

**BICESTER TARGET - HUNTER RULES SOUTH
(WINTER LEAGUE) RULES 2018**
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HRS - BRIEF DESCRIPTION

- Hunter Rules Course – Not all shots will be clear from the peg
- 30 Pegs 30 Targets
- 2 Points for a knock over, 1 point for a plate and 0 for a miss, maximum score of 60
- The pegs must be placed behind and a maximum of 1 yard back from the firing line.
- The competitor's trigger finger must not cross the firing line.
- All kills are 40mm or 25mm
- 40mm kills can be obscured by $\frac{1}{2}$, so 20mm of a 40mm paddle must be clearly visible to shoot out to a max of 35yards, after that it must be unobscured.
- All 35 – 45 yard shots must always be 100% visible 40mm kills and prone only
- 25mm kills cannot be obscured and must always be 100% visible – 35 yards Max
- One unsupported stander and one unsupported kneeler - 35 yards Max
- A peg attached to a tree DOES NOT make the tree an extension of the peg, a part of the body / rifle must touch the peg
- No 'impossible' shots, all shots must be accessible out to the right and out to the left of the peg for left handed and right handed competitors and junior shooters alike.
- Competitors can walk the course before the shoot commences
- Competitors will be informed of the distances to the shortest and longest targets on the course at the safety briefing, but not of their location.
- 2018 Rules can be found at www.hrs-rules.co.uk

ELIGIBILITY

1. The 2018 Bicester Target - Hunter Rules South (Winter League) will be made up of a maximum of 16 teams.
2. There will be one session with 2 divisions. Both divisions will shoot in the same session and teams will be scored according to their respective divisions.
3. Hunter Rules South Club Coordinators will set dates for all rounds on an annual basis no later than 1st April every year (even if these dates are still provisional if applicable).
4. These dates will be set 6 months before BT HRS starts, to give members time to plan annual leave, work schedules and will endeavour to not clash with other shooting competition dates such as Southern Hunters, UKA's Nationals, FT, SIHFT and HFT Masters.
5. Amount of teams entered by each club will be at the discretion of the organisers, and determined by BT Hunter Rules South Club Coordinators on an annual basis by 1st April every year (6 months before BT Hunter Rules South starts)
6. Teams consist of 5 shooters, with the **3** highest team scores to count.
7. Once a club member has shot in a team he may only shoot in that team from that point on.
8. In 2018 there will be Non- Team "Spare Shooter Card/s" available at every round. These "Spare Shooter Card/s" will be available to all clubs to give new shooters a chance to experience BT HRS Shoots.
9. The "Spare shooter card" can be used for a member of the club, or can be given to another club's member.
10. "Spare shooter card" scores will appear in **Red** in the individual scores table.

11. If someone who has previously shot on a “spare shooter card” then goes on to shoot in a team, from that point on their non-team scores will always be highlighted in **Red** so those scores cannot count towards the team’s end of year scores.
12. If an existing team member goes on to shoots a round on a “spare shooter card”, their scores will be recorded in **RED** and those **RED** scores cannot count towards the team’s end of year scores.
13. To win the individual championship title, any competitor must compete as a bona fide team shooter at least once for their scores to count.
14. No team transfers will be permitted after a competitor has shot in a team.
15. A team shooter must be a bona fide member of that team’s home club, unless authorised by the HRS Competition Secretary. No team transfers will be permitted after the opening round of the competition.
16. The HRS Competition Secretary will only give authorization for team member who is a non-club member to shoot, if it can be demonstrated that the shooter has attended an Airgun Safety & HRS rules and etiquette orientation course with their respective Team Captains before their first HRS round.
17. Insurance is not provided by the organisers. The organisers request that participating hosting clubs provide proof of up to date Public Liability Insurance **2 months** before the start of the season.

FEES

1. Hunter Rules South (Winter League) fees will be £35 per team and will be payable in **CASH** at the first round.
2. All team entry fees collected will fund trophies and badges when expenses for stationery have been deducted.
3. There will be an entrance fee of £3 per team member per round. All entrance fees collected on the day will go to the hosting club.
4. It will be the Team Captain’s responsibility to collect these fees and give them to the Hunter Rules South Co-ordinator.
5. **“Spare shooter card/s” will cost £3 each per round, paid for by whoever uses the card.**

TEAM CAPTAINS

1. Team captains are responsible for ensuring that their team is ready to shoot at its allotted time.
2. All team captains (not from the host club) must walk the course **at 9.15 before the captains briefing** and agree all aspects of the course, especially those of safety and format. If the course does not comply with the required format as laid out in the “Course setters check list”, they will report to Hunter Rules South co-ordinator who will ask the hosting club to rectify any problems before the shoot commences.
3. Captains will be required to attend a briefing promptly at 9.40am – safety brief being scheduled for 9.50am, shooting will start at 10.00am.
4. Any shooter not attending the safety brief **WILL NOT** be permitted to shoot.
5. Prior to the start of the round, all captains will be given a Team Sheet on which they must record the names of their official team. This team sheet must be returned to Hunter Rules Southern Series co-ordinator before the team commences its shoot.
6. Official scorecards will be issued, marked with start peg details. Only the entries recorded on these official scorecards will count towards the Hunter Rules South team results.

BOOKING IN

1. Booking in is the responsibility of the hosting club.
2. Scorecard packs will be provided at each round by the BT HRS coordinator.
3. The Hunter Rules South Co-ordinator is responsible for handing out the team scorecards, collecting in the team sheets & fees.
4. Before the session commences each Club's captains must hand the completed Team Cards back to the BT HRS coordinator.
5. At the end of each session, each Club's captains should collect all the scorecards & marry them up with the team score card.
6. All scorecards at team score cards should then be passed to the HRS co-ordinator.

SCORING

1. Scoring is two points for a knockdown, one point for hitting metal faceplate, zero points for a miss. It is the responsibility of team captains to ensure that cards are filled out correctly and legibly.
2. A team's score will be the total of the **3 best scores** of the **5 team members** per round.
3. In the team event, the scores will be totalled over ALL rounds and the team with the highest total in each division will be deemed the winner of that division.
4. In the case of a tie at the end of the season the **4th** shooter of the team who's score was not included in the **3** highest scores on the last round of the season will be used to decide the winner, and then if still tied, the **5th** shooter scores will be used, until a result is achieved. If still tied, the **4th** shooter from the previous rounds scores will be used, until a result is achieved.
5. The Individual champion will be decided using their best **four** out of **five** scores. In the event of a tie, countback **from peg 1** on the last round of the season will be used to determine the individual champion. And then if still tied, countback from peg 1 on the previous round will be used, until a result is achieved.
6. **In case of a tie for the "Top shot" the winner will be decided on a countback from peg 1.**
7. Spare shooter scores will not count towards team scores. However, they will count towards the individual championship.

HRS - SHOOT RULES

1. The Hunter Rules South (Winter League) will be shot to the HRS Winter League format of 30 targets, 30 pegs - one peg per target.
2. Maximum of 3 competitors per peg - to make the process more efficient.
3. The course will consist of 30 targets (min range 8 yards, max range 45 yards), set out with 30 pegs.
4. 2 Points for a knock over, 1 point for a plate and 0 for a miss, maximum score of 60
5. Each lane will have one peg /shooting position, each peg will be securely fixed at ground level.
6. Lanes should be set out either in a straight line or a horseshoe shape - shooting outwards!
7. If at all possible, strings must avoid being crossed. If strings are crossed they must always be pegged/pinned down, to avoid strings crossing other shooters lines of sight or target view.
8. Pegs must be at least 5 yards apart and clearly numbered 1-30.
9. The pegs must be placed behind and a maximum of 1 yard back from the firing line.
10. The competitor's trigger finger must not cross the firing line.
11. Competitors will take one shot from each peg, with a part of their body or rifle touching the peg.

12. A peg attached to a tree DOES NOT makes the tree an extension of the peg, a part of the body / rifle must touch the peg.
13. All targets must have yellow faceplates and black kill zones.
14. There must be a minimum of **Six** and a maximum of **Eight** 25mm kill zone targets.
15. All other targets will have 40mm kill zones.
16. 25mm kill zone targets must be placed at no more than 35 yards.
17. 25mm kill zone targets must possible to be shot from a prone or supported standing or supported kneeling positions.
18. 25mm kill zone targets must not be used in conjunction with forced unsupported standing or forced unsupported kneeling shots.
19. All standing and all kneeling shots supported or unsupported must not exceed 35 yards.
20. There will be only **One Unsupported Standing** and **One Unsupported Kneeling** shots set out between 8 - 35 Yards with a 40mm kill, and with 100% of its 40mm paddle visible.
21. All 40mm kill zone targets obscured or unobscured between 8 - 35 yards must be possible shoot from a prone or supported standing or supported kneeling positions.
22. All targets set out over 35 yards must have 40mm kills and be able to be taken from the prone position, with 100% of the 40mm paddle visible.
23. 40mm kills from 8- 35yards can be obscured by ½ , so 20mm of a 40mm paddle must be clearly visible to shoot out to a max of 35yards from the Prone, Supported Kneeling & Supported Standing positions, after that it must be unobscured and prone only.
24. From each peg out to a distance of 35 - 45 yards - 100% of a 40mm paddle must be visible.
25. All 25mm paddles must be 100% visible at any distance without exception.
26. Obstructions are NOT allowed closer than 8 yards from the peg, as they pose a ricochet risk.
27. Elevated shots of more than 4 yards in height must be no closer than 20 yards unless they have a 40mm kill. These targets must have a peg at least 18" high.
28. There will be no 'impossible' shots. All shots must be accessible out to the right and out to the left of the peg for left handed and right handed competitors, **Please Note:** juniors are also shooting these courses – so common sense should prevail here.
29. Once the shoot has commenced, there will be no re-siting of targets.
30. Competitors will be informed of the distances to the shortest and longest targets on the course at the safety briefing, but not of their location.
31. The host club will appoint a Chief Marshal.
32. The host club must provide a minimum of 2 on-course marshals. Hi-Viz armbands/ Jackets will be provided by the BT HRS Winter League.
33. Shooters are allowed 2mins per lane, this timing starts when you approach the peg. The shot must be fired within the 2-minute limit. If the shot has not been fired within this limit, the shooter must discharge his/her rifle safely into soft ground a minimum of 8 yards over the firing line and score the target as a miss. It is the responsibility of the host club marshals to ensure time limit is not abused.
34. As soon as your group has finished shooting let the group behind you know you have finished shooting that peg.
35. No group must approach its next peg until the group in front has advised that they have finished shooting that peg.
36. There will be no sitting at all. The only acceptable use for a beanbag will be during kneeling shots. The kneeling position is defined as only 3 points of contact with the ground (2 feet & 1 knee). The rear foot shall be upright and straight in line with the knee, sitting on a turned foot is not allowed, 'laces down' is ok
37. Adjustments to equipment must be made on the plinking range. There must be no adjustments to rifles, scopes, stock/butt hook attachments on course. Neither should illuminated reticules be switched on/off.

38. The use of bipods and/or any external shooting aids (e.g. shooting sticks, front rests) is not permitted. This also includes any form of external range finding apparatus or laser dot type sights. Any competitor using shooting sticks, bipods or front rests will still be free to shoot, but their score will not count towards a team score or an individual score.

CHRONOGRAPHS

All participants may be subject to having their rifle power tested at any venue. Shooters will have their rifle tested with the pellets they are using in the competition and will be given three shots to pass the test. If all three shots fail the chronograph test, the shooter will be disqualified from that round of the competition.

DISPUTES

Team captains (or their representatives) of teams not involved in the dispute, but present on the day of the shoot will be required to resolve the situation.

MARSHALLING

The 'buddy' system of marshalling will be used. All disagreements will be resolved at a captains meeting.

ABSENTEEISM

1. If a team arrives late for their scheduled slot, they may join their opponents on their opponents next scheduled lane but only after a safety brief from the host clubs course marshal or the Hunter Rules South co-ordinator.
2. The latecomers will automatically forfeit any previous lanes.
3. In the event of a complete team not turning up on the day, they will score nothing for that round. All members of their opposing team must still shoot the course.

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

A hosting club must be able to provide the following:

1. Provide proof of Public Liability Insurance to cover the HRS event 2 months before the start of the season.
2. Satisfactory toilet facilities
3. Hot food and hot drinks
4. Adequate car parking facilities – marshalled if necessary
5. A Chief Marshal and 2 on-course marshals (the Chief Marshal may be one of them). Marshals may not leave the course until all the shooters have finished their session.
6. Have available a copy of the course setters check list for inspection during the team captains pre shoot course safety walk round.
7. A mandatory safety briefing at the beginning of the session.

BADGES

1. Competitors will be awarded, either a Bronze, Silver & Gold HRS Winter League badges free of charge at the end of the season trophy ceremony (location TBA).
2. A competitor must compete as a bona fide team shooter at least once to receive a badge.
3. Badges will be decided using the individual competitor's best four out of five individual scores. (In the event of a tie - see. Scoring .5)

4. The top 40 competitors (1 – 40) from both divisions combined will be awarded a “Gold” – BT HRS Badge. This will be decided using their best four out of five scores.
5. The next 40 competitors (41 – 81) from both divisions combined will be awarded a “Silver” – BT HRS Badge. This will be decided using their best four out of five scores.
6. The remaining competitors (82 >>) from both divisions combined will be awarded a “Bronze” – BT HRS Badge. This will be decided using their best four out of five scores.
7. Once a competitor achieves 3 Gold Badges (over any number of years), he or she will be awarded a “Platinum” – Hunter Rules South Badge, at that season’s trophy ceremony.

TROPHIES

1. Perpetual trophies will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams in each division.
2. Individual awards will also be made to the 5 members of the 1st teams in each division.
3. In the individual competition, trophies will be awarded to those finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division.
4. Each division’s highest scoring individual shooter will win a “Top Shot” trophy at each of the 5 rounds.
5. Perpetual trophies must be returned to the organisers before the final round.

	Location:	Date:
Round 1:	Richings Park	16/09/2018
Round 2:	Wendover	07/10/2018
Round 3:	Meon Valley	04/11/2018
Round 4:	Black Cats	18/11/2018
Round 5:	North Oxon	02/12/2018



Bicester Target Safety Brief for Hunter Rules South (Winter League)

- ALWAYS be aware of where your muzzle is pointing. NEVER point your gun at anyone and ALWAYS treat your gun as being loaded at ALL times.
- If you have difficulty getting up from a prone shot without waving your gun around, please ask another member of your group to help you.
- If you have a magazine fed rifle, please remove the magazine between shooting pegs/lanes.
- If you have a Break Barrel rifle, please break the barrel to show it's safe. Similarly if you have an underlever rifle, please crack the underlever while carrying the gun.
- Please do NOT rest your muzzle on your foot and please don't carry your gun using the scope as a carry handle.
- Please do not load your rifle or even look through the scope ANYWHERE except across a designated firing line – that means the Zero Range OR the Course and nowhere else.
- Most importantly, if you see someone being unsafe, politely point it out to them.
- While you're shooting the course, we operate a BUDDY MARSHALLING system. That means that everyone on the course is a safety marshal, not just the people wandering around with florescent jackets on.
- It's YOUR responsibility to make sure that everyone in your group stays safe.
- If you're in ANY doubt at all, please ask one of the roving Marshals.

STOPPAGES

- If you hear a SINGLE blast on a whistle or air horn it means CEASE FIRE immediately.
- If you have a loaded gun, please point it at soft ground a minimum of 8 yards across the firing line and discharge it safely into the ground.
- We're ALL responsible for safety, so please make sure that everyone in your group is aware of a cease fire and that the groups to your left and right are also aware.
- While a cease fire is on, please DO NOT look through your scope or shoulder your rifle for ANY reason.
- Two blasts of a whistle or horn mean that it's safe to continue – Again, make sure everyone in your group and in the groups around you are aware of this.
- DO NOT Under any circumstances cross a firing line – if there is a problem, find a roving marshal and tell them what the problem is.

TARGETS

- Today's "Minimum" Target distance isYards
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