

# ISLE TARGET SPORTS CLUB

Established 1979



Home office Approved Club No:	CFP/10/1/7/4/1/2/1/2/3/315
NRA Affiliation No.	448
UKPSA Affiliation No.	302
MLAGB Affiliation No.	5806
Chairman:	Mr C Clingham
Secretary	Mr P Easey

## Rules

Effective:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2004	Amended:	October 2005 November 2009 October 2010 October 2011 January 2014 November 2019
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- 1) The secretary shall convene general meetings, (annual or extraordinary). If circumstances permit, twenty-eight days' notice of an annual general meeting should be given but for both types of meeting, notification must be posted or sent via email seven clear days prior to the meeting, to the last known address of the member.
- 2) The chairman of the club then in office, or his deputy, shall chair general meetings or if they are not present a full member elected by the meeting.
- 3) The chairman shall conduct the annual general meeting to cover the following:
  - a) To ensure that a quorum is present.
  - b) To record apologies for absence.
  - c) To present the minutes of the previous meeting and seek approval of same as a true record (with amendments if required).
  - d) To deal with matters arising from the minutes.
  - e) To present the chairman's report.
  - f) To present the treasurers report and accounts and seek approval of same as a true record (with amendments if required).
  - g) To present reports of any other officers of the club as appropriate.
  - h) To recommend the fees and subscriptions for the following year and seek approval.
  - i) To present rules made by the Committee during the year and seek approval.
  - j) To present any proposed changes to the constitution and/or rules.
  - k) To conduct the election of the Committee for the following year.
  - l) To elect the auditor(s).
  - m) To present any other business.
  - n) To present any votes of thanks.
- 4) For an extraordinary general meeting, only the resolution for which the meeting was called shall be dealt with and no other.
- 5) An extraordinary general meeting may be called for a specific purpose by a resolution signed by twelve full members or more and delivered to the secretary. The secretary shall convene a meeting within 28 days of receipt of the request and give a minimum of seven days' notice of such a meeting.

- 6) Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st January of each year and should be paid by the 31st of January. No reminder notices will be issued. Failure to respond by 31st of January will be taken as resignation from the club. Any subsequent request for reinstatement will be considered by the Committee and if granted will be on terms decided by the Committee. Annual membership renewal fees are to be paid directly to the Membership Secretary. Any such fees that are paid to a third party to be passed on must be in a sealed envelope that includes the membership renewal slip and the payment for the class of membership being renewed.
- 7) Membership categories will be as follows:

### **Non-Section One Firearms<sup>1</sup> Shooting Categories**

#### **Honorary Membership**

Honorary membership may be given for outstanding service to the club or other special reasons. The Committee may make recommendation for such membership to an annual general meeting for a decision by the membership.

#### **Ordinary Family Membership**

Family membership will be restricted to spouse or dependant partner and close family members under eighteen years of age or in full time education. Family members will have no voting rights, but may attend AGM's and EGM's.

#### **Ordinary Membership**

For members wishing to participate in club activities other than those involving firearms as covered by section 15 of the Firearms (Amendment Act 1988). Such members have the same voting rights as full members.

#### **Social Membership**

For members only wishing to participate in social club activities. Social members will have no voting rights, but may attend AGM's and EGM's.

### **All Shooting Categories**

#### **Probationary Membership**

The number of probationary members at any one time shall not exceed one quarter of the full membership. Probationary membership shall be for a minimum period of six months. During this probationary period the probationary member must attend the range regularly and make a minimum of six recorded visits, on designated club days (normally Sunday mornings). The first of these shall be a mandatory instruction period on range safety and the safe handling and use of firearms. Six visits must be counter-signed by a committee member on the reverse of their membership card. Probationary members when in possession of firearms or ammunition must be under constant supervision by a range officer or by a full member of the club who holds a firearm certificate.

During probationary membership that person is expected to show both enthusiasm and responsibility towards the sport, and the NRA Probationary course will be mandatory for new probationary members and will be delivered in a modular format on a six-monthly cycle.

On satisfactory completion of the probationary period, the probationary member may make an application to the Committee, through the membership secretary, for full membership. Once Probationary is complete a MEMBER must then serve a further SIX MONTHS of FULL MEMBERSHIP before he/she can apply to be a Club RCO or ask to be assessed for their SAFE SHOOTER CARD.

During a period of probationary membership a probationer may not claim membership of the club in support of any application for a firearms certificate. The Committee reserves the right to vary this condition subject to the current Home Office rules.

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<sup>1</sup> Firearms as covered by Section 15 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988

### **Full Membership**

The Committee at their discretion shall grant full membership. The vote by the Committee to grant such membership shall be a two-thirds majority of those members voting. The decision of the Committee is final.

### **Full Family Membership**

Family membership will be restricted to spouse or dependant partner and close family under eighteen years of age or are in full time education. Family members will have no voting rights, but may attend AGM's and EGM's

### **Concessions**

Senior. Will be granted to those in receipt of the state old age pension.

Disabled. Will be granted to those in receipt of disability/incapacity benefit

### **Affiliated Membership**

This may be granted to full members of other clubs, which have an affiliation agreement with the Isle club. Such members will have no voting rights. Affiliated members, wishing to shoot pistols and/or rifles at ranges controlled by the club must be full members of another Home Office Approved Club, and show proof of authority to hold any firearms (usually a firearms certificate). Affiliated members, while at Isle Club venues, must at all time display a suitable badge of identification, including their name and photograph.

Honorary members may also elect to become shooting members (if not already so) at no additional membership charge, but must comply with the firearms section rules.

### **Firearms Range**

- 8) The club firearm range near Sutton is available on any day except Christmas day. Shooting can only take place between 9.00am and 9.00pm or 1/2hr before dusk whichever is the earliest (there is a local by-law banning any shooting on our range between dusk and 9am the following day). All live firing will be in accordance with the Range Orders.
- 9) For shooting to take place on the firearms range, two full members must be present and one must be a qualified Range Conducting Officer (NRA RCO) or ITSC authorised Range Officer (RO).
- 10) The RCO/RO will read the range orders, which will be kept in the clubroom. The RCO/RO must inspect the range and make appropriate notes on the attendance register of any damage or any condition that may affect shooting. The RCO/RO must sign the attendance register and take responsibility for the range. If the RCO/RO wishes to shoot he must appoint a COMPETENT NON SHOOTING SAFETY SUPERVISOR.
- 11) When using the range those attending must enter their name and signature, membership number, make and calibre of guns used along with the gun **serial number** in the range register on the day of attendance. The time of arrival and departure should also be entered.
- 12) Only firearms and ammunition permitted by the range safety certificate may be used. A copy of the certificate will be displayed at the range. In the latter case, documentary proof must be presented to the RCO/RO that the ammunition qualifies and/or the RCO/RO may insist the ammunition is tested over a chronograph. A club chronograph will be provided for this purpose.
- 13) Members shall not consume alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.
- 14) There shall be no shooting at tin cans or plastic bottles or other unauthorised targets thrown up onto the bullet catcher (Sand).
- 15) There will be no shooting forward of the 15m line.
- 16) There will be no smoking in the indicated restrictive areas of the range.
- 17) All activity within the range and behind the firing points shall be under the jurisdiction of the RCO/RO/SS.
- 18) Control of a detail must be in accordance with RCO/RO training, and may also include any other commands or restrictions appropriate at the time.

- 19) No firearm or kit may be handled whilst any person is forward of the firing point. Any member dangerously pointing a gun, loaded or unloaded, at any person under any circumstances or being guilty of any practice, which in the option of the RCO/RO is dangerous, will be liable to expulsion from the club.
- 20) In the event a member is disciplined by an RCO/RO, or some other serious event takes place that affects shooting, the RCO/RO must inform the club secretary in writing at the earliest opportunity.
- 21) In the event of an accident or incident the RCO/RO will make sure the incident/incident is recorded in the range register and complete the relevant parts of the H&S form. Please note that minor scratches and scuffs should be recorded in the club accident book, as later infection may have legal ramifications. If the accident involves injury that necessitates Hospital treatment or in the opinion of the RCO/RO is extremely serious, the club secretary must be informed immediately. The RCO/RO('s) nominated for any period will remain in charge of the range until they hand over control to the next RCO/RO('s) or until range use for that day ends.
- 22) It is the responsibility of the last RCO/RO('s) to leave the range to ensure that the targets, and other equipment are returned and put away, that the flags and range register are put in the clubroom and that the clubroom, toilets, storage container and range gates are securely locked. The main road gate (A142) must be closed and locked after use either in or out of the range at all times except the club Sunday morning meeting. It need not be locked on the Sunday until shooting for the day is finished.

#### **Other Shooting Areas & Non Section One Firearms Activities**

- 23) The club land near Sutton is available on any day except Christmas day. Shooting can only take place at any time it is deemed to be safe by the safety officer.
- 24) For shooting to take place on the range / land, two Ordinary members must be present and one must be authorised by the Committee as a Safety Officer (SO). If shotgun shooting is taking place, then a SO must be responsible for that activity alone. If the firearm range is in use and a RCO / RO is appointed, the RCO / RO has jurisdiction over any SO.
- 25) The SO will read the range orders, which will be kept in the clubroom. The SO must inspect the shooting areas and make appropriate notes on the attendance register of any damage or any condition that may affect shooting. The SO must sign the attendance register and take responsibility for the range. The SO will not shoot while responsible for the range unless shooting equipment has to be discharged for safety reasons.
- 26) When using the range those attending must enter their name and signature, membership number, and the type of shooting in the range register on the day of attendance. On days other than Sunday the time of arrival and departure should also be entered.
- 27) Members shall not consume alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.
- 28) No shooting equipment may be handled whilst any person is forward of the nominated firing point. Any member dangerously pointing shooting equipment, loaded or unloaded, at any person under any circumstances or being guilty of any practice, which in the option of the SO is dangerous, will be liable to expulsion from the club.
- 29) In the event a member is disciplined by a SO, or some other serious event takes place that affects shooting, the SO must inform the club secretary in writing at the earliest opportunity.
- 30) In the event of an accident or incident the SO will make sure the incident/incident is recorded in the range register and complete the relevant parts of the H&S form. Please note that minor scratches and scuffs should be recorded in the club accident book, as later infection may have legal ramifications. If the accident involves injury that necessitates Hospital treatment or in the opinion of the SO is extremely serious, the club secretary must be informed immediately. The SO('s) nominated for any period will remain in charge of the range until they hand over control to the next SO('s) or until range use for that day ends.
- 31) The SO nominated for any period or detail will remain in charge of the range until they hand over control to the next SO or until range use for that day ends.
- 32) It is the responsibility of the last SO who leaves the range to ensure that the targets and other equipment are returned and put away, that the range register is put in the clubroom and that the clubroom, toilets, storage containers and range gates are securely locked. The main road (A142) gate must be closed and locked after use either in or out of the range at all times except the club Sunday morning meeting. It need not be locked on the Sunday until shooting for the day is finished.

- 33) Disciplinary Procedures - If there is any cause for the instigation of disciplinary procedures then all correspondence from the Committee to the member/s, and any replies to the Committee from the member/s will be by Royal Mail Recorded Delivery.
- 34) Guests not holding a current Firearms Certificate must be at least 18 years of age to handle and shoot firearms during Home Office approved Guest Days.
- 35) The NRA probationary course will be mandatory for all new members who wish to obtain their NRA shooters card. This will be optional for Members extant since 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 who wish to have a Shooters' Card - which will be issued at discretion of the Committee. **A charge to cover costs will be made, at the prevailing rate, to all members wishing to obtain the card.**
- 36) **All RCOs must take control of the range on at least 4 different days per membership year in order to retain their Club RCO status.**

Mr C Clingham  
Chairman Isle Target Sports Club

**Please be advised, there is a strict 10mph speed limit on the entire access road from the A142 right into the range facilities**

