



Harper Adams University College Air Rifle Club

Health and Safety Charter and Club Rules

Notes for Members and Guests-

This form is an agreement between Harper Adams University College Air Rifle Club and the members there-in.

The term 'guest' will apply to those who are shooting with the club, with the express permission of the club executive, who have not paid their full membership fee but who have signed this form.

Signing this form implies that all members and guests of the HAUC Air Rifle Club agree to the clubs health and safety policy, the law of the land as described in the Firearms Act (1967) its amendments (2004) (2007) and its related acts, and the policies imposed by Harper Adams University College. Furthermore, the members and their guests must adhere to this policy at all times both on the club premises and whenever taking part in club activities. Failure to do so may result in the member(s) being asked to leave the club indefinitely.

1. Storage

All air rifles must be stored in the storage locker and not in halls of residence. Any person found to be keeping an air rifle in their room faces being removed from campus indefinitely. As a general guidance, air rifles should be stored in gun slips when available and it is advised that trigger locks, breach plugs, or some other form of device that will render an air rifle unsuitable for firing be used.

All air rifles when being removed and stored in the air rifle storage cage must be signed for. No air rifle is to be removed from the cage without the executive's knowledge or permission.

If an air rifle is to be taken home, the club must be informed.

2.1 Safe Practice

The following must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so will result in that person's membership within the club being put in question.

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2.2 Handling

Air rifles should be treated as though they are loaded and ready to fire at all times

- Always have the rifle pointed in a safe direction (either down range or pointing to the sky or ground)
- When a rifle is not being fired always ensure the action is broken and if possible use a breach flag
- Do not point a rifle at any one regardless of whether it is loaded or not
- When in transport, always make sure the rifle is stored in a gun bag/ slip.

2.3 Shooting

- Never fire a rifle when somebody is down range and ensure the action is broken
- Do not shoot a rifle in any way that could be considered dangerous
- Do not shoot outside the parameters of the ground
- Take every precaution possible to avoid a ricochet
- Always handle a rifle safely when shooting and avoid pointing the rifle in any other direction than the safe direction when reloading
- Always use safety catches when possible, or in the absence of a safety catch, ensure actions are broken when the rifle is not being fired

2.4 General Care and the Countryside Code

- Always leave the ground as you would wish to find it
- Assist in the clearing of the ground at the end of each shoot, repetitive failure to do so will result in the member being asked to leave the club.
- Do not litter
- Ensure gates are closed.
- Be considerate to others and avoid cross lane firing
- If you know a person is shooting at a particular target, do not fire on that target until they are finished or give you permission to do so
- If a member of the public or any student not associated with the ground strays near the premises make it known to a club exec or shout 'cease fire' and wait until they are a safe distance away from the ground. In the event that a member of the public enters the ground kindly ask their reasons for being there and tell them for reasons of health and safety they mustn't stray into the live firing area or walk behind the target area. Remember always to be polite to non-members and members of the public. You are representing our sport

Remember that the ground belongs to the university and that the university policy gives all students the right to roam the grounds at their own free will.

Health and safety is common sense. If you see anybody acting in an unsafe manner it is your duty and right to apprehend them civilly and suggest how to better their actions.

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Finally we are a club and we work together, as a team and as friends. Be courteous to fellow members and guests, keep foul language to a minimum and keep your quarrels at the farm gate. Above all foster the spirit of team work.

By signing this form I agree to adhere to the Harper Adams University College Air Rifle Club health and safety charter and the rules lay down by the exec to ensure safe practice.

Members Name:

Student ID:

Signature:

Date:

Health and Safety Officers Signature:

Date:

Club Chairman's Signature:

Date: