



## FIPJP World Championships & CEP European Championships 2017 Qualification Series

### 1. Introduction.

In 2017 the WPA will need to qualify teams to take part in the following international events:

- **European Men Triples and Precision Shooting Championship (September 2017, France)**
- **European Veterans Championships (Date and Venue TBC)**
- **World Women Triples and Precision Shooting Championships (December 2017, China)**

For both the Men and Women Triples Championships, the WPA need to qualify 3 players and 1 shooter to primarily take part in the precision shooting competition and also act as the 4th player.

The top 3 ranked players will qualify to represent Wales, together with the first placed player from the precision shooting qualifiers. If the best placed player from the precision shooting qualifier has also finished in the top 3, then the 2nd placed precision shooter or the 4th placed player will be invited to join the team.

Registration for the qualifiers will be open to all current WPA members until 20:00 hours (8pm) on 29th March 2017 for both Men and Women; all players are required to register using the online form.

The entry fee for each individual qualification series is:

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| A. <b>Women's World Championships:</b>        | <b>£30.00 per player</b> |
| B. <b>Men's European Championships:</b>       | <b>£30.00 per player</b> |
| C. <b>Veterans Championships<sup>1</sup>:</b> | <b>£30.00 per player</b> |

**Note:** 1 – Mixed teams are allowed.

If a WPA Member intends to enter either A & C or B & C, above, then:

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| D. <b>Combined Qualification Entry:</b> | <b>£42.00 per player</b> |
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The WPA would ideally like to see a minimum of 8 triples teams, comprising 3 or 4 players in each of the three above competitions, in order to run a meaningful qualifier. In the event that the number of entries is less than the ideal minimum, the WPA Executive shall have discretion to:

- a. continue the complete Series or any part of it: and/or
- b. cancel the complete Series or any part of it: and/or
- c. organise a different Women's Qualification Series to replace any part(s) of the Series covered by these Rules which has been cancelled in accordance with b) above.

The WPA Executive would like to remind all players that by entering the qualification series you accept that upon qualifying you will be representing Wales at either a World or European Championships, therefore if you decide to withdraw from the event after qualifying without reasonable justification, you may face a disciplinary procedure, which may result in you being excluded from entering future qualifying competitions for a determined period of time.

## 2. Qualification Process – Men and Women:

2.1 The qualification process will take place throughout the 2017 playing season, every player will take part in the following:

- National Triples (Men, Women & Veterans)
- National Doubles competition (Men & Women)
- National Singles competition (Men & Women)
- National Shooting competition (Men & Women)

**Note:** *The doubles element comprises teams of the same gender (mixed doubles are excluded from this qualification series). All Welsh National events will also be open to all members who wish to compete for a national title only. Ranking points will only be awarded to players taking part in the Qualification Series.*

2.2 Weather permitting, the qualifiers will run as follows:

Competition	Round	Gender	Date
National Precision Shooting	1 & 2	Men & Women	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
National Triples		Men & Women	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
National Singles		Men & Women	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
National Doubles		Men & Women	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
National Precision Shooting	3 & 4	Men & Women	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2017

The venues for the above events will be published on the WPA Playing Calendar.

2.3 Depending on number of entries, the format for each qualifier will be:

- Entries of 8 players/teams: A Round-Robin system, divided into pools of 4 players/teams, followed by a knock-out competition.

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- Entries of 8 players/teams and over: A Round-Robin system, divided into pools of 3, 4 or 5 etc. players/teams, followed by a knock-out competition or 5 to 6 round Swiss System.

2.4 Each individual player will be allocated points according to their ranking in each of the 5 events and based upon the number of entries. For example, if 10 players have entered the qualification series then:

Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place etc.
National Triples	10pts	8pts	6pts etc.
National Doubles	10pts	9pts	8pts etc.
National Singles	10pts	9pts	8pts etc.
Precision Shooting <sup>1</sup>	10pts	9pts	8pts etc.

**Note: 1** -The final score for the Precision Shooting will be based upon the combined scores for all four rounds.

2.5 The final ranking criteria for the National Triples, Doubles and Singles competitions will be determined by the following:

### 2.5.1 For a Round-Robin system:

1. Number of Games won.
2. Points Difference.
3. Points For.
4. Points Against will only be used if ranking criteria 1 to 3 are equals

### 2.5.2 For a Round-Robin and Knock-Out format:

1. Ranking after the knock out stage

### 2.5.3 For a Swiss System format:

1. Number of wins.
2. BHN.
3. Fine BHN.
4. Points Difference.

### 2.5.4 Precision Shooting Competition:

If two or more players have the same combined score, then the competitors will be separated using the number of 5 points scores, and if required the numbers of 3 points scored.

2.6 The four qualified players will be the 3 men and 3 women with the highest combined men's and women's scores and the male and female players with the highest combined score in the shooting competition. If the best precision shooter has finished in the top 3, then the 2nd placed shooter or the 4th placed player will be invited to join the team. It is possible that only one or two players from a triples

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team will qualify, as the scoring is individually based, not related to a triple or doubles team.

If 2 or more players have the same score, then the number of 1st placed positions achieved will be used to decide the final position. However, in the event of the 2 players still being on equal scores then their position achieved in the Precision Shooting competition will be used to separate them.

2.7 As mixed teams are allowed in the Veterans Championship a different system is required to be used for the qualifier, see paragraph 3 below.

### 3. Veterans Qualifier process:

As mixed teams are allowed in the European Veterans Championship, a different system need to be used for the qualifier. This National event will be open to all members who wish to compete for the National title only. Ranking points will only be awarded to players taking part in the Qualifier Series.

For the Veterans' European Championships, the WPA require to qualify 4 players, there is no precision shooting competition at this event.

The top 4 ranked players will qualify.

Registration for the qualifiers will be open to all current WPA members over the age of 55 at the time of the Championship until 20:00 hours (8pm) on 29th March 2017 for teams to register using the online form.

The entry fee for this qualification series is:

- **Veterans Championships (Mixed Teams allowed):**     **£30.00 per player**
- **Combined Qualification Entry:**                             **£42.00 per player**

A minimum of 8 triples teams, comprising 3 or 4 players in each category (Men, Women & Veterans) is required in order to run a meaningful qualifier. If the minimum number of teams fail to enter the qualification series, then the qualification series will be cancelled and the WPA will NOT enter a team to represent Wales.

3.1 The qualification process will take place throughout the 2017 playing season, every player will take part in the following:

Competition	Round	Gender	Date
National Precision Shooting	1 & 2	Men & Women	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
National Singles		Men & Women	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
National Veterans	1	Same Sex or Mixed Teams	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2017
National Veterans	2	Same Sex or Mixed Teams	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
National Precision Shooting	3 & 4	Men & Women	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2017

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3.2 Depending on numbers, the format for the qualifier will be:

- Entries of 8 teams: A Round-Robin system, divided into pools of 4 teams, followed by a Knock-Out competition.
- Entries of 8 teams and over: A Round-Robin system, divided into pools of 3, 4 or 5 etc. teams, followed by a Knock-Out competition or 5 or 6 round Swiss System

3.3 Each individual player will be allocated points according to their ranking in each of the 2 events, based on the number of entries. For example, if 10 players have entered the qualification series then:

Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place etc.
National Veterans- R1	10pts	8pts	6pts etc.
National Veterans- R2	10pts	8pts	6pts etc.
National Singles	10pts	9pts	8pts etc.
Precision Shooting <sup>1</sup>	10pts	9pts	8pts etc.

**Note:** 1 -The final score for the Precision Shooting will be based upon the combined scores for all four rounds.

3.4 Final ranking criteria for the National Veterans competition will be determined by the following:

### 3.4.1 For a Round-Robin system:

1. Number of Games won.
2. Points Difference.
3. Points For.
4. Points Against will only be used if ranking criteria 1 to 3 are equals

### 3.4.2 For a Round-Robin + Knock out format:

1. Ranking after the knock out stage

### 3.4.3 For a Swiss System format:

1. Number of wins
2. BHN
3. Fine BHN
4. Points difference

### 3.4.4 Precision Shooting competition:

For the Veterans Qualification process, only, the scores of the men and women taking part in the precision shooting competition will not be separated. The ranking will be undertaken using all players that have entered the Veterans qualifier. If two or more players have the same combined score, then the competitors will be

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separated using the number of 5 points scores, and if required the numbers of 3 points scored.

- 3.5 The four qualified players will be the 4 players (men or women) with the highest combined scores. It is possible that only one or two players from a triples team will qualify as the scoring is individually based and not related to the original entered triples. If 2 or more players have the same score, then the number of 1st place positions achieved will be used to decide the final position. However, in the event of the 2 players still being on equal scores then their position achieved in the Precision Shooting competition will be used to separate them.

## **4. Entry:**

Entries for all the events in the Qualifiers Series (Triples, Doubles, etc.) need to be received by the Qualification Series entry closing date. The National titles events will also be open to players not taking part in the Qualification Series and the closing date for them may be different.

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