

Student Club Code of Conduct – Clubs involving the use of Firearms

In joining a Team Durham club which involves the use of firearms, there are some additional expectations placed upon club members, over and above that involved in a 'standard' sports club. As such members are required to read, understand and agree to the following:

All Firearms Clubs

- The University Accommodation Licence Agreement is clear on the possession and storage of firearms, i.e. **Section 4.1.25**. *Not to bring in or keep in your Room, the Accommodation or any other University premises, firearms (including replicas), airguns or any kind of dangerous and/or illegal weapon, or any other item or substance likely to pose a threat or risk to other occupants or members of University staff;*
- You must always adhere to the law on the storage, use and transport of firearms https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1116230/Firearms_guide_November_2022.pdf
- There is a zero-tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol before and during any shooting activity.
- Membership of these clubs and firearms ownership may be shared with other University departments and the Police if required
- The Club Risk Assessment to be distributed to all members and adhered to at all times

Clay Pigeon Club

- In accordance with legislation and as approved by Durham Constabulary all firearms are stored in Police approved firearms cabinets to which only the Club Licence holders, with all relevant firearms on their certificate, have access.
- The only approved storage location is the gun safe at the Sports & Wellbeing Park (SWP) or secured in vehicles when in transit.
- When in use the firearms are always under the supervision of club approved license holders and kept in locked vehicles during transit in accordance with best practice as laid out by BASC and the CPSA, the relevant NGOs.
- In the event that guns cannot be returned to safe storage at the SWP, they must be secured off campus in accordance with the law, i.e., in secure storage or taken to a local Police station for safe storage
- Keys are only to be held and managed by the Club President and/or the designated Shotgun Licence Holder
- Only licensed Shotgun Certificate holders may access the gun storage
- A log of all guns and certificate holders will be lodged with Team Durham at the start of each academic year. Licence holders to indicate if they will be retaining a shotgun elsewhere during the 72-hour period permitted by law, before returning to the SWP.
- A log will be kept in the gun storage room (not the safe itself) detailing when guns are signed out, by whom, for which event/activity and when signed back in
- Ammunition will always be stored separately in a different location to the firearms.
- No other storage locations are permitted on University property

- **Rifles Club**

- In accordance with legislation and as approved by Durham Constabulary all firearms are stored in Police approved firearms cabinets at the St. Giles Yarners Rifle and Pistol Club, Durham
- The only approved storage location is the gun safes at the above club
- Only those members with Safe Shooter Cards (SCCs) can shoot full-bore rifles and supervise others. Additionally. Range Control Officers (RCO's) can open/run the range in Durham
- All shooting activities supervised by a qualified Range Conducting Officer (RCO), responsible for safe practice.
- Ammunition, when on the range, stored in sealed containers that are kept in the shade. When off the range, to be kept in a sealed and locked safe that complies with Firearms Act 1968 and the Range Safety Certificate.
- A log of all guns and certificate holders will be lodged with Team Durham at the start of each academic year
- A log will be kept at the St. Giles Yarners Rifle and Pistol Club detailing when guns are signed out, by whom, for which event/activity and when signed back in
- There are no authorised rifle storage facilities on University premises