



Playing Programme 2016

Competition	Dates & venues	Comments and *new* for 2016
Home Nations Qualifier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th May 2016 – Nottingham PC, Mercia 	5-round Swiss System format for competition to find Top 8 teams to qualify for England representation in Edinburgh 2016.
Men's Triples Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round 1, 15th May 2016 – Hartley PC, Kent Round 2, 3rd July 2016 – Oxshott PC, Southern Top 8, 24th July 2016 – Arlesey PC - Chiltern 	Format will depend on numbers, but unlikely to use Swiss System. Teams required to play as a 4 in at least one out of the two qualifying rounds and the Top 8. Aim to offer teams minimum of 5 games, all entry fees net of expenses will be offered as cash prizes. Teams can enter and play one or both qualifying rounds with no requirement to play Top 8.
Women's National Rankings Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round 1, 15th May 2016 – Singles & Shooting - Hartley PC, Kent Round 2, 3rd July 2016 – Doubles - Oxshott PC, Southern Round 3, 24th July 2016 – Triples – Arlesey PC - Chiltern 	First qualifying round with results used to establish 2016 Women's rankings. Objective is to find a squad of 16 players who will be considered for 2017 international representation opportunities. Format will depend on numbers. Aim to offer players minimum of 5 games, all entry fees net of expenses will be offered as cash prizes. Players can enter as many of the rankings tournaments as they like as they are standalone competitions. Results of Round 1 tournament combined with the results of the Women's Singles at National Titles weekend to identify England representative at the European Singles Championship in Nimes, France (November 2016, date to be confirmed by the CEP). Results of Round 2 tournament combined with the results of the Women's Doubles at National Titles weekend to identify England representatives at the World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship in Ghent, Belgium (April 13 th – 16 th , 2017). Teams not required to play as a 4 in Round 3.



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Men's Singles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28th May 2016 – ISCA, Exeter, Devon 	Seeded tournament based on leagues/knockout. Main and Plate Competition with all entry fees net of expenses offered as cash prizes. Winner of competition to represent England at the European Singles Championship in Nimes, France (November 2016, date to be confirmed by the CEP) and considered for selection for the World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship in Ghent, Belgium (April 13 th – 16 th , 2017), also taking into account the results in the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
Women's Singles (official ranking tournament)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28th May 2016 – ISCA, Exeter, Devon 	Seeded tournament based on leagues/knockout offering ranking points for Women's National Squad. Main and Plate Competition with all entry fees net of expenses offered as cash prizes. Combined with result of Round 1 of the Women's National Rankings Tournament the result of this competition will be used to identify the Winner the representative of England at the European Singles Championship in Nimes, France (November 2016, date to be confirmed by the CEP) and the World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship in Ghent, Belgium (April 13 th – 16 th , 2017).
Men's Doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29th May 2016 – ISCA, Exeter, Devon 	Seeded tournament based on leagues/knockout. Main and Plate Competition with all entry fees net of expenses offered as cash prizes. Winners considered for selection for the World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship in Ghent, Belgium (April 13 th – 16 th , 2017), also taking into account the results in the Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles.



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Women's Doubles (official ranking tournament)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29th May 2016 – ISCA, Exeter, Devon 	Seeded tournament based on leagues/knockout. Main and Plate Competition with all entry fees net of expenses offered as cash prizes. Winners considered for selection for the World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship in Ghent (April 13 th – 16 th , 2017), also taking into account the results in the Women's Doubles (Round 2) of the National Rankings Tournament.
Mixed Doubles (official ranking tournament for Women)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30th May 2016 – ISCA, Exeter, Devon 	Seeded tournament based on leagues/knockout. Main and Plate competition with all entry fees net of expenses offered as cash prizes. Winners considered for selection for the World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship in Ghent (April 13 th – 16 th , 2017), also taking into account the results in the Men's Singles, Women's Singles (both National Titles and National Rankings tournaments) and Women's Doubles (both National Titles and National Rankings tournaments) and Men's Doubles.
Veterans Triples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19th June 2016 – Nottingham PC, Mercia 	Single day tournament to find England representative team for European Veterans Championship to be held in Monaco from 18 th – 20 th October 2016. Format of competition will depend on number of entries. Teams must enter as a four.
Home Nations Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th – 7th August, Inverleith PC, Edinburgh, Scotland 	Jersey introduced into the Championship for the first time to make it a four-way tournament. Entry fees net of expenses generated by Home Nations Qualifier distributed to England squad players as contribution to cost of participation.
Over 50's Doubles Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st August - Gravesend PC, Kent 	Format unchanged – leagues and seeded knockout. Main and Plate. All entry fees net of expenses will be offered as cash prizes.



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Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th – 11th September, 2016 - Mill Rythe Holiday Village, Hayling Island 	Format expected to be unchanged, with some minor changes to order of play on the Sunday (subject to review by Playing Commission). Limited floodlighting to be introduced for the first time to ensure all games can be completed on the Saturday. National Shooting competition to take place at Hayling instead of at Champion of Champions. Only the winner from each region's shooting championship invited to participate. New Junior Precision Shooting competition to be introduced.
Over 50's Champion of Champions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25th September, 2016 - Hanbury PC, Eastern 	Format unchanged – leagues and seeded knockout. Main and Plate. All entry fees net of expenses will be offered as cash prizes.
Champion of Champions Doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th October, Oxshott PC, Southern 	Format unchanged – top two teams only from each region's respective championships invited to play. Main and Plate competition. No shooting competition – transferred to Inter-Regional Championships.
Champion of Champions Triples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th October, Oxshott PC, Southern 	Format unchanged – top two teams only from each region's respective championships invited to play. Main and Plate competition.