

Constitution and Rules.

(Revised and Amended by A.G.M. 2012.)

- 1) The Club shall be called :

The Shandon Pistol and Rifle Club.

- 2) The Club shall be affiliated to the following ;

The National Rifle Association.

The Scottish Pistol Association.

The Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain.

The Historical Breechloading Small Arms Association.

and any other Pistol or Rifle association considered necessary by the committee and approved by the Annual General Meeting.

- 3) The object of the Club is to encourage skill in Pistol and Rifle shooting by providing instruction and practice in the safe handling and use of small and large bore Pistol and Rifle.
- 4) The Club shall be subject to such instructions as necessary from the Home Office , Military or other authorities.
- 5) The Club shall meet as arranged by the committee and notified to the members. Ranges may only be used under the control of an attending authorised Range Officer.
Full members of any other approved Club may attend and shoot at The Shandon Pistol and Rifle Club as visitors or guests.
- 6) Fourteen days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to the members setting out the agenda. The following business shall be transacted :
- A) Receive the Office Bearers reports.
 - B) Elect the Office Bearers , Committee members and auditors.
 - C) Revise and amend the Constitution and Rules.
 - D) Consider any other business.
- 7) Club members, dissatisfied with the conduct of the Club, may require the Committee to call an Extraordinary General Meeting providing the following procedure is adhered to.
Members may petition the Committee by setting out the complaint which must be supported by 30% of paid up, full members. The Committee must then call an E.G.M. within 21 days of receiving the petition .
The outcome of an E.G.M. will have the force and effect of an A.G.M.

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- 8) The Club Committee shall number four in total who shall be elected to the offices of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary.
Meetings of the Committee shall be convened as and when required for the conduct of Club business , advance notification of such meetings is to be given by the Club Secretary to all Committee members.
A quorum of three will be required as a minimum for such meetings . In the event of a tied vote at a meeting , the Chairman will be empowered with two votes, the second of which may be used as a casting vote.
The Committee has the power to co-opt a member to serve on the Committee to fill a vacancy.
- 9) The Committee may set such procedures , pay accounts and incur any normal liabilities as it deems necessary to the conduct of Club business.
The Committee and officers are hereby indemnified by the Club against any claim or demand in respect of any liability properly and justifiably incurred on behalf of the Club.
- 10) The Committee may remove from the roll of members any member whose conduct is considered unseemly, objectionable or calculated to bring the Club into disrepute.
such member shall have no claim on the Club for any subscription or attendance fee paid.
The member has the right of appeal to the Committee provided fourteen days notice is given to the Secretary . A special Committee meeting will be held at which the member can present his/her case.
- 11) The Committee may make bye-laws and regulations in regard to the use of the ranges during Club visits. They may draw up conditions of all competitions , range handicapping and matches. The attendance fee for all range sessions shall be fixed by the Committee from time to time .
Attendance fees must be paid on arrival at the range to the Range Officer , anyone failing to pay the due fee shall be required by the Range Officer to leave the range.
- 12) Any officer or member receiving monies or receipts on behalf of the Club shall, forthwith, hand the same to the Treasurer.
- 13) All applications for membership must be made to the Secretary and such applications shall be given consideration by the Committee.
New members who are not in possession of current firearm or shotgun certificates will be subject to a probationary period at the discretion of the Committee with a minimum period of six months.

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- 14) Applicants for membership must be proposed and seconded. One of the sponsors should be a full member of the Club, the other must be a person who has known the applicant personally whether or not that person is a member of the Club.
Experienced shooters with a Firearms / shotgun certificate who are full members of other Clubs will be required to apply for membership in the same manner as a beginner and will also be required to undergo a probationary period.
The probationary period for such a member will be set at a minimum of three months.
During this period all applicants are expected to make as many visits to club shoots as possible.
- 15) Applications for probationary membership can be accepted by an informal meeting of the Committee, no fee shall be payable until the formal acceptance of the probationary member by a full meeting of the Committee.
The full member sponsoring the applicant or a willing full member shall be responsible for providing instruction in the safe handling and use of Firearms in a manner approved by the Committee. Applications for full membership of the Club shall not be approved until the Committee certifies that they are satisfied with the standards reached by the probationary member.
- 16) The Club name may not be used in any application for a Firearms Certificate without the permission of the Secretary, such permission shall only normally be granted to a full member. In any other case the Secretary shall inform the Chief Constable that the policy of the Club is not to allow the Club's name to be used by any person who has not completed the probationary period and been confirmed as a full member of the Club.
- 17) The annual membership subscription shall be that fixed from time to time at Annual General Meetings. All dues or part payment of dues should be made within thirty days of the date of the A.G.M., thereafter a member could be considered to be in default and may be required to re-apply for membership on the terms laid down by the Committee or be considered no longer a member and the Chief Constable informed accordingly.
- 18) The Committee reserves the right to inform the Chief Constable of any member no longer actively engaged in Club activities, who has made less than four appearances per year at Club shoots and, providing no exception has been granted, by the committee to the individual member, this will constitute being no longer actively involved in Club activities and could result in withdrawal of Club membership.
- 19) In the event of the Club dissolving all assets and funds will be donated to the National Rifle Association to be utilised as they deem suitable.