

Batley and district Gun Club Constitution

Rule 1

The club shall be called The Batley and District gun Club, and this shall be adhered to at all times.

The club shall have a President, Vice President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other members.

All officers shall be fully paid up members and may be honorary.

Rule 2

The club shall consist of: The officers of the above mentioned and six other members.

The quorum at the committee meeting shall not be less than five.

There shall be monthly committee meetings and also the Secretary at the request of any three members of the committee shall forthwith call a committee meeting on seven days' notice.

All officers and committee members shall hold office for one year and be elected at the AGM meeting.

Rule 3

The joining fee shall be £... per annum thereafter.

Rule 4

All members shall hold current game licences as required.

Rule 5

No person shall be allowed to participate in any club shooting activities unless he/she be a fully subscribed member or unless he/she be an invited person fully approved by the committee.

Rule 6

No person shall be allowed to use any land over which the club has shooting rights unless he/she is a fully subscribed member.

Rule 7

The committees ruling shall be final in all respects relating to the administration of the club, and the committee from time to time may make rules for the use and maintenance of the clubs right to property.

Rule 8

The committee shall on proof to its satisfaction and in its absolute discretion, have the power to expel any member whomsoever whose conduct (whether act or omission) it considers to be contrary to the best interests of the club or detrimental to the good name of the sport of Wildfowling or Shooting.

The member shall be summoned to appear before the committee to explain any alleged misconduct

Rule 9

Under no circumstances whatsoever shall a member pass beyond the limits over which the club has shooting rights except to recover game or wildfowl shot over the club's land and then only with previous consent of the adjoining occupier, and in any such case the member's gun shall be left within the boundaries of the land over which the club has shooting rights.

Rule 10

The shooting seasons of the club shall be in accordance with the Wild birds Protection Act of 1954, The Game Act 1831 and the statutory instruments made under the last amended act.

Rule 11

Every member shall carry whilst engaged on any club activity a current signed up membership card, which is not transferable and must be produced on demand by any club officer, member of the Police Force, landowner or any authorised person.

The membership card shall be signed by the Treasurer or the Secretary and by the member him/herself.

Rule 12

The Chairman shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting on 14 days written notice stating the purpose of such a S.G.M and also the Secretary on receipt of the written request signed by any 10 members shall call on 7 days' notice a S.G.M.

Any such request shall set out the reasons why such a S.G.M is to be called and the notice convening the meeting shall state fully the business to be transacted thereat. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

Rule 13

Members' dogs must be kept under control and not allowed to interfere with the sport of others on the shoot. All members must ensure that their dogs do not trespass or chase cattle or sheep.

Rule 14

Any member who is one month or more in arrears with their subscriptions may at the absolute discretion of the committee have their membership terminated, having been given proof warning in writing

Rule 15

The AGM meeting shall be held on the first week in May every year.

Any amendments to club rules, after the first year office can be made only at this meeting or at a special meeting called for that particular purpose on 14 days' notice in writing to all members.

Properly audited accounts shall be published to the members at the AGM.

Notice of the AGM shall be given in writing to all members not less than 21 days before such a meeting,

The notice shall contain the agenda and no other business except with the Chairman's permission be transacted at the AGM.

Rule 16

It is the object of the club to promote and protect the sport of Shooting and Wildfowling in particular and members shall at all times do their utmost to further the aims of the Wildfowling Association of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Field Sports Society.

Rule 17

It is the responsibility of every member to report any contravention of any of the above rules to the committee.

The club shall hold no responsibility in respect of any accident or mishap which may arise out of the activity of members or visitors in any of the shooting grounds.

Rule 18

Resolutions at all committee and G.M's shall be decided by a show of hands.

The chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Rule 19

The decision of the Executive Committee on any matter specifically provided for in the foregoing rules shall be final.

Rule 20

The committee hold the right to refuse enrolment of any would be member who is considered undesirable, neither shall they or any of them disclose the reason for such a refusal.

Rule 21

All records shall be kept of:

A All game shot by members on club shoots.

B All wildfowl shot, whether on club ground or otherwise, in order to assist in wildfowl investigation.

Rule 22

Cheques concerning club finance must have the joint signature of the Chairman and Treasurer.

Rule 23

The committee reserve the right to amend or make new rules during the first year, but any such rules shall be approved and confirmed by the club at the AGM.

Rule 24

It is the condition of membership that the club shall not be held responsible for any accident, injury or legal misfortune incurred by members or visitors.

Rule 25

The club membership shall be left open to the discretion of the committee.

Rule 26

The club bankers be the Midland Bank, Batley.

Rule 27

Application forms should be proposed by a club member and seconded by a committee member.

Rule 28

Subscriptions are due April each year.

Rule 29

The committee have the right to refuse any application and no reason has to be given for such refusal.

The refusal should be carried unanimously by the committee members present at the AGM.

Rule 30

The consideration of the applicant shall take place after the monthly G.M in closed session if necessary.

CPSA Rules for Sporting Clays

The targets release shall take place at any time up to three seconds after the word pull.

No more than 2 cartridges will be loaded at any one time.

Targets killed.

One visible piece of clay must be broken off.

Gun position is optional when calling for a target.

Targets Lost.

Safety catch on.

The cartridge was loaded in the wrong chamber.

Malfunction of the gun or cartridge.

Not releasing the trigger after the first shot has been fired.

The shooting and sighting of guns not allowed outside the stand.

Simultaneous Pairs

The shooter has the right to shoot either of the targets first,

Both targets killed with the first or second shot is deemed pair killed.

No target is declared if:

The targets are broken

The targets come from the wrong trap

The wrong colour is sent

If the referee cannot decide if the target has been killed or not.

Targets lost

No.1

A pair from the same trap or a pair thrown from two traps simultaneously (at the same time)

If the bird is killed and the second is a no bird, nothing established. The pair is taken again

No2

On report from one trap.

If the first bird is killed and the second a no bird.

The first bird is established, the pair will be taken again and the second bird to count.

No. 3

Two traps, one from each trap on report.

A following pair from one trap, two birds in the air at the same time (simultaneous pair).

If the first bird is killed and the second a no bird, nothing established, pair again.

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