

World Peashooting Championship Rules (revised 2009)

1. Any person of either sex and regardless of age may enter the Open Championship. There are however separate competitions for Ladies, Children at Primary School and Teams.
2. Peashooters must not be shared by contestants.
3. The peashooter may be made of any material but must not exceed 12 inches in length and may include sighting devices.
4. Peas must be fired by blowing with the mouth.
5. The distance from the target will be 12 feet. In the children's competition it will be 10 feet for those aged 8 and over, and 8 feet for those aged 7 and under.
6. The entry fee is £2, children £1. Entries are made on the field on the day.
7. Each contestant will shoot 5 peas at a target and **must use the peas provided on the day.**
8. Registration will commence at 12.00 and the competition will commence at approximately 1 p.m.
9. The highest 16 scores in the open championship (the highest 8 scores in the ladies and the children's competition) will qualify for the next round.
10. If there is a tie for 16th place (or 8th in the ladies and children's competitions) then the referee will decide on a method for determining who will go through to the next round.

11. The competitions will then be run on a knock-out basis. Contestant's names will be drawn to decide their opponents and the order of play.

Rules for the knockout stage

1. Each contestant will shoot 5 peas, taking alternate shots. The toss of a coin will determine who shoots first.
2. The winner of each match will be the contestant with the highest score and will qualify for the next round. In the event of a tie the match will be decided by 'sudden death'.
3. From the semi-final stage each contestant will shoot 10 peas alternately. The winner of the final will receive the championship trophy.

Team championship rules

1. Teams will consist of four players who must be named on entering.
2. The draw for opponents and order of play will be made on the day of the contest.
3. The top-scoring 4 teams will qualify for the second round.
4. Each player will shoot 5 peas consecutively, at a distance of 12 feet from the target. Teams will take alternate order of players; each player must have their own peashooter.
5. The toss of a coin will determine which team will shoot first.
6. Team entry fee is £6.
7. Team entries may be made on the day, although it would be helpful to the organisers if entries were made before the event.

In the case of disputes regarding scoring or the interpretation of the rules, the referee's decision is final.