



Grand Prix

Rules 2026

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Target Sprint 35mm Grand Prix. These races are run under an amended version of ISSF rules current on the 1st day of the calendar year in which the event commences. Results from the first of the two races (where combined times are used), or from the Finals race (where the event has a qualification and Finals race), only at 35mm British Shooting Grand Prix Events accredited by British Shooting as ranking events will be added to the 12-month rolling Target Sprint Ranking Lists. Performances listed in the Target Sprint Ranking Lists form PART only of the GB Team selection criteria used by the Selection Panel. To enter the British Championships an athlete MUST compete and record a time in at least one 35mm British Shooting Grand Prix Event. Athletes who compete without a current Target Sprint Safety Certificate won't have their time added to the Target Sprint Ranking Lists or be eligible to compete at the British Championships.
- 1.2 The winner of each age group/class final when competing at the British Championships Finals will be crowned British Champion for their relevant age group/class.

2.0 Age Groups/Class

- 2.1 Categories/Class are based on the athletes age at the 31st of December in the year in which the event commences.
- YOUTH Women aged 11 to 15 years
 - YOUTH Men aged 11 to 15 years
 - JUNIOR Women aged 16 – 21 years
 - JUNIOR Men aged 16 – 21 years
 - WOMEN aged 22 – 44 years
 - MEN aged 22 – 44 years
 - MASTERS Women aged 45 years and over
 - MASTERS Men aged 45 years and over

3.0 Events

- 3.1 British Shooting accredited Grand Prix events and/or Grand Prix ranking events will be published in advance on the British Shooting target sprint website. Visit <https://www.targetsprint.com/events>

4.0 Ranking

- 4.1 Athletes who compete in accredited Grand Prix ranking events and have official event times recorded will have one time only from each event final recorded into the British Shooting rankings. Ranking times may be subject to time handicaps based on the event running course/surface to be considered by GB athlete Selectors.

5.0 Event Race Time handicaps (For Selection Purposes Only)

- 5.1 Details of the race time handicap can be found in the GB athlete selection policy document.
- 5.2 British Shooting events will consist of qualification and final heats as ISSF rule 11.10.4.2 – 11.10.4.6, save at the British Championships Finals event. However take note that at all events if we have less than 11 individuals per age group/class registered then for that age/group/class no qualification heats will be held, instead there will be two final races held in which the two run times, with the athletes placed in order starting from lowest overall time being the winner to the highest overall time being in last place. The first of the two final race times will be used as the British Ranked time.

6.0 ISSF Rules

- 6.1 All 35mm British Shooting Grand Prix events will be run to ISSF rules current on the 1st day of the calendar year in which the event commences summarised, as follows:
- **Course:** 1 x (min 400m or max 500m) running course followed by 1 x 10m Standing only Air Rifle shooting session, followed by 1 x (min 400m or max 500m) running course followed by 1 x 10m Standing only Air Rifle shooting session, followed by 1 x (min 400m or max 500m) running course. Note each running course of 400-500m may consist of one or a maximum of two laps before each shooting stage and after the last shooting stage.
 - The start and finish zones/running course may be less than prescribed at rule 11.3.3.4 and to suit the venue subject to satisfactory risk assessment.
 - **N.B.** A concession has been made by British Shooting in respect of the ISSF rule 11.3.3.9 that a venue may have the target area under cover rather than exposed to the natural light as otherwise required by the ISSF rules. However, compliance with the ISSF range rules is nonetheless encouraged in the interest of event range consistency.
 - **Shooting:** All knockdown targets will be 35mm in diameter and in accordance with ISSF Standards.
 - **Equipment and Ammunition:** All as ISSF Rule 11.4 – 11.5.2.4

7.0 Event equipment control

- 7.1 All 35mm British Shooting Grand Prix events must operate strict equipment control with appropriate equipment control testing tools/devices and provide a procedure that visually identifies to the Jury, Chief Range Officer, and Range Officer the athletes' equipment, (whether brought by the athlete or provided by the Event Coordinator) as having satisfied all the equipment control requirements. Note the requirement for Post-Competition Testing under rule 11.5.3

8.0 Start, Transition and Finish Zones

- 8.1 The Start and Finish of the running course must be marked so that athletes and officials are in no doubt where the athletes may stand at the commencement of the first running course and where they must cross over to finish the third and final running course within the target sprint event. Transition Zone should be identifiable as to indicate the clear area where athletes must ensure no impedance of other athletes. The athlete's attention must be brought to the ISSF rules regarding offences, violations, disqualification, and time penalties. During the 15-minute athlete collection

time the Chief Range Officer should explain to all attendant athletes how infringements will be adjudicated by the Jury in the event of an offence/violation.

9.0 Amendments

- 9.1 British Shooting reserve British Shooting reserve the right to add/edit/change events as well as amend the 35mm British Shooting Grand Prix event rules from time to time if deemed necessary by British Shooting, which shall be communicated. via <https://www.targetsprint.com>

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