

CANTERBURY OUTDOOR TARGET SHOOTING

TSNZ 2026 Outdoor Nationals in Christchurch 14-21 February 2026

This programme brings together the TSNZ National Championships Programme as well as the South Island Championships designated matches and also combines Air Rifle events - combining these enable shooters to travel to Christchurch and have several matches across a week that go towards the national ranking lists.

Date	Event	Approximate Time
Day 1 Saturday 14/02/26	3 Position South Island Championships (designated match). <i>No 3P finals to be conducted</i>	~1200 (TBC)
	<i>Range open for practice at conclusion of 3P match</i>	
Day 2 Sunday 15/02/26	3 Position National Championships (designated match + final) <i>Range open for practice at conclusion of 3P match</i>	0900
	50m Benchrest South Island Championships	~1230 (TBC)
	10m Air Rifle - Graded match	~1400 (TBC)
Day 3 Monday 16/02/26	50m Prone South Island Championships (designated match)	0900
	50m Benchrest National Championships (commences)	
	10m Air Rifle National Championships (designated match)	1400 (TBC)
Day 4 Tuesday 17/02/26	50m prone - Graded match 1	0900
	50m Benchrest National Championships (continues)	
Day 5 Wednesday 18/02/26	50m prone - Graded match 2	0900
	50m Benchrest National Championships (concludes)	
Day 6 Thursday 19/02/26	Women's / Junior Prone National Championships	0900
	Men's Elimination match	
	Women's Randle practice (PM)	1400 start (approx TBC)
Day 7 Friday 20/02/26	Men's Prone Qualification National Championships	0900
	<i>No prone final to be conducted</i>	
	Randle Women's match	0830 (TBC)
	North vs South	1300 (approx TBC)
Day 8 Saturday 21/02/26	NZ Teams Slazenger / Wakefield / Women's / Juniors	0900
	Association Teams Match	1300 (approx TBC)
	Awards Dinner / Photos & Presentation	1730 photos 1830 meal & presentations

Further information sheet & entry form to come - now that the programme is approved, we will finalise this information.

Regards
COTS - Nationals Committee

Benchrest

Benchrest is planned to run concurrently with all matches across days 3, 4 & 5. So every detail will have the ability to have benchrest shooters competing. The range will have multiple bays set up for shooters to complete in this event to the right hand side of the current range. Standard range wind flags are only permitted & provided.

Benchrest is planned to be a 3x40 shot match (aggregate), with no more than 1 match to be shot on any one day. This event will be pre-squadded, and squadding will be emailed, along with other events on the nationals schedule - prior to the event, so that competitors can ensure their entry has been received accurately.

3 Position Pre-Event Training (PET)

Whilst we are required to have PET for the 3P match, we are proposing to run the SI Championships on Day 1, and enable practice following the event, this will still meet the PET requirement for the nationals programme.

3 Position Final

A 3P final will be conducted, as close as possible to ISSF requirements, on paper targets.

Badge Match - removed & replaced with the South Island Championships - designated match

The previous nationals badge match has been exchanged for the South Island Championships prone designated match. Cash prizes and the SI trophies will be presented.

Event start times

The posted start times are when competition shots will commence. Call to the line will be 25 minutes prior to the event start (ie 0835hr for a 0900 start), followed by preparation and sighting commencing 15minutes prior (ie 0845hr for a 0900 start event). ie you can commence putting gear/mat on the line prior to 0830, however your firearm must wait until you hear 'call to the line' at 0835, and preparation & sighting shots commence at 0845.

Canterbury O/D will establish full start times for the events, so that shooters can further plan for details prior to arrival. This will be emailed out prior to the Nationals & posted at the range.

Air Rifle

Canterbury Outdoor Target Shooting, in combination with the Christchurch Air Rifle Club will run Air Rifle events at the 2026 TSNZ Nationals. The Air Rifle will be run on paper targets at the Drayton Range (Bangor Street, Christchurch) and can accommodate able bodied & para shooters to designated match standards.

North vs South Teams

North & South teams are selected from a ranked list from each Island, with the aggregate of the 2 x graded matches and the Women's/Junior and Men's Elimination events.

Dinner / Photo's / Presentations

The dinner will be hosted at the Hornby Club, Hornby on the evening of Saturday 21 February 2026. Team photos will commence from 5.30pm, with the dinner following on afterwards along with award presentations. It is requested that everyone participating in formal photos wear suitable formal attire and their blazers. Photo orders can be made on the night directly with the photographer (\$25 per photo).

Any questions, please direct them back to Denva Wren (COTS President) and the Canterbury Outdoor Club Committee. cots.committee@gmail.com