

RULES

As adopted at the Annual General Meeting of 21st February 2010 to supersede all previous rules

1 General

1.1 General matters

- 1.1.1 For the purposes of these rules the terms 'Club Grounds' and 'Club Property' will include the environs, equipment and facilities at the range adjacent to Shebbear College and at Shebbear Village Hall. These rules apply equally to both locations except where specifically stated otherwise.
- 1.1.2 Only lead pellets (or alloys made primarily of lead) shall be used on the club's premises. The use of any other type of pellet requires the committee's sanction before use.
- 1.1.3 The use of illicit drugs and alcohol on the club grounds or members using airguns whilst under the influence of the same is strictly forbidden.
- 1.1.4 Only fully paid-up Full and Junior Members of the club shall be entitled to attend the club's Annual General Meeting and vote at the meeting.
- 1.1.5 Only fully paid up Full Members may stand for positions as Club Officers.
- 1.1.6 Shooting in an indoor environment, as with for example, LSR (Light Sport Rifle), involve very different disciplines to the activities that normally take place at the range. Because of this there are additional rules for those who are taking part in indoor shooting. Participants need to familiarise themselves with these rules.

1.2 Law

- 1.2.1 Only those not disqualified by law (*see Sec 21 of the Firearms Act 1968*) are eligible for club membership.
- 1.2.2 All members shall make themselves aware of the law governing the possession and safe use of airguns.
- 1.2.3 Any member who is convicted of an offence involving an airgun will be automatically expelled.
- 1.2.4 Members must agree to inform the club if their circumstances in respect of the law change.
- 1.2.5 All airguns used on the club's grounds shall conform to the legal limits that are in force at the time (currently 12 ft.lbs. for rifles and 6 ft.lbs. for pistols).

1.3 Access

- 1.3.1 All Members and Guests of the Club must comply with the "Ticket Rule" (*see Rule 4.2 below*)
- 1.3.2 All invited guests are the responsibility of the host member who is required to ascertain that their guest(s) are not disqualified from shooting under Sec 21 of the Firearms Act 1968. Host members are also required to make their guest(s) aware of the Club Rules and Safety Policy. Guests must subsequently sign the Diary of Attendance to indicate that they are compliant with the law and understand the Club Rules and Safety Policy. A brief note after their signature that identifies them as "Guest of ...members name..." should be added.
- 1.3.3 Members of the public who present themselves uninvited at the Club Grounds will, despite their lack of an invitation, be deemed to have been invited by the Club and have the status of Club Guest. They should be hosted by an Officer of the Club, but in the absence of any such Officer, may be hosted by any Full Member (not a Junior). The procedure as described in Rule 1.3.2 applies. Should the arrival of an uninvited guest be inconvenient to those members on site, the members should politely request that they arrange to visit at an agreed time. Contact information should be supplied if necessary.
- 1.3.4 All attendees, whether members or guests, must sign the Diary of Attendance when visiting Club facilities. This Diary is in the club hut and is to be signed in the appropriate date. Anyone visiting Club facilities outside of 'normal' meeting times should make a brief note as to the reason for their presence. In the case of indoor sessions there is a sheet that must be completed by all attendees at each session
- 1.3.5 The course and club facilities adjacent to Shebbear College are available for Full and (*subject to para 1.4.2*) Junior Members to use at any time after 0900 daily, provided that no inconvenience is caused to the landlord (Shebbear College). The committee however reserves the right to restrict access to the facilities to normal club shoots and regular practice sessions only, unless a member of the club's committee is present or the committee's prior written permission has been given.

- 1.4 Supervision
- 1.4.1 Persons under the age of 18 (eighteen) may only join the club as Junior Members at the discretion of the club's committee.
 - 1.4.2 Prospective members who wish to shoot indoors will need to undergo a period of induction during which time they will be expected to demonstrate their ability and understanding of safe practices, with particular reference to shooting in an indoor environment.
 - 1.4.3 Juniors under the age of 14 (fourteen) must be directly supervised at all times by an adult over the age of 21 (twenty-one) – that adult cannot shoot whilst supervising such a Junior.
 - 1.4.4 The supervising adult will usually be a parent or guardian; where this is not the case the supervising adult must agree to be appointed.
 - 1.4.5 Student Members shoot with the agreement of Shebbear College and undergo training sessions at specific pre-arranged times. These members, who can only shoot under the supervision of a properly qualified training officer or coach at the afore-mentioned times, do not have access to the club hut and have no voting rights at AGMs, SGMs and EGMs. They are not permitted to use the club facilities at any time other than the aforementioned training sessions.

- 1.5 New Members
- 1.5.1 On application to join, new members will be required to give documentary proof of their name and home address.
 - 1.5.2 They will serve a probationary period on joining the club.
 - 1.5.3 During the probationary period their behaviour, general demeanour and attitude will be observed.
 - 1.5.4 The club committee will sit to decide on full acceptance of new members as and when necessary.
 - 1.5.5 Details of the acceptance procedure may be found in the relevant document, Admission Procedure, latest revision.

2 **Behaviour**

- 2.1 General Behaviour
- 2.1.1 Members inviting guests to participate in club activities shall be held responsible for the behaviour of those guests and shall ensure that they are made aware of, and conform to, the club's safety rules.
 - 2.1.2 No member or guest shall touch another member's gun(s) or possessions without first obtaining the owner's permission.
 - 2.1.3 Nothing other than approved targets shall be shot on the club's grounds. No animals, birds or vermin shall be deliberately shot on the club's grounds or neighbouring ground by club members or their guests.
 - 2.1.4 Target number plates and other signs will not be shot at.
 - 2.1.5 Members will not litter, spoil or deface the club's grounds or property.
 - 2.1.6 Radios will not be played on club grounds.
 - 2.1.7 Pets (other than the Club Mascot, if there is one) are not permitted on club grounds.
 - 2.1.8 Any member breaking the club's safety code or other rules will be subject to a disciplinary hearing (*See section 5 below*).
- 2.2 Etiquette
- 2.2.1 All members are expected to assist in the maintenance of the club property and ranges.
 - 2.2.2 The zeroing range is provided to allow members to calibrate their guns. Extensive use of this area for plinking may hinder the use of this facility. Remember there is a plinking area outside the confines of the zero range.

3 **Insurance**

- 3.1 The club will maintain civil liability cover at all times. All members of the club shall be covered for Third Party risks for shooting activities via the club's insurance policy.
- 3.2 Members are advised to cover valuable equipment for loss or damage via their Household Contents insurance as the club policy does not extend to personal equipment.
- 3.3 The club does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to members' (or their guests') possessions, however caused.

4 **Subscriptions**

- 4.1 General
 - 4.1.1 The club's subscription year runs from 1st February to 31st January.
 - 4.1.2 New members joining part way through the year shall pay a proportional subscription for their first year calculated on the number of months or part left to run, plus one month
 - 4.1.3 Members shall pay their annual subscriptions when required to do so, and any other shooting fees (e.g. tickets) due to the club. Junior and Student members shall pay half the full subscription.
- 4.2 Tickets
 - 4.2.1 Session fees for members and guests are paid by means of the ticket rule for use of the range. Indoor session fees are paid in cash before the commencement of each session.
 - 4.2.2 Tickets are available for purchase from a club officer during regular sessions. Junior member tickets are half the price of Full member tickets.
 - 4.2.3 Each member shall deposit a named and dated ticket in the designated box at each visit to the range if they shoot.
 - 4.2.4 Student Members are not subject to the ticket rule
- 4.3 Guests
 - 4.3.1 Full adult members may host guests by depositing two of their own tickets per guest (one ticket for junior guests) and writing the name of the guest and the date on the reverse side. The host must also ensure that the Diary of Attendance is completed in respect of each person.
 - 4.3.2 Junior members cannot host any guests.

5 **Disciplinary Hearing**

- 5.2 Such hearings will arise as the result of inappropriate or unsafe conduct by members. In order to prevent disciplinary action being taken, care must be exercised to learn and adhere to membership rules, as they are there to ensure the safe and smooth running of the facilities.
- 5.3 If disciplinary action is deemed appropriate at the time of alleged offence, the member(s) concerned will be given notice of disciplinary hearing.
- 5.4 A disciplinary board will consist of 2 or more members of management. In a case involving a Student Member this will usually be the Training officers who were coaching at the time.
- 5.5 Club members accused of breaking club rules may attend the hearing and may call upon witnesses to the alleged offence(s) in aid to their defence.
- 5.6 A fair and unbiased hearing can be expected from the disciplinary board, their duty is to uphold safety standards and integrity of the club.
- 5.7 Verdicts of "Unsafe Conduct" may result in membership being revoked with forfeit of subscription, or result in a formal warning being given, depending on the severity of the offence.
- 5.8 Verdicts of "Unsuitable Conduct" will result in a formal warning being given. Any repeat offender's membership will be revoked.
- 5.9 The Disciplinary Board's verdicts are final and irreversible without further evidence being produced.
- 5.10 Student Members will also be subject to any disciplinary procedures required by Shebbear College