



Information for Applicants

Thank you for your interest in Chichester Rifle and Pistol Club. We are a target shooting club with our own purpose built indoor 25 yard range.

CRPC is a Community Amateur Sports club, approved by the Home Office and affiliated to the National Small-bore 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 small-bore prone target rifle using .22 LR rimfire ammunition and benchrest target rifle using either small-bore or air rifles.

Joining The Club

Anyone wishing to join must first contact the membership secretary to arrange a visit the Club.

You need to be at least 12 years old to become a member. If you are aged between 12 and 15 a parent or guardian must accompany you on every visit.

Section 21 of the Firearms Act restricts access to firearms for people with certain types of criminal conviction. Please check the Section 21 Declaration for more information.

Applicants are not allowed to shoot until their second visit.

On your first visit:

- You must sign the visitor's book to prove your attendance.
- You will be given this Membership Application Pack . (You can also print copies out at home).
- Completed forms can be handed to the duty Range Officer (RO) or returned on your next visit.
- The probationary membership fee can be paid to the RO 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

- Probationary Membership lasts 6 months from the month you join, during which you must shoot a minimum of 6 times.
- You will receive a red Probationary Membership Card. This must be signed by the Duty Range Officer every time you shoot.
- **Beginner and intermediate small-bore prone** shooters who are not recent members of another shooting club, must first attend a series of 3 Saturday morning training and assessment sessions.
- **Benchrest Shooters** will be asked to attend on Thursday evenings.
- **Experienced shooters** who are members of, or have just left, another gun club (proof of current or past membership is required) can join without the 6-month probationary period, subject to a satisfactory reference from the other club and a second independent referee.
- Once any training or assessment has been successfully completed, probationary members can shoot on a Wednesday evening for small-bore prone and Thursday evening for benchrest.
- You will be supervised by the Range Conducting Officer (RCO) when you are shooting.
- Your ammunition is stored at the club. You must NEVER remove it from the premises.
- At the end of your probationary period, the club's Management Committee will decide based upon references, police feedback and instructor comments if you can become a full member of the Club.

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.
- Annual Subscriptions are due on 1st April.
- Members who do not wish to renew should inform the club as soon as possible.
- Subscriptions not received by 30th April will automatically cancel any membership.
- Members that hold a current FAC are reminded that they must remain full members of their primary Home Office approved shooting club for their certificate to remain valid.

NSRA Membership - CRPC is affiliated to the NSRA, but please note that Annual Subscriptions do not include individual NSRA membership. The Committee recommends individual membership to the NSRA as a means of support for the National Body of the sport. This is particularly important for all those who own their own shooting equipment. (www.nsra.co.uk)

Insurance - All club members have personal liability insurance cover under the Club policy while taking part in Club activities. However this does not cover members' personal equipment at any time. Those with their own rifles should arrange their own insurance cover and individual NSRA membership offers a suitable policy as part of their membership package.