



# Chichester Rifle and Pistol Club

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[www.chichesterrifleclub.co.uk](http://www.chichesterrifleclub.co.uk)



## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in Chichester Rifle and Pistol Club. We are a Home Office Approved firearms club shooting small-bore rifles at our purpose built indoor 25 yard range.

CRPC is a Community Amateur Sports club, affiliated to the National Smallbore Rifle Association and the National Rifle Association. Our patrons are the Mayor of Chichester and Covers Ltd Chairman, Patrick Green Esq.

The principal disciplines we shoot are prone target rifle and benchrest using .22 LR rimfire ammunition.

### Joining The Club

Anyone wishing to join must first visit the Club, preferably on a Wednesday evening between 7:30pm and 9:00pm.

You need to be at least 12 years old to become a member. If you are aged between 12 and 14 a parent or guardian must accompany you on every visit.

It should be noted that if you are not a current Firearms Certificate holder or a member of another gun club, then you are not allowed to handle guns or ammunition on your first visit.

On your first visit:

- You must sign the visitor's book to prove your attendance
- You will be given an application pack consisting of:
  - Information For Applicants
  - Information On Shooting Activities
  - Range Safety Rules
  - Data Privacy Notice
  - Membership Application Form
  - General Data Protection Consent Form
  - Covid-19 One Time Liability Release Waiver Form
  - Section 21 Declaration Form  
(Possession of Firearms by a person convicted of crime)
- These forms are also available for download on the club website
- Completed forms can be handed to the Range Conducting Officer (RCO) on the night, or returned on the next Club shooting night
- The probationary membership fee can be paid to the RCO at the same time, or paid on line if you prefer
- Upon receipt of a correctly completed form and the probationary membership fee, you will become a probationary member enabling you to receive instruction and shoot

## **Probationary Membership**

- You will receive a red Probationary Membership Card which you must bring with you every time you attend
- Always make sure your attendance is signed and dated on the card by the RCO
- Probationary membership allows you to use the club's equipment and rifles
- Remember to take a note of your favourite kit and the settings on your equipment form for next time
  
- If you are a beginner, you must first attend a minimum of 6 times during your 6 month probationary period
- As the club emerges from the covid restrictions, we are offering a 3 week course as an introduction to firearms safety. These will take place on Saturday mornings at the range.
- Once you have successfully completed the course, you will be allowed to complete your 6 month probationary period by attending the club on Wednesday evenings, 19.30-21.30
- You will be supervised by an RCO on each visit who must also sign your Red Card
- Your ammunition is stored at the club. You must NEVER remove it from the premises.
- At the end of this period assuming you have shot regularly you will be able to request full membership of the Club.
  
- Experienced shooters who are members of another club or have a firearms certificate can shoot at club events as a probationary member while their application is being processed.

## **Full Membership**

- The Membership Secretary will take up your references during your probationary period
- The Club Secretary will also seek approval from the Police Firearms Department that they have no objection to you becoming a member.
- The club's Management Committee will decide to offer you full membership based upon references, police feedback and instructor comments.
- Once you are approved to become a full member, you will be asked to pay the balance of the annual membership fee due.
- You will then receive a Blue Membership Card which you should bring with you on every visit to the club.

As you start to gain confidence, you may start to think about buying your own clothing and equipment. You may even want to apply for a Firearms Certificate and buy your own rifle. The club has a wealth of experienced shooters who will be only too happy to help you make the right decisions.

Target shooting is a long established and highly competitive sport. Your journey from club shooting to National, International or even Olympic competition standards can start here.

We hope you enjoy it.