

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 new members who do not already possess a Firearm Certificate. 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 whose decision shall be final and is not subject to any possible appeal in any circumstances. Members who are in possession of a personal Firearm Certificate must attend the range for practice during the membership year and 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 renew their certificate.

They are also expected to take part in any Club competitions.

2. At present the Club caters for:
Air weapons, Pistol calibre carbine and sporting small bore rifle using ammunition up to range limits on:
Tuesday – from 7:30pm / Wednesday – from 7:00pm / Friday – from 7:30pm – all the above and Black Powder Pistol
2nd Sunday of the month – outdoor shooting at Altcar Ranges (200 / 300 yds+) regardless of weather conditions
Members can look up Altcar dates at http://www.prestonshooters.org.uk/altcar_dates.html
3. The Probationary Membership Fees for the membership year listed at the club and on downloads at http://www.prestonshooters.org.uk/downloads/club_documents/pdf/club_pricelist.pdf (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 offenders 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

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Application for Probationary Membership

1. Surname _____ Forenames _____
2. E mail _____
3. Full Postal Address

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

6. 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 this form if necessary):-
7. Do you hold a current firearm or shotgun certificate? Yes/No. If YES give details:-
Certificate No _____ Expiry Date _____ Certificate No _____ Expiry Date
8. 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:-

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

Applications must be accompanied by a passport size photograph.
Cheques must be made payable to: -

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10. 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)
11. I give my permission for the information provided to be held on a computer controlled by the Officers of the Club as well as the secure servers of our membership partners. 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)
12. 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)

13. 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 and a copy of a recent utility bill 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 one parking their car on the club car park does so at their own risk.