



TSNZ Outdoor National Championships - update & squad details

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 Good morning shooters,

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The TSNZ Outdoor National Championships programme begins this Saturday, and we are excited to see you all compete and have a successful week in Christchurch.

Your **squadding details are attached**, with updated/confirmed squad timings. If you notice any issues please email them through to this address as soon as you can. Please make sure you check to ensure when you need to be at the range. Squad details for Friday onwards will be done as soon as the team selection matches are completed on Wednesday. We expect to have these to you all Thursday afternoon/evening.

As we have limited entries by women, please let me know if you are wanting to participate in the Randle as either a shooter or helper so I can ensure we can proceed with the match. This includes all shooters (male or female) who may have female supporters present on Friday capable of scoping, being a manager or coach. You can email me with your name and whether you wish to shoot or help, or preferably add your name to this document - [Womens Randle Dual Range Entry](#)

Air Rifle matches are held at the Drayton Range at [11 Bangor Street](#) in Christchurch central. Doors will open 1.5 hours before the posted match start time. Please note that second squads (especially Monday) may start directly following the first squad finishing if athletes are ready so please arrive early to get set up. There will be some rifle stands available for use. John Booth will be running the air range and is also shooting prone and bench so please be mindful during the week to send questions or problems through as soon as they are known to ensure they can be handled.

We will have the **Coffee Lady** 'Alison' coming back this year and Tracey from '**Tracey's Grub on Wheels**' a professional caterer present at the 50m range from Monday 16th right through to Saturday the 21st, (note: food catering is not allergy friendly). They have worked with us before when COTS has hosted the Outdoor Nationals and the most recent North vs South in Christchurch, with great feedback from shooters - these ladies are very much looking forward to the week and we know they'll keep us all well fueled throughout the competition.

Please note that **final dinner ticket numbers need to be confirmed to our venue tomorrow evening Friday the 13th. If you need to make changes (additions or reductions) to your ticket numbers please let me know as soon as you can.** If any changes are made after Friday, we can not confirm if a refund will be given.

All athletes **must follow the Range Standing Orders for COTS** outlined below. It is important to note that **breech flags are mandatory in all firearms when not in use**, regardless of whether bolts are present and **rifles can only be removed when instructed by the RO at the end of a detail**. Helpers and athletes can go forward of the line when the range is cleared by the range officer, **but only after collecting an orange tag & the range closed sign is down**.

Range Standing Orders and Special Instructions for Nationals Competitors: All Target Shooting NZ Safety rules apply, refer to TSNZ Outdoor rules. Crucial rules include.

1. Any person who has consumed alcohol or other substance causing impairment which may render them unsafe to handle firearms, shall not participate in any shooting activity while under the influence of the alcohol or other substance causing impairment.
2. COTS has a board outside the marking room with orange tags on it. If you must go forward of the firing line it is with the permission of the Range Officer, when the range is closed. You must collect a tag before going forward as this is how we ensure no one is left in the butts building before opening the range.
3. **The actions of all rifles must remain open with a safety flag inserted at all times.** Breech flags can only be removed after the Range Officer has given instructions to remove safety flags.
4. Rifles must only be loaded on the firing point with the muzzle pointing forward of the firing line after the appropriate instruction has been given by the Range Officer.
5. **The final closing/locking of the action shall not take place until the butt of the rifle is in contact with the competitor's shoulder and the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction** towards the target(s).
6. At the end of a detail / squad, **no person(s) are able to be forward of the firing line whilst rifles are present on the mound**. All rifles are to be made safe ensuring they are unloaded with the action open & clear with breech flag inserted, and removed from the firing line. The range officer will then 'close the range' and drop the 'range closed' barrier.
7. If a **target jam / malfunction** occurs during a **national / regional competition**, requiring someone to go forward of the firing line. Prior to this occurring, the **Range Officer must first confirm:**
 1. All rifles are unloaded with action open, clear and breech flag inserted. Rifles are to have 'butts on the ground' or be placed on the ground.
 2. All mounds/lanes must be checked personally by the range officer, before giving the approval for immediate target maintenance to occur.
 3. It is recommended that as a preference, spare mounds are made available for athletes to move mounds/lanes as a preferred option during a formal event.
8. Sandals of any type may not be worn when competing. As a result all competitors are expected to **keep closed toe shoes on while shooting** and on the mound. This is in compliance with ISSF rules and general Range Safety Procedures.
9. During 3P, athletes can set up behind the mound, but once immediately finished all equipment must move down the right hand end of the range to the set up area. **All prone gear must be set up in the designated set up area**, no gear is to be behind the mounds or on the spectator benches.
10. **All visitors and athletes are required to sign into the range book each day** located in the set up area.
11. As COTS is a dual use range there will be **no personal flags** allowed and benchrest will be supplied with the same flags as prone / 3P competitors.
12. All benchrest shooters are required to have a breech/safety flag, even when the bolt is removed. **Failure to have a breech flag will mean you are unable to bring your rifle to the mound** and will be asked to pack it up and put it away.

We hope you all have safe travels to our lovely city in the coming days, and please reach out if you have any questions to this COTS Committee email address.

Regards
 Shania Harrison-Lee (Secretary) & the COTS Nationals Committee

Please send immediate problems during the week that can't be emailed through to me: 022 042 9581

5 attachments

- [3. Outdoor RULES 1.1.2026.docx](#)
414K
- [5. Benchrest RULES - 1.1.26.docx](#)
2269K
- [Nationals 2026 Squadding Sheets - FINAL. V4.pdf](#)
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- [2026 TSNZ National Outdoor Championships - Final Programme V3.pdf](#)
108K
- [2026 Womens Randle.pdf](#)
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