



Comber Rifle Club

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Club Rules and Constitution

1.Name

- 1.1. The Club is called **Comber Rifle Club**

2.Objects

- 2.1. The objects of the club are:
 - 2.1.1. To encourage and foster the sport of competitive target shooting and skill in that sport, by providing access to facilities, instruction, equipment, practice, competition, and tuition for its members.
 - 2.1.2. To promote and encourage understanding co-operation, friendship and goodwill among its' members and friends.
- 2.2. the provision and maintenance of the Club premises, and
- 2.3. all other lawful things as are incidental to or are considered by the Committee to be desirable or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects of the Club

3.Classification of Members

- 3.1. Membership of the Club shall consist of the following classifications:
 - 3.1.1. **Full Shooting Members:** shall be persons prepared to participate regularly in the sport of target shooting, to take part in competition and to assist in the general running of the Club.
 - 3.1.2. **Junior Shooting Members:** shall be persons under 21 years of age prepared to participate regularly in the sport of target shooting and to take part in competition.
 - 3.1.3. **Honorary Members:** Shall be persons who shall be appointed by the Club as Honorary members and who qualify in accordance with Rule 4.3.
 - 3.1.3.1. There may not be more than 5 Honorary members at any one time.
 - 3.1.3.2. Honorary members shall not pay any entrance fee or subscription
 - 3.1.3.3. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership except that they shall not be qualified to be officers or members of the Committee, or to vote as members, or to claim any share of the property of the Club on its dissolution.
 - 3.1.4. **Life Members:** Shall be members who have been accepted as Life members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4.4.
 - 3.1.5. **Probationary Members:** Shall be persons who have applied to be a Full Shooting Member or a Junior Shooting Member who are elected to Probationary Membership pursuant to Clause 5.4

4. Qualification for membership

- 4.1. Qualification for **Full Shooting Membership:** Anyone who is 21 years of age or over who;
 - 4.1.1. Is eligible for membership as set out at Clause 3.1.1.
- 4.2. Qualification for **Junior Shooting Membership:** Anyone who is under 21 years of age who;
 - 4.2.1. Is eligible for membership as set out at Clause 3.1.2.
- 4.3. Qualification for **Honorary Membership:** Anyone who is 21 years of age or over who;
 - 4.3.1. Is eligible for membership as set out at Clause 3.1.3.



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- 4.4. Qualification for **Life Membership**: Anyone who is 21 years of age or over who;
- 4.4.1. Is eligible for membership and has been a full shooting member for 10 years or more and
- 4.4.1.1. Has, in the opinion of the majority of the Committee then in place, rendered especially valuable service to the club or
- 4.4.1.2. Has competed at Olympic or Commonwealth level whilst holding a valid shooting membership of the club and who in the opinion of the majority of the Committee then in place should be admitted as a Life Member to the club.

5. Admission of members

- 5.1. All members must be admitted by election by the Committee
- 5.2. A Candidate for election who receives the votes of the majority of the Committee must be provisionally elected.
- 5.3. Where an application is provisionally accepted by the Committee the name and address of the applicant shall be displayed for a period of one month in a conspicuous place within the club so that members may make to the Management Committee or to members of the Management Committee such representations as they the members shall wish as to the character and fitness for membership of the applicant.
- 5.4. At the Committee meeting held after the end of this one-month period the Management Committee shall again consider the application and shall either reject it or accept it and declare the applicant to have been elected as a Probationary Member pending completion of a Probationary period as set out at Clause 5.6 below.
- 5.5. The Management Committee shall be entitled to require, at any time, any member, or any applicant for membership to apply to the Police Service of Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Data Protection Act or any replacement for or variation thereof for details of all information held by the Police Service of Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Data Protection Act in relation to criminal convictions of that person. Any member or any applicant for membership thus required to apply for details of information held by the Police Service for Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Data Protection Act in relation to criminal convictions of that person shall, within 7 days of receiving such information, provide it to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this request may result in the Member being suspended or expelled pursuant to the Disciplinary Rules set out at Clause
- 5.6. Where a person is elected as a Probationary Member he or she shall not be declared a Full Shooting Member or a Junior Shooting Member unless and until the Management Committee are satisfied that the person has already received and absorbed thorough and effective training in the safe and proper handling of firearms such as those firearms commonly used in the sport of target shooting.
- 5.7. No person shall be admitted as a member if he
- 5.7.1. In the opinion of the Committee shown by simple majority, his character or conduct is such as to be injurious to the Club or for any reasonable cause the Committee shall decide that such person would not be a desirable member of the Club.
- 5.7.2. Has been a member of any unlawful association
- 5.7.3. Who is by the law of Northern Ireland prohibited -other than by virtue of age -from holding a Firearm's Certificate



6. Proposal of Candidates

- 6.1. Every candidate for admission as a Full or Junior member must be proposed by one Full Shooting Member, who must vouch for the fitness of the candidate from their personal knowledge.
- 6.2. A candidate must be proposed by in writing in such form as the Committee may require.
- 6.3. If at the time a candidate has been duly proposed the Committee has decided that the membership lists are closed for the time being the proposed member's name shall be placed on a waiting list of prospective members.

7. Substitution of Proposer or Secunder

- 7.1. If a proposer or seconder ceases to be a member before the candidate comes up for election, another proposer or seconder, as the case may be, may be substituted not later than 2 days before the day when the candidate comes up for election.
- 7.2. If a proposer or seconder wishes to withdraw his name, he may do so, subject to any regulations which the Committee may at any time prescribe, and another proposer or seconder may be substituted not later than 2 days before the day when the candidate comes up for election.

8. Inaccuracies in candidates' details

- 8.1. Any omission from or inaccuracy in the particulars furnished to the Secretary may at the Committee's discretion invalidate a proposal and any election made in consequence of it.

9. Order of election

- 9.1. Provided that at the date of the election they appear to be eligible for membership, all candidates for election as members must come up for election in the order in which their names have been given to the Secretary. This order shall also constitute the order of the waiting list referred to in paragraph 6.3

10. Procedure after election to membership

- 10.1. Immediately a candidate is elected he must:
 - 10.1.1. be given notice of his election;
 - 10.1.2. be furnished with a copy of the
 - 10.1.2.1. The Club Constitution and Rulebook.
 - 10.1.2.2. The Club's Range Rulebook.
 - 10.1.2.3. The Club's Bye-laws.
 - 10.1.2.4. The Club's Disciplinary Rules.
 - 10.1.3. be provided with a date for the next induction
- 10.2. On payment of his entrance fee, first subscription and satisfactory completion of his induction an elected candidate becomes a Probationary Member of the Club and is entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership, and agrees to be bound by these rules.
- 10.3. If persons are elected as members by a procedure which does not comply with these rules, they shall not be admitted to the privileges of membership until the expiration of a period of at least 2 days from the election.



11. Entrance fee and subscription

- 11.1. The entrance fee is whatever sum the Committee determines annually.
- 11.2. The annual subscription is whatever sum the Committee determines annually, making special provision for various categories of membership.
- 11.3. Due notice of the current annual subscription and entrance fee must be communicated to members in appropriate form.

12. Subscription date

- 12.1. All annual subscriptions are payable on the first day of September in each year without demand (except the first subscription of a new member which is payable as provided by rule 11.2)

13. Payment of subscriptions etc

- 13.1. If paid by cheque, all entrance fees and subscriptions must be made payable to the Club and crossed "a/c payee".

14. Subscriptions in arrears.

- 14.1. If any member fails to pay his annual subscription on or before the first day of October in that year, notice must be sent to him calling his attention to his failure to pay.
- 14.2. If the member does not pay the amount within 7 days from the posting of that notice, his name may immediately be posted in the club premises as a defaulter at the discretion of the committee
- 14.3. If the member's subscription is not paid by the 7th day following posting of his name, the Committee may terminate his membership.
- 14.4. If at any time the member gives the Committee a satisfactory explanation, he may, in the discretion of the Committee and on payment of arrears, be re-admitted to membership without payment of any entrance fee.

15. Life members

- 15.1. A Full Shooting Member who qualifies in accordance with rule 4.1 may be nominated to the Committee to become a Life Member.
- 15.2. The granting of Life Membership shall be entirely at the discretion of the Committee.
- 15.3. A Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership for life unless he ceases to be a member under the provisions of rules 18,19, or 20.

16. List of Members

A database of member details shall be kept in a secure format with more than two committee members having access at any given time.

17. Resignation of members

- 17.1. Any member may resign his membership by giving notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary.
- 17.2. Every such notice must, unless otherwise expressed, be deemed to take effect as from the next day following its receipt provided that any member giving such notice after the first day of in any year will be liable for all subscription arrears to the date of his resignation.



18. Discipline of members

- 18.1. The Committee may from time to time make and amend rules of behavior and discipline for the members ("the Disciplinary Rules") not inconsistent with these rules, as it thinks necessary for the management and well being of the Club and may impose reasonable penalties for breach of any of the Disciplinary Rules.
- 18.2. The Committee shall take immediate note of any breach of the Disciplinary Rules Or these Rules and shall call a disciplinary hearing of the full Committee to consider the breach as soon as reasonably possible.
- 18.3. The Secretary must inform the member in question of the time and place of the said disciplinary hearing and the nature of the complaints against him in sufficient time to afford him a proper opportunity of offering his explanation.
- 18.4. At the hearing the member must be allowed to offer an explanation of his conduct verbally or in writing.
- 18.5. The members of the Arbitration Sub Committee shall not attend the disciplinary hearing.
- 18.6. At the hearing the Committee may expel or suspend from the privileges of membership for such period as they may decide, any member who, in the opinion of the Committee has acted in contravention of the Disciplinary Rules or the Rules of the Club or has conducted themselves whether within the Clubhouse or elsewhere in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Club or which may bring the Club into disrepute, including conviction for any offence in a Court of summary jurisdiction or any Court. The decision of the Committee must receive the sanction of the majority of those present at the disciplinary hearing. Any member considering himself aggrieved shall have the right to appeal to the Arbitration Sub-Committee whose decision shall be final. Any such appeal must be made in writing to the Secretary within 7 days of the decision of the Committee being notified to the member, and the appeal shall be heard as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter. The decision of the Arbitration Sub-Committee shall be final.

19. Effect of ceasing to be a member

- 19.1. On ceasing to be a member of the Club a person forfeits all right to and claims upon the Club and its property and funds.

20. Former member/ suspended member not to be admitted

- 20.1. Any member who is suspended or expelled shall not be entitled to be a visitor or a guest in the Club and shall forfeit all his rights and privileges under these Rules but if suspended shall remain liable to pay his subscription during his suspension. If in office or on the Committee he shall vacate his office forthwith.

21. Committee

- 21.1. The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these rules) is deputed to a Committee of a Chairman, a Secretary and Treasurer and up to [9] but not less than [5] other Full Shooting or Life Members all of whom must be elected at the Annual General Meeting for not less than 1 year.



22. Election of members of Committee

- 22.1. At each Annual General Meeting all members of the Committee must retire but are eligible for re-election.
- 22.2. Any two Full Shooting or Life Members may propose any candidate or candidates, for election to the Committee by notice in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, and the Secretary must communicate the proposals in an appropriate form.
- 22.3. Voting lists must be issued containing in alphabetical order all the names so nominated, distinguishing the candidates proposed by the Committee, and showing the names of the proposers of other candidates.
- 22.4. No Full Shooting Member or Life Member shall be eligible for election as an officer of the management committee unless he shall have been a Full Shooting Member for three consecutive years immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting in question. For the avoidance of doubt this excludes any time spent as a Probationary Member.
- 22.5. Every Full Shooting or Life Member of the Club is entitled, but not obliged, to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled and no more.
- 22.6. Up to the number of vacancies, the candidates who receive most votes must be declared elected, and in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the Chairman of the meeting has a second or casting vote or may determine the matter by lot.

23. Vacancies on committee

- 23.1. The Committee may appoint an eligible Full Shooting or Life Member to fill any casual vacancy on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. Any member so appointed must retire at the next Annual General Meeting but may be elected as a member of the Committee at that meeting.
- 23.2. To be considered an eligible Full Shooting or Life Member, the member must
 - 23.2.1. Have been a Full Shooting or Life Member for at least three consecutive years
- 23.3. No meeting of the management committee shall resolve to fill any vacancy unless there are 7 elected members of the management committee present at the management committee meeting in question

24. Duties of the Secretary

- 24.1. The Secretary shall deal with the day to day administration of the Club.
- 24.2. The Secretary shall attend at Committee meetings and other meetings of the Club and shall keep a record of the proceedings at all such meetings and such minutes when signed by the Chairman shall be deemed conclusive of the truth of the matters therein contained.
- 24.3. The Secretary shall be responsible for attending to all correspondence on behalf of the Club.
- 24.4. The Secretary shall be responsible for arranging disciplinary hearings and appeals where necessary, in compliance with these Rules.

25. Duties of the Treasurer

- 25.1. The Treasurer shall receive the subscriptions of members as well as other monies that may be paid from time to time into his hands by any person on account of the Club.
- 25.2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the same and place them in a bank to the credit of the Club.



- 25.3. The Treasurer shall pay all accounts after they have been approved by the Committee and shall furnish a statement of receipts and expenditure to the Annual General Meeting and whenever required to do so by the Committee.

26. Trustees

- 26.1. There must be not less than 3 or more than 5 Trustees of the Club.
- 26.2. The Trustees shall be appointed by the membership save where the Committee decides to elect an additional Trustee as set out at Clause 26.7.
- 26.3. The property of the Club (other than monies which must be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in the Trustees to be dealt with by them as the Committee from time to time directs by resolution and an entry in the minutes is conclusive evidence of a resolution.
- 26.4. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.
- 26.5. The Trustees may not be members of the Committee of the Club but will be deemed Honorary Members of the Club during the period of their Trusteeship.
- 26.6. The Trustees hold office until death, resignation or until removed from office
- 26.6.1. by a resolution of the Committee which may, for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting at any meeting, remove any Trustee from the office of Trustee.
- 26.6.2. by a resolution at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, which may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the Full Shooting or Life Members present and voting at such meeting, remove any Trustee from the office of Trustee.
- 26.7. Where by reason of the death, resignation or removal of a Trustee a new Trustee needs to be appointed, or if the Committee deems it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees, the Committee or the membership at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, may by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed as the new Trustee or Trustees.
- 26.8. To give effect to a nomination:
- 26.8.1. the Secretary is nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Trustee Act (N.I.) 1958 Section 35, and
- 26.8.2. the Secretary must by deed appoint the person or persons nominated by the Committee/the membership as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and
- 26.8.3. the provisions of the Trustee Act (N.I.) 1958 apply to any appointment.
- 26.9. Any statement of fact in a deed of appointment of new Trustees, in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the Committee, is conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

27. Meetings of Committee

- 27.1. The Committee must meet at least once in every month to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the club.
- 27.2. 7 members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 27.3. Minutes of all the proceedings of the Committee must be taken.



28. Resignation/removal from the Committee

- 28.1. A Committee Member may resign from the Committee by tendering his resignation in writing addressed to any officer of the Club or orally at any duly constituted committee meeting.
- 28.2. A Member shall cease to be a member of the Committee if he fails to attend three consecutive committee meetings without reasonable excuse.
- 28.3. If he removes his normal place of residence from Northern Ireland

29. Sub-committees

- 29.1. If any member ceases to be a member of the Committee he automatically ceases to be a member of the sub-committee and another member of the Committee must be appointed in his place.
- 29.2. The Committee may also from time to time appoint from among its number such other sub-committees and additional officers and deputies as it deems necessary or expedient.
- 29.3. All sub-committees must periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and must conduct their business in accordance with its directions.
- 29.4. With the exception of any sub-committee of less than 3 members, the Committee may co-opt any Full Shooting or Life Member to the Committee or any sub-committees provided that the number so co-opted does not exceed one third of the total membership of the committee or sub-committee.
- 29.5. The Committee shall elect not less than 3 committee members to constitute an Arbitration Sub-Committee. Only members of at least 3 years standing shall be eligible for election.
 - 29.5.1. The members of the Arbitration Sub-Committee shall retire at the first meeting following the next AGM but shall be eligible to serve a further term.
 - 29.5.2. The Arbitration Sub-Committee shall deal with appeals in relation to the discipline of members pursuant to Rule 18.

30. Regulations

- 30.1. The Committee may from time to time make, and amend regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as it thinks necessary for the management and well-being of the Club and may impose reasonable fines for breach of any of those regulations.
- 30.2. A member who has incurred a fine must be notified by the Secretary, and requested to pay the fine immediately, and in default of payment within 28 days from the date of the notice, he ceases to be a member of the Club.
- 30.3. All regulations made by the Committee under this rule are binding on the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a general meeting of the Club.

31. Employees

- 31.1. The Committee may appoint, pay and dismiss a manager and such other employees as it deems necessary subject always to the provisions of the Employment Rights (NI) Order 1996 and any amendment thereto, and to the general law.

32. Borrowing powers

- 32.1. The Committee of the Club may not borrow any money without having the approval of the membership in the form of a resolution authorising that borrowing passed at General Meeting called for that purpose. Such resolution shall contain the following information



32.1.1. the amount, (either at one time or from time to time), the rate of interest, the term and the security

32.2 The Trustees must at the direction of the Committee make any disposition of the Club property or any part of it and enter into any agreement in relation to the Club property as the Committee thinks proper to give security for the loan and interest approved by a resolution under Rule 32.1.

32.3 Every member of the Club, whether he votes on a resolution authorising borrowing or not, and everyone becoming a member of the Club after the passing of such a resolution, is deemed to have assented to the resolution as if he had voted in favour of it.

33. Annual General Meeting

33.1. The Annual General Meeting of the Club must be held within ten weeks from the end of the financial year on a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee and must:-

33.1.1. receive from the Committee a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year.

33.1.2. The report, balance sheet, statement of accounts and budget must be communicated to members in an appropriate form at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

33.2. fill the vacancies in the Committee and appoint an auditor for the ensuing year.

33.3. decide on any resolution which may be submitted to the meeting in the manner provided below.

33.4. consider any other business as determined by the Committee.

34. Notice of business at Annual General Meeting

34.1. Any member who desires to move any resolution at the Annual General Meeting must give notice in writing to the Secretary not later than 21 days before the said meeting.

35. Special General Meeting

35.1. The Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time for any special purpose, and must do so immediately upon a requisition in writing sent to the Secretary, (stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions to be put to the meeting) from 12 Full Shooting or Life Members of the Club.

36. Convening General Meetings

36.1. At least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, or any Special General Meeting, notice of the meeting and the business to be transacted at it must be posted in the Club house, and a copy of the notice sent to every member.

36.2. No business other than that of which notice has been given may be brought forward at a General Meeting.

37. Proceedings at general meetings

37.1. At all general meetings of the Club the Chairman, or in his absence a member selected by the Committee, must take the chair.

37.2. Every Full Shooting or Life Member present is entitled to one vote upon every motion, and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman may have a second or casting vote.



- 37.3. The Committee may, if it thinks fit, make regulations enabling members unable to be present to vote by proxy or in writing.

38.Quorum

The quorum for all general meetings is 14

39.Voting

- 39.1. The following majorities of members present and voting at general meetings are required for the passing of the following types of resolution:
- 39.1.1. proposing any repeal, addition to, or amendment of the rules -two thirds majority of Full Shooting or Life Members voting on it
- 39.1.2. for all other business -a majority of shooting members voting on it.]

40.Amendments

- 40.1. No amendment (other than a motion for adjournment) may be moved to any resolution proposed at any Annual or Special General Meeting unless written notice of the amendment has been sent to the Secretary not less than 7 days previous to the meeting or the meeting consents
- 40.2. Whenever notice of any amendment to be proposed is given, it must be communicated to members in an appropriate form.

41.Financial year

- 41.1. The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of January in each year.

42.Audit of accounts

- 42.1. The auditor must be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and must not be a member of the Club or related to a member of the Club

43.Opening of Club premises

- 43.1. The Club premises are open to members as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- 43.2. The Committee may close the Club premises for such times as it considers necessary for cleaning and repairs, staff holidays or where it is necessary in the interest of the Club.

44.Guests

- 44.1. Every member may introduce guests, subject to any regulations made from time to time by the Committee.
- 44.2. Every guest must be accompanied by the member introducing him.
- 44.3. Immediately upon the admission of his guest to the Club premises the member shall enter his name and the name of the guest in a book which shall be kept for that purpose and shall show the date of each visit.
- 44.4. The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife or child of a member shall not be admitted as a guest of a member to the Club premises on more than 3 days in any period of 12 months.
- 44.5. A member shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing the rules and shall not leave the Club premises before his guest.



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- 44.6. No one who has been expelled from membership, or whose conduct or presence on the Club premises is considered by the Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, may be introduced as a guest into the club.
 - 44.7. The Management Committee or any member of the Management Committee shall have the right without stating any reason to require any person present on the Club premises as guest of a member to leave the premises forthwith
 - 44.8. The Management Committee shall have the right without stating any reason to forbid the introduction of any person as guest of a member
 - 44.9. No person shall be admitted to the Club premises as guest of a member after 10.00pm other than with the prior consent of an Officer or member of the Management Committee.

45. Payment of members' accounts

- 45.1. Charges for meals, refreshments and the like, and for billiards, snooker and other games shall be fixed by the Committee.
- 45.2. Every member must, before leaving the Club, ensure that all such charges (whether incurred on his own account or for a guest) are paid.

46. Members not to make profit out of club

- 46.1. No member may on any pretence or in any manner receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club, except for professional services rendered at the request of the Committee.

47. Club address not to be used for business

- 47.1. No member may give the address of the Club in any advertisement or use the Club address for business purposes.

48. Members' addresses

- 48.1. Every member of the Club must advise the Secretary of any change of address and all notices sent by first class post to that address are considered to have been given on the day following the date of posting.

49. Grievances

- 49.1. Suggestions of any kind as to any matters tending to the welfare or improvement of the Club, and complaints of any kind relating to the affairs of the club shall be made to the Secretary in writing, who shall place the same before the next Committee meeting.

50. Actions of members

- 50.1. Any member damaging or destroying property of the Club by accident or otherwise shall promptly make good the loss or damage to the satisfaction of the Committee. If the loss or damage be caused by a guest the introducing member shall make it good to the satisfaction of the Committee.



51. Functions

- 51.1. Any section charity or member wishing to hold a function on the Club premises must make application to the Secretary in writing on the appropriate form. Permission to hold functions on the premises shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Committee.

52. Interpretation of rules

- 52.1. The Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules the disciplinary rules and the regulations made by it from time to time.
- 52.2. The decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these rules or by the regulations is final and binding on the members.

53. Amendment of rules

- 53.1. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by a resolution passed at any Annual or Special General Meeting by a majority of at least two thirds of the members attending and voting on it.
- 53.2. The Committee has power to amend the Rules where necessary to comply with statutory regulations without the requirement to seek the consent of the members.

54. Distribution on Dissolution

- 54.1. There shall be no distribution in any manner whatsoever of the profits/surplus arising from any of the activities of the Club including the goods and services or a distribution of any assets which belong to the Club whilst the Club continues to operate as a Club under these Rules.
- 54.2. Upon the winding up of the Club the assets of the Club after the payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed equally among all Full Shooting and Life Members at the date of the resolution of the Club to wind up.

55. Dissolution of Club

- 55.1. If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club is passed by a majority of the Full Shooting or Life Members present and at a Special General Meeting held not less than four weeks later (of which not less than two weeks written notice has been given to each member) and at which not less than one half of the Full Shooting or Life Members are present that resolution is confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Shooting or Life Members voting on it, the Committee must immediately, or at such future date as is specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club and after the discharge of all liabilities must divide such property equally among all Full Shooting and Life Members and on the completion of the division the Club will be dissolved.

56. Headings

- 56.1. The headings to these rules are for ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in their interpretation.