

United Kingdom Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting



Constitution

General

This 'Association' shall be named the 'United Kingdom Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting' (UKBR22 being the accepted abbreviation) hereinafter referred to as the 'Association' and shall have the specific purpose of being the governing body of the sport of Rimfire and Air Rifle Benchrest Shooting within the United Kingdom. (This will involve items such as running National Championships every two years after 2008, helping to focus National Championships and continue running the International Postal Championships in winter and summer seasons each year under its present structure. Further to this the method adopted by the 'Association' to achieve this aim shall be by 'growing consensus', that is, each Member and or Representative of the 'Association' declaring that they accept the 'Association' as the Governing Body.

There is no restriction on the number members that may join the UKBR22, subject to them meeting the admission criteria established below, fulfilling financial obligations for matches/ membership and meeting the appropriate standards of behaviour and sportsmanship expected of contemporary target shooters. Membership can be cancelled by the Executive Committee in an electronic meeting duly called and constituted by these rules. Such expulsion will be by a majority ballot of those representatives present.

A bi-annual election will take place to vote a Chairperson and all executive officers, to set agenda's for action, perform administrative duties, etc. A Secretary can also be appointed to undertake specific responsibilities directed by the Chairperson. The Executive Committee will also decide on specific 'jobs' that need to be done/ completed over a three year period and enable parties to do these for that set period. (With scope for renewal after the three year period). These individuals will not have vote entitlement unless they are the Chairperson or Secretary or a member of the Executive Committee.

Objectives

The objectives of the 'UKBR22' are:

1. To provide opportunities for Rimfire Benchrest Shooting in the UK for the Benchrest Shooter;
2. The development and encouragement of uniform competition to achieve accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and Benchrest shooting methods at various distances and of various styles to suit Members facilities;
3. Dedication to the theory of Benchrest Shooting with the .22 caliber Rifle and .177 Air Rifle;
4. Promote safety, fellowship and sportsmanship for all those Members who participate.
5. To assist and encourage any individual in the promotion of Rimfire Benchrest shooting;
6. To maintain a working relationship with the World Rimfire Benchrest, ERABSF Federation (WRBF) on members behalf;
7. To encourage the formation of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting Regional/ National 'Associations' as demand requires;
8. To gather and make available to its members pertinent statistics and technical data as available, but without such co-operation or support

infringing in any way upon the independence of the 'UKBR22' or any other body;
9. To co-operate with and to support any other shooting associated body in matters of mutual interest to achieve any of the foregoing;
10. The 'UKBR22' will provide, as and if required by Members a Grading scheme based on the following –

Novice	score - 209 and lower
Marksman	score - 210 to 219
Sharpshooter	score - 220 to 229
Expert	score - 230 to 239
Master	score - 240 to 245
Grand Master	score - 246 to 250
Ultimate Grand Master	Max score of 250 with 25 10x's

11. The 'UKBR22' will provide a Membership Card for each Member. There will be a Membership Fee due for payment on 1st January each year.

Membership

Membership of the 'UKBR22' may only be applied for by members of shooting clubs registered with a national Ministry approved range (Insured for the type of weapons used) and via their National Rimfire Benchrest Association. The UKBR22 is an 'Association' of like minded shooters and therefore membership may not be used for the acquisition or retention of a Firearms Certificate/ License.

For administrative and grading, the 'Association' will only recognise those members holding a current Firearms License and are members of a National Ministry Approved Club with full current Insurance for the weapons being used. Members who have no Firearms License but shoot club rifles on their club premises under the necessary range officer rules of shooting are eligible. All local shooting to be under the host club safety rules of shooting as applicable.

Membership Fees

Member countries will be responsible for the payment of any individual membership fees or levies determined from time to time by the UKBR22 Executive Committee. Normal yearly payments will be for individual membership and entry to the International Postal Championships per year (winter and summer). Failure to meet deadlines set for the payment of such fees will result in the non-acceptance of shooters who have not paid.

Day to Day Business

The business of the 'Association' shall be conducted by nominated leaders (up to seven) of the Association. Further assistance can be asked of specialist or interested parties who can be approached by the Executive Committee. (It is expected that these individuals may be the best suited for specific tasks, jobs or activities. However, they will not have voting privileges unless they are the members of the Executive Committee, Chairperson or Secretary). Day to day running of the 'Association' and the issues involved in this will be decided by the Chairperson and those involved in the 'normal' business of the 'Association'. Major issues and decision making will be achieved by a Quorum, being a

majority of the voting Executive Committee and at least one of the following Officers: Chairperson or Secretary or both.

Voting shall be done on the basis of one vote per Executive member, with a casting vote to maintain the status quo being exercised by the Chairperson or Secretary as and when required. All voting will be carried out electronically (Email, video conference, etc).

The office bearers of the 'Association' shall be the Executive Committee with at least one of the following as required, a Chairperson and a Secretary. Members of the overall Executive Committee can have business interests relative to the sport as this can also benefit the 'Association' and shooting sports in general.

All individual members are encouraged to voice their views to their Executive Committee in the usual form of communication (E-mail) so that they can continually discuss the 'Association' and upgrade if required. One month's notice of any changes, together with full details shall be submitted to each member of the 'Association'.

The Annual General Meeting of the 'Association' shall be held by Email during November of each year. One month's notice, together with an agenda shall be sent to each member of the Executive Committee for their views.

The Executive Committee members will hold their posts for no more than two years, at which time an election by the membership will take place. This will be via email/ electronically. Executive Committee members can then put themselves forward for nomination to be re-elected into the same or different positions within the committee.

Rimfire and Air Rifle Annual Postal Championships

The present structure for winter and summer postal championships will continue under the auspices of the UKBR22 with general rules for individual countries derived from the main ERABSF rules. The UKBR22 have been nominated to continue running the international postal matches for the ERABSF, under the present administrative structure as this is already in place.

Competitor Accreditation

Only competitors nominated by their affiliated country/association who have met their financial obligations will be accepted into UKBR22 or other international matches. In the event of doubt, the shooters primary place of residency will determine eligibility.

Audited Accounts

Audited accounts shall be available to all Members. These details will be circulated as and when required annually.

Rule Changes

Rule changes will be agreed by the Executive Committee after discussions with the members and final details circulated to each member before putting into practice. Alterations to rules will only come into effect at the beginning of the next summer or winter season. No changes will be made during the running of a summer or winter championship match once it has commenced. One month's notice if possible together with all details will be given to each member for their

views and comments before any changes are finalised. A temporary change for a specific Championship can be approved by the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Committee. This is subject to all competing countries approving in writing (Email) that such change have their agreement.

Constitution Changes

Alterations to the Constitution shall be made by the Executive Committee and only after Quorum of agreement has been achieved. One month's notice together with all details will be given to each member for their views and comments before any changes are ratified. The 'Association' will not infringe in any manner on the autonomous rights of any member body/ association.

UKBR22 Website

All current information, decisions and rules will be available on the Official UKBR22 website for all members to access and comment on.

Winding Up

In the event of the 'Association' being wound up, the assets of the 'Federation' shall not belong to member bodies or members of the General Council but shall be made over to a charitable institution or charity.



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