



Sporter Air Rifle ~

Within the various disciplines that make up shooting air weapons (pistols and rifles) events are held using internationally agreed rules. The reality of those rules is that once a beginner has learnt the basics of air rifle shooting then a need is perceived for a precision air rifle, and specialist clothing including jacket, trousers, boots, etc. Such perceptions do little to aid the recruitment of younger shooters because of the financial implications for individuals and also for clubs / youth organisations in terms of club kit that can be used by a number of members.

Fortunately Sporter Air Rifle (SAR) is designed for new competitors or those who want to compete with a minimum of equipment and expense. Shooters can make a start with basic equipment that is commonly available whilst at affordable prices and compete against fellow sporter shooters in classes existing at local, national and international levels.

The equipment used in sporter class can also be used in precision class shooting. Shooters can choose to remain in sporter class or to move onto precision class, indeed equipment upgrades can be timed by the shooter to suit their individual needs both sport development wise and financially.

In addition to the traditional air rifle classes shot in the standing position sporter shooters may also compete in three position shooting. Three-Position Rifle (3P) shooting is the most demanding and rewarding form of competitive rifle shooting with 3P Sporter Air Rifle competitors firing at a distance of 10 metres, at the Olympic Air Rifle target, in three different positions, prone, standing and kneeling. Shooting 3P with an air rifle gives shooters an excellent insight into the components of that discipline, and indeed there are now classes becoming available for those who shoot precision but wish to compete in 3P.

With several nations now promoting sporter (standing) and sporter / precision 3P air rifle, for young shooters, it was included for the first time - standing only - in a domestic programme in May 2006, and both standing and 3 P in the Junior International match at Bisley in August 2006.



The NSRA Rules and shooting conditions are based on the US National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, as published by their National Three-Position Air Rifle Council.

NSRA Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules & Shooting Conditions ~

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