

# Springview Ranges Limited – Club & Range Rules

The contents of this document may be superseded at any time by Springview Ranges Limited. By signing our application for club/range membership or by our signing in register you agree to be bound by the current terms and conditions of our current club rules.

Please ensure you download the current version of our Club Rules from our website at [www.springview-ranges.co.uk](http://www.springview-ranges.co.uk). Alternatively please ask any member of staff for a copy.

Copies of current rules and policy can also be found at the range office.

This document forms a legal agreement between Springview Ranges Limited and the Members, visitors or staff there-in.

The term 'guest' will apply to those who are shooting with the club, with the express Permission of an authorised member who has staff, who have not paid their full membership fee but who have signed this document and or signed in via the range registers.

Signing this form implies that all members and guests of Springview Ranges Limited agree to the clubs health and safety policy, the law of the land as described in the Firearms Act (1968) its and its related acts, and the policies imposed by Springview Ranges Limited including range safety regulations.

The members and their guests must adhere to this policy at all times both on the club premises and whenever taking part in club activities. Failure to do so may result in the member(s) being asked to leave the club indefinitely.

## 1. Storage of firearms, ammunition and related equipment

All guns and related equipment must be stored securely. E.g. locked in a secure area of your vehicle

As a general guidance, rifles & pistols should be stored in gun slips or cases when available and it is advised that trigger locks, breach plugs, or some other form of device that will render a gun unsuitable for firing be used.

Section 1 or Section 2 firearms and shotguns must at all times be carried with the bolt removed (where possible) and or a breech flag fitted. These will be provided if you do not own one.

Section 1 or Section 2 firearms and shotguns must be kept in their slips until you are given instruction to remove them by the range officer or authorised member of staff.

### 2.1 Safe Practice

The following must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so may result in that person's membership being cancelled and any memberships, fees or subscriptions paid are forfeit

### 2.2 Safe Handling

Section 1 Firearms, and Shotguns, Section 2 Shotguns, Air rifles, airsoft guns & archery equipment should be treated as though they are loaded and ready to fire at all times

Always have the barrel pointed in a safe direction (either down range or pointing to the ground, Rifles must be pointed at the sand trap or ground)

Range policy for section 1 and section 2 shotguns is that the muzzle be pointed up at all times as per UKPSA guidelines.

Please note that alcohol or drugs are not permitted on site and by signing this document you confirm you are not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.

If we have reason to believe you are under the influence of any alcohol or drugs of any kind which may affect or impair your judgement you will not be permitted to shoot and it is likely that the company will issue a ban and or termination of membership

When a rifle/shotgun/airgun is not being fired always ensure the action is broken, bolt removed and if possible use a breach flag

Do not point a gun at any one regardless of whether it is loaded or not, When in transport, always make sure the rifle is stored in a gun bag/ slip.

### Safe storage of Firearms and Shotguns Section 1 or Section 2

You are reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure the safe storage of any firearms, shotguns and ammunition.

### 2.3 Shooting

Never fire a firearm or handle any gun or bow of any kind when somebody is down range and ensure the action is broken

Do not shoot outside the parameters of the ground or any marked boundaries. All projectiles must strike the backstop directly after passing through your target.

Take every precaution possible to avoid a ricochet. Paper or soft Targets only.

Always use safety catches when possible, or in the absence of a safety catch, ensure actions are broken when the rifle is not being fired and that the bolt is removed or action locked back.

### 2.4 General Care and the Countryside Code

Strictly no shooting of any wildlife unless you are authorized to control vermin or pest species by us.

Be considerate to others, cross lane firing may be unsafe and for this reason is not permitted.

If anybody not associated with the ground strays near the premises make it known to a range officer, staff member and shout 'cease fire' and wait until they are a safe distance away from the ground.

In the event that a member of the public enters the ground kindly ask their reasons for being there and tell them for reasons of health and safety they mustn't stray into the live firing area or walk behind the target area.

Remember always to be polite to non-members and members of the public. You are representing our sport

Health and safety is common sense. If you see anybody acting in an unsafe manner it is your duty to report it immediately to a member of staff and the range officer on duty.

### 2.5 AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS – VERY IMPORTANT!

#### Toddington Site Ammunition Restrictions

The following calibers are permitted loaded to a maximum factory load.

17 HMR, 22 WMR, 22 LR, 38 SPL, 357 MAG, 44 SPL, 44 MAG, 45 ACP, 45 COLT, 9mm Luger

**All other calibers are expressly forbidden unless authorised by a member of staff.**

Expanding ammunition as of 02/05/2017 is now classified as section 1 and now permitted for use on the ranges.

Should you wish to zero a larger caliber and you have a suitable land condition on your firearm certificate it may only be carried out with full supervision from a member of staff and as a rule we do not generally permit this activity.

Shotgun ammunition of any caliber (maximum of 12 bore/gauge) may be used at our PSG site without inspection but up to a maximum shot size of 7.5 birdshot. Any other ammunition must be approved by a member of staff. No Buckshot or Slug ammunition is permitted at any time on the PSG Range. Buckshot may be used on the rifle range only with the express permission of the range officer on duty.

Section 1 slug ammunition is only permitted at our fullbore site

### 2.6 Purchase of Section 1 and Section 2 Ammunition

Rimfire Rifle Club members who do not hold a current firearms certificate are not permitted to take any live ammunition from the range. You will commit a serious offence in doing so and where we have reason to believe this has happened we will report it to the police immediately.

Shotgun ammunition purchased for use on our grounds may not be taken from our premises unless you hold a current shotgun certificate. While you do not require a certificate to possess shotgun cartridges / ammunition you do to purchase unless the club holds a section 11(6) exemption.

If you hold a current Firearms Certificate the original must be produced in order to purchase Section 1 ammunition. It is club policy to record this purchase on your certificate as you may wish to take any surplus home with you.

If you hold a current Shotgun Certificate and wish to take any remaining cartridges home with you your original shotgun certificate must be produced.

### 2.7 Section 11(6) of the Firearms Act 1968 (Exemption)

Springview Ranges Limited hold a section 11(6) authority permitting members of the public to use section 2 shotguns while fully supervised by a member of staff at our approved sites. This permits individuals who do not hold a current shotgun certificate to use shotguns at our ranges when supervised by a member of staff.

### 2.8 Additional Membership Conditions

All Staff, Visitors and Members must sign in and out of the Range Register, membership cards must be worn at all times.

You may be asked at any time to produce your Firearm or Shotgun certificate.

Membership fees once paid are non refundable for any reason whatsoever.

Aggressive behavior physical or verbal of any kind towards a member of staff or another guest or member will not be tolerated and we will revoke the membership of any individual deemed by us to be behaving this way.

### 2.9 Police Liaison

We are bound by law to report specific information to the Firearms Licensing Departments concerning your attendance, applications, revocations, lapsed membership.

Probationary members must attend the ranges and use a club issued firearm and ammunition a minimum of 18 times in a period no shorter than three months. If we deem it appropriate we may extend this period to any period we deem necessary to ensure you have completed a full course of instruction in the safe use of firearms and ammunition.

Police Checks – Should you fail to be accepted as a member, all membership fees paid are NON REFUNDABLE.

Should you wish to cancel your membership then all membership fees are NON REFUNDABLE

**If your membership is not renewed by the due date we will cancel your membership and immediately inform the Firearms Licensing department. We are required by law to do this.**

Your attendance record and any other relevant information will routinely be exchanged with the Police Firearms Licensing department.

Where a member does not attend in any four month period we will cancel your membership. We expect all full members to attend our ranges a minimum of eight times per year. Probationary members may have their membership canceled if any do not attend in any two month period. We are strictly limited to the number of probationary members we are permitted to have and therefore require our probationary members to complete their 18 visit minimum within a reasonable period of time. Probationary membership is not granted simply to allow casual access to firearms and where believe this is the case we may cancel your membership with us. Once a membership is canceled you will need to re-apply and any previous visits will not count or be considered.

If membership is cancelled by Springview Ranges Limited for any reason concerning a members poor behavior or conduct they will be asked to leave the grounds and any memberships, green fee's etc are non refundable.

Range officers (with staff ID) will normally be present to ensure your safety and the decision of the range officer or chief range conducting officer on duty is final.

No use of Section 1 shotguns or firearms or section 2 shotguns is permitted on the rifle range where a range officer is not supervising the firing points. If you hold a green cert card or are authorised by a range officer you may shoot unsupervised on the PSG Range. All clay pigeon members who hold a shotgun certificate may shoot on the clay pigeon ranges unsupervised.

By signing the register of visitors, members or an application for club membership you accept that you enter the grounds and surrounding land entirely at your own risk.

You agree that you will in no way whatsoever attempt to hold any organization or person responsible for any injury sustained or other accident that may occur while on any part of the grounds or surrounding land for any reason.

You agree to make no claims for any damage, loss to any personal property or consequential loss which may have occurred while on the grounds or surrounding land.

You agree to accept full responsibility for yourself and your property whilst on the grounds and that our landowners or Springview Ranges Limited or any associate may not be held liable to any claim.

Any safety warning or infractions given to you will be recorded on your file held with us for a minimum of 18 months.

Our decision is final in all matters and we do not usually permit the right of appeal. If any appeal is authorised you may bring along another full member of the club as a witness where required.

### 3.0 CANCELLATION

The club reserves the right to cancel, suspend or refuse to renew memberships at any time and for any reason. We are required in almost all cases to inform your local firearms licensing department immediately.

You may cancel your membership at any time by providing this in writing. Any paid memberships are NON REFUNDABLE

### 3.1 CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & OR PENDING MATTERS WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

You are required to disclose any matters relating to a criminal conviction or a caution regardless of their date. Should you subsequently receive a conviction of any kind or be subject to any matters concerning the criminal justice system you must inform us immediately. We maintain liaison with the police regarding the status of our members and you must inform us if anything changes.

By Signing this document you confirm you have no criminal convictions apart from those disclosed to us in writing and that we are fully aware of.

### 3.2 MEDICAL CONDITIONS

You must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your suitability to safely use an airgun, firearm or archery equipment. If you are unsure of any specific conditions which may affect this then you must ask. Unless you have declared to us you do have medical conditions by signing this document you confirm you do not suffer from any medical conditions which may affect your suitability to use airguns, firearms and ammunition and archery equipment.

### 3.3 STORAGE OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA, Data Protection Act and GDPR

By signing our range registers or terms and conditions, range safety regulations and membership application you expressly consent that we store your data in hard copy and electronic format. We must store all information relating to firearms and ammunition transactions for a period of 20 years. This is a requirement of the firearms act and so no right to delete this data under GDPR or other data protection law exists.

### SIGNATURE

I have read and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions in this agreement. I also understand that each time I sign the range register as a guest or participant that I agree to the terms and conditions in force at this time.

- 1) I have no criminal convictions or cautions of any time regardless of their date and I have no pending matters with the criminal justice system.
- 2) I have no medical conditions which would affect my suitability to safely use firearms, airguns, and ammunition or archery equipment.
- 3) I will immediately notify Springview Ranges if any of my circumstances change which could affect my safe use of firearms and ammunition.

**Signed**

**Date** / /

**Print Name**