HANDICAP CLASSIC COMPETITION RULES

1. This is an Open handicapped 100 target English Sporting Championship over a period of fourteen weeks with the course built to a "par" score of 94ex-100. Standard Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) rules apply including: no coaching during the competition, hearing and eye protection is mandatory and 28-gram cartridges only.
2. There are no classes. Each competitor that is a member of the CPSA and has shot 300 or more of registered sporting targets in the year to 31 October 2009 is given a handicap based on two-thirds of their 1 December 2009 published CPSA average (e.g. if your CPSA average is 70 and the par is 94ex-100, you will receive a handicap of 16 (94 – 70 = 24 x 2/3 = 16). CPSA members who have not shot 300 registered targets in the year to 31 October 2009 or those competitors who are not CPSA members will be given a handicap by RBSS based on performance on the day over 40 targets known only to the organisers. RBSS and Clay Shooting magazine reserve the right to reassess any competitor's handicap based on known ability and performance on the day. Any such reassessment of handicap is final without further explanation.
3. No 'emergency' average for the period issued by the CPSA verbally or in writing, after publication of averages for 2009, will be accepted. In this instance the RBSS handicap system will be used.
4. If you are not a member of the CPSA you must have individual third party liability insurance cover
5. Neither the organisers, the estate landowners nor the tenants or sponsors will accept responsibility for the loss, damage or injury to persons, their property, vehicles or effects (including guns) while at the venue.
6. Shotguns must be unloaded and kept in sleeves while travelling between stands. When out of the sleeve, the gun – depending on type – must be broken, or in the case of semi-automatics, have the working parts to the rear or show a safety flag. Guns may only be loaded when on the firing point.
7. While competitors are welcome to enjoy the clubhouse facilities, no-one may enter the shooting ground area unless accompanied by a Royal Berkshire staff member. All competitors will be accompanied by a referee during competition who will complete individual scorecards. The referee's decision is final.
8. Anyone wishing to buy shotgun cartridges at the venue must produce their shotgun certificate with them.
9. While casual attire is acceptable, bare flesh under skeet vests and camouflage clothing is not. Bad language and abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Please do not put us in the difficult position of having to ask you to leave the venue. RBSS and/or Clay Shooting magazine reserves the right to deny entry to this competition without explanation.
10. Re-entry of the competition is unrestricted. Enter as many times as you like. Individual's scores will then be entered onto the master scoreboard and RBSS website.
11. At the end of each week (1700hrs each Saturday), regardless of the number of the week's competitors, there will be a prize of a £100 for the highest score; £50 for the runner-up; and 100 Eley cartridges for third. In the event of a tie in any category the individual who shot the qualifying score earliest in the week will prevail. Please note that the weekly Top Gun prize can only be won a maximum of 3 times by any one individual.
12. £1 of every entry will be allocated to the Classic Accumulator. At the end of the 14 weeks the individual who has shot the highest actual number of clays will receive the pot of £1's for each and every entry. In the event of there being a tie the competitors will be invited to the Final with the competition being the shoot off excluding handicaps.
13. At the end of the fourteen weeks, the single highest score with a handicap will receive a prize of £500. No score will be posted above 100 and in the event of a tie the individuals will be invited to the Final and the winner will be calculated from the competition with handicaps scores.
14. At the end of each 3 week block the Top Lady with a handicap will receive a trophy.
15. At the end of each week the highest scoring junior (age 17 or under as at 4 May 2010) will receive a free entry to the competition before it concludes. The Colt winning in week 14 will receive a Driving Range 100 free of charge.
16. The top 40 CPSA handicapped scores and the top 20 RBSS handicapped scores from the fourteen weeks of competition (only one score to count) will all be invited as guests of RBSS, Clay Shooting magazine, BASC, RUAG, Eley Hawk and Ray Ward Gunsmiths to the Open Final. The 100-target final will also be shot as a handicapped event and will be held on Tuesday 4 May 2010.
17. Under no circumstances should any prize winner communicate directly with the sponsor about his prize without the express consent of Wesley Stanton at Blaze Publishing (publishers of Clay Shooting magazine) or Dylan Williams of RBSS. No cash alternative is available for any non-cash prize. Non-cash prizes are not transferable.
18. No full-time employee of RBSS, Blaze Publishing Limited, BASC, Eley Hawk or Ray Ward Gunsmiths is eligible for this competition.
19. The sponsors and organisers reserve the right to change the rules and prize fund without notice. They also reserve the right to review an individual's entry and decline an invitation to the final without any written or verbal explanation. Their decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The rules for the Final will be available to all qualifiers