

PRESTON AND DISTRICT RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

Conditions of Membership

1. It is not possible to allow persons to have access to firearms and ammunition or to the range unless they are:
 - a. **Full Members or Probationary Members of this club.**
 - b. **In possession of a current personal Firearms Certificate.**
 - c. **Full members of another club.**

There is a six months Probationary Membership period required under club rules for all new members. These regulations are part of the approval criteria for Rifle and Pistol Clubs. During this first six months period, probationary members are expected to attend the Range for practice on at least TWELVE occasions.

On completion of the six months probationary membership and a minimum of 12 Range visits during this time, full membership may be granted at the absolute discretion of the committee. The decision shall be final and is not subject to any possible appeal, in any circumstances.

On achieving full membership, all members (including those members who are in possession of a personal Firearm Certificate) must attend the Range/Altcar on 12 occasions for practice during the membership year. Members must record details of their Firearms use in the personal attendance log at the range. Failure to do this could result in a refusal by the Firearms Registry to grant/renew their certificate.

Members are also expected to take part in any Club Competitions/Club Activities (including maintenance & training).

2. At present the Club facilitates:

Tuesday – from 7:30pm / Wednesday – from 7:30pm

Air weapons, Pistol calibre carbine, and sporting small bore rifle using ammunition up to range limits (Max Calibre .455 / Max Muzzle Velocity 520 m/s / Max Muzzle energy 645J / Only Solid Lead Pointed or Round Nose Bullet Heads permitted – no wad cutters, hollow point or jacketed).

Friday – from 7:30pm

Plus Black Powder Pistols (Refer to Range Standing Orders for Restrictions/Requirements).

2nd Sunday of the month – 11:30am

Outdoor shooting at Altcar Ranges (distances from 200 to 600 yds) regardless of weather conditions. (Max Calibre .455 / Max Muzzle Velocity 1000 m/s / Max Muzzle energy 4500J).

Members can look up Altcar dates on www.prestonshooters.org.uk/altcar_dates.html.

We share our Club Facilities with an Indoor Archery Club, with both longbow / crossbow on Sunday at 10:00am / Monday at 7:30pm / Thursday 7:30pm. Outdoor archery weather and daylight permitting up to 100yds. Qualified coach available by prior arrangement.

3. The Probationary Membership Fees for the membership year are listed at the club and on downloads at www.prestonshooters.org.uk/downloads.html (Probationary membership lasts 1 months + 5 months = 6 months total).
4. It is an offence for someone who is prohibited by section 21 of the Firearms Act to have a Firearm or ammunition in their possession at any time. Section 21 applies to anyone who has been sentenced to imprisonment or to youth custody or detention in a young offender's institution for three months or more. If the sentence was for longer than three years the prohibition is for life, between three months and three years the prohibition lasts for five years. It is an offence for someone to give, lend, transfer or hire a firearm / ammunition to someone whom he/she has reasonable grounds for believing to be prohibited by section 21. Although air weapons are not generally covered by certification procedures, the prohibitions do extend to **all** firearms.
5. Persons chosen by you as referees must be either:-
 - a. Two Full Members of the Club.
 - b. One Full Member of this Shooting Club who is a Firearm Certificate Holder.
 - c. One other personal reference in writing.(excluding family members or friends)

The personal reference must satisfy the same conditions of the persons authorised to counter / sign a Firearms Application i.e. persons who would be qualified to countersign a Passport Application. These referees must be satisfied there is no reason why you should not have access to firearms and ammunition. It is a club rule that all members attend the range at least 12 times per year. Failure to comply with this rule may result in membership renewals being refused.

This document should be read in conjunction with all the terms and conditions of the constitution of the club. Juniors are defined in the constitution and must complete competency and supervision requirements.

P:
Date:
Period:

PRESTON AND DISTRICT RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
Application for Membership

1. Surname: _____ Forenames: _____

E mail: _____

2. Full Postal Address: _____

3. Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

4. Have you ever been a member of this or any other Shooting Club? Yes/No. If YES give details:-

5. Please list any previous experience in shooting and the weapons you are familiar with. Also previous or current clubs of which you are a member and the number of years shooting (use rear of sheet):-

6. Do you hold a current firearm or shotgun certificate? Yes/No. If YES give details:-

Certificate No _____ Expiry Date _____

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7. Have you at any time had an application for the grant or renewal of a firearm or shotgun certificate refused or a certificate revoked? YES/NO. If YES give details:-

8. Please indicate the activities in which you are interested, (see note 2 overleaf) _____

Applications must be accompanied by a passport size photograph.

Cheques must be made payable to: **-PRESTON AND DISTRICT RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB**

9. I understand that if this application is accepted, full membership will only be granted on completion of a satisfactory six months probationary membership period. I enclose cheque/cash for _____ membership fee covering the 1 / 6 months probationary membership period, (see note 3 above)

10. I give my permission for the information provided to be held on a computer controlled by the Officers of the Club. This information may not be divulged, loaned, rented or sold to a Third Party without my written permission. (The law now requires that applications are passed to the Police Firearms Registry)

11. I declare that I am not prohibited from having access to firearms and ammunition under Section 21 of the Firearms Act. (see note 4 above).
12. I hereby declare that the information I have submitted to the Club is true and confirm that I have read and understood the following additional documents:-
- a) Constitution of the Club
 - b) Range Standing Orders
 - c) The Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain – Safety considerations relating to indoor ranges
 - d) Conditions of Membership
 - e) Completed the initial safety brief

I hereby declare that I will at all times and in all circumstances abide by the rules, conditions, regulations, commands and orders contained in the above mentioned documents.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(A photocopy of the applicant passport is required for security reasons)

Applicants must be proposed and seconded, (see note 5 above)

We the undersigned (being Full Members of PDRPC or the person originating the attached reference) hereby propose and second the above applicant and state that to the best of our knowledge and belief the candidate is a suitable person to be a member of this Club.

Name _____ Signature _____ Tel No _____

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Whilst target shooting is one of the safest sports, all firearms, if handled carelessly can be very dangerous.

For your own safety and the safety of others it is essential you follow all

RANGE STANDING ORDERS

If you observe any breach of the standing orders, it must be reported immediately to a club official.

*****Any person parking their vehicle on the Club car park does so at their own risk. The Club will not be held responsible for any accidents, loss or damages.*****

PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP TRAINING LOG

Probationer's Name: _____

Probationer's Membership Number: P/ _____

Training/Breifing Provided	RCO (Print Name)	RCO (Initials)	Date (Day/Month/Year)
PDRPC Range and Range Office Layout & Procedures			
PDRPC Constitution			
PDRPC Range Orders			
.22" RF Bolt Action Rifle			
.22" RF Semi Auto Rifle			
.378/.38 Special Under Lever			
Black Powder Revolver			
.22" RF Revolver			
.357/.38 Special Revolver			
Air Pistol			
Air Rifle			
.308 Win Bolt Action Rifle			
NRA Probationary Course (Theory)			