Flatbow, if 6 or more Teams enter the Postal League, failing that, the AFb will be in the Barebow category.

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