



Clubs – the Sussex Interclub HFT (SIHFT) competition was created by and is managed by the following five Sussex-based air-gun clubs :

- Buxted
- Ford
- Horsham Hawks
- Mile Oak
- Swallows FTC

Participation by other individuals or clubs.

For the 2015 series, it has been agreed that Iden Fern continue to be invited to enter the SIHFT Series. This includes entry as individual members and as a Team, scoring toward the 2015 series' trophies.

If capacity permits, participation in individual rounds may be opened to members of other clubs by invitation. However, they will not be counted in the SIHFT Rounds for the Team competition and they will be recorded as Visitors (V).

Where members from other clubs are invited to participate, their scores will be included in each Round's results tables, which will be published on the web site.

A decision to widen invitation will be at the discretion solely of the club hosting each round, taking into account both the site and any administration capacity issues.

1. Format of Rounds & Rules

Organisation/Admin

The host club will prepare the course and make arrangements for suitable 'accommodation' for booking-in, scorekeeping and results calculations.

It is expected that a zero range will be available, though this may be closed once the competition round has started.

In advance of each round, the host club should advise (via the Airgun BBS) if refreshments will be available to purchase during the shoot, or whether visitors need to bring their own.

Where necessary, members from each of the clubs attending the rounds may be asked to assist with admin and/or marshalling duties.

Unless specified otherwise on the day, it is hoped that members from all clubs will be available at the end of each shoot to help with course take-down.

Timing (unless otherwise notified for individual Rounds)

08:00 Access to the site for visiting members to park and have access to zero range

09:00 Booking-in. This allows for competitors names to be recorded, fees taken, score cards to be issued and the safety and procedural briefing to be given.

10:00 'Target' time for starting the competition.

Course Checking

Before the commencement of each round, the course set by the host club will be checked visually for compliance with current UKAHFT rules. Checking will be conducted by one experienced member from each of two visiting clubs, nominated in agreement with the host. If any doubt is identified on any aspect of the course, the host will be asked to check for distance, position, obstacle, etc., and rectify any confirmed non-compliance.

Once this check is complete and the course approved, then unless there is a majority decision by at least 3 senior marshals, NO target may be withdrawn from the competition for rule violation and all targets will count for all competitors.



Score Cards

A standard score card will be prepared and issued to all clubs prior to hosting their 1st round.

Score cards will be marked with the competitor's name, 'home' club, the class (*Open, .22, Recoiling, Ladies, Junior or Primary*), the gun being used and its calibre, the scope make/model and its parallax and magnification and I/R settings and the peg number on which the competitor is to commence the round.

During the shoot, scores achieved at each lane must be recorded by one of your partners. **If ANY errors are made requiring even minor correction, these MUST BE CHECKED AND COUNTERSIGNED (initialled) BY AN OFFICIAL MARSHAL BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE COURSE.** Responsibility for this being complied with rests with the person whose name is on the card.

Any card found by the scorers to have visible signs of alteration or lack clarity without a marshal's initials, run the risk of having the lane score marked down to the lower of the scores apparent, or of having the lane marked as ZERO, and the total score adjusted accordingly.

Rules

The competition will operate to UKAHFT Rules, **except that** 'Juniors' will be those age 14 to 16 (i.e. NOT yet reached their 17th birthday) and 'Primary' are those age UNDER 14 on the date of Round One of the SIHFT Series. Subject to the organiser's discretion, there will be NO specified lower age limit.

For all competitors **age under 14** participating in each Round, a parent or guardian (of minimum age 21) is required to personally supervise them **at all times**.

ALL people attending SIHFT series events must be covered by appropriate insurance, whether arranged personally or by valid membership of their home club.

2. Points Scoring System

The 'usual' HFT scoring applies (zero for miss, 1 for metal, 2 for knock-down)

PLUS, for those in the 'Primary' class – 4 points added to total achieved, but solely for the purpose of assessing a place in and contributing to, their club's Team score.

3. Competitions

Each of the ten rounds of the SIHFT will be open to all members of the organising Sussex Clubs, plus Iden Fern and any Visitors invited to attend individual rounds.

While each club is expected to manage scoring for each Round, once complete these results are to be passed to named volunteers who have agreed to compile the overall score tables leading to the end of year award schemes, and to manage circulation of the results via an internet site.

Individual SIHFT Round Badge competition

Scores (points) achieved by all individual competitors will be assessed during each round and considered for award of a SIHFT Badge.

Based on a benchmark being the top score of the day, irrespective of class and excluding any Primary Class handicap, badges will usually be awarded as follows:

- a. **OPEN CLASS** - Gold awarded to those scoring within 4 points of the day's top score; Silver awarded to those within 9 points of the top score and Bronze to those within 14 points of the top score.



- b. **.22, RECOILING, LADIES & JUNIOR CLASSES** – Gold to those within 9 points of the day's top score, Silver to those within 14 points of top score and Bronze to those within 20 points of top score
- c. **PRIMARY CLASS** (*excluding Handicap*) – Gold to those within 14 points, Silver to those within 20 points and Bronze to those within 25 points.

PLATINUM BADGE – A Platinum Badge will be awarded to each SIHFT competitor who in a single SIHFT Series is successful in winning 5 Gold Badges.

CLEAR ROUND BADGE – A badge, introduced in 2014, awarded to any SIHFT competitor who achieves a maximum score (60 points) in any single round.

With exception of Clear Round and Platinum Badges and those awarded to Junior and Primary Class entrants (all of which are awarded free of charge), badges won at each round may be purchased from the host club at a cost expected to be £2.

Individual SIHFT Round Draw Prizes

At the end of each SIHFT Round two draws will be made from all score cards entered with the winners receiving, in order of the drawn cards:

- i) 50% of the pooled entry fees, rounded up to the nearest whole pound
- ii) a prize or prizes donated by Air Arms

Individual SIHFT Trophy competitions

Scores (points) achieved during each round will be converted into percentages. The HIGHEST score and ties for the individual Round will equal 100%, with all lower scores converted in to a percentage of the high score. e.g. if highest score is 57, then a person scoring 50 would achieve 87.7% (rounded to nearest 1/10th percentage point).

Trophies will be awarded to at least the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place highest ranked individuals in each of the Open, .22/Recoiling (these classes combined), Ladies, Junior and Primary classes, based on the **total of the percentages** they achieve in the **best 6 of up to 10 rounds** in which they have competed.

In the event of there being a tie or ties for all or any of these places following the completion of Round 10, then there will be a final shoot-off (format to be agreed) to be held during the end-of-year meeting.

"Sussex Interclub HFT Shield" – the 'Team' competition.

Once an individual's score has contributed to a club's Team result, they may not subsequently contribute to the team score of any other club during the same year.

At each round of the competition a Team score will otherwise comprise the total of the highest 5 scores achieved by the individual members of each club. The winning team at each round will be awarded 12 points, 2nd place 11 points, etc., etc..

Clubs unable to field 5 members at individual rounds of the competition may draw upon the results of members from other clubs, excluding any whose score has already been counted in that club's Team for that round.¹

Team point scores from ALL of the 10 rounds will be totalled to determine the overall winner of the Sussex Interclub HFT Shield.

Team scores will be closely monitored during the 2nd half of the competition to assess the risk of a tie for first place. In the event of a tie, a joint decision will be made on a

¹ The number of cards drawn will be 5 minus the number of people entered, up to a maximum of 3. This will be done under supervision of the stats managers, by wholly random selection from all score cards submitted.



resolution, most likely to be by a Team shoot-off (format to be agreed) during the end-of-year meeting.

4. Annual Awards Event

The Awards will be issued and celebrated at an 11th end-of-year event, the date and venue of which will be published on the SIHFT calendar, on the web site, and widely promoted to ALL members of the participating clubs to encourage their attendance.

For the 2015 SIHFT Series, in addition to awards won on merit during the series, a draw will be held at the end-of-year event, with at least a prize or prizes donated by Air Arms Ltd. and cash/voucher prize(s) from the SIHFT fund.

5. FUNDING

The SIHFT competition is intended to be at worst cost neutral to the participating clubs.

All arrangements relating to funding will be discussed in full by representatives of the 5 organising clubs, and agreed in advance of confirming any commitment.

Unless circumstances preclude, all expenses incurred in organising the series are to be shared equally and reimbursed as soon as practicable following the outlay.

Individual Rounds

Fees for entry in to each round of the competition for 2015 will be £7 for adults (age 17+) and £6 for those age under 17 on the date of the competition.

From the above fees, £1 from each entrant will be pooled and 50% (rounded up to the nearest whole pound) will be made available for the 1st prize in the Round Draw. The balance, combined with income from the sale of Badges, will be reserved for purchase of end of series prizes/trophies.

The balance of all fees is solely for use by each club, to be treated as part of their normal income.

Badges & Trophies

An initial stock of badges will be purchased in sufficient quantity to meet the anticipated needs for at least a complete SIHFT Series.

The cost (evidenced by receipts) of the badges and of the annual trophies, will be reimbursed to the individuals/clubs organising their purchase by initially drawing on any net profit carried forward from previous year's/round's SIHFT income. Should this be insufficient to fully meet expenditure, each of the 5 organising clubs will contribute equal 'shares' to cover the expenses.

A record of the income from the sale of badges at each round will be maintained and the total net income made available to the organising clubs on request.

At the end of each year a review of expenses/income will be conducted and taken into account when planning for future SIHFT series.

Except as described above, the expectation is that there will be no requirement for other contribution to the SIHFT running costs.

6. DATES

see the separately published Sussex Interclub HFT Calendar.



7. RULE 7

NO WHINGING !!