

The rules.

Please bear in mind that this is a new club and its success or otherwise depends ultimately upon how we as a club operate and behave. The public have very strong reactions towards shooting and air rifles in particular attract negative press easily.

My primary concern in the running of this club is the safety of everyone participating, although we are shooting low powered air rifles, they still have the potential to cause serious or even fatal injury. Deviation from any of the rules is unacceptable.

The UK legal power limit for unlicensed air rifles is 12 foot pounds kinetic energy at the muzzle. We will be shooting at around half that level. Whilst these are classed as low powered air guns, they are still firearms in terms of the law. Any offence committed with one is hence a firearms offence and will be treated very seriously.

If you are concerned about any aspect of safety or the way a shooter is conducting themselves, please speak up to a marshal. It is far better to prevent an accident than to hurt somebody's feelings.

Treat every gun as if it were loaded at all times.

Only ever point a gun towards a target, never towards another person.

Never rely on a safety catch, they have been known to fail and the majority of target rifles do not have them.

Never look down the end of a barrel.

Never load your gun until you are in the shooting zone and ready to take aim on the target.

Eye protection will be provided, shooters are advised to wear it while shooting. Observers may also wish to wear eye protection.

Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are "on aim" for the

target.

A single whistle blast will signal that shooting is to stop. Do not discharge your gun, simply keep it pointed in a safe direction.

A double whistle blast will signal that it is safe to resume shooting.

If an individual needs to cross the firing line, they may only do so once all the shooters have discharged their rifles and placed them on the tables.

If you are shooting a spring rifle, keep the barrel or lever physically restrained until it is returned to its original position. If you are unsure about this, please ask for a demonstration. It will be demonstrated on the arrival of any new member.

If you are transporting your own rifle to the venue, it must be kept in a slip or case until you enter. If you have it in a car, it should be kept locked in the boot and any ammunition in a separate part of the car, preferably a locked compartment.

If you are intending to bring your own rifle, it will be power tested using a chronograph to ensure it is suitable for this event. It's details including serial number if present will be recorded. The power limit for this club is 7.5 footlbs energy at the muzzle.

Initially only participants over the age of sixteen will be allowed. If you are lucky enough to look young, please bring photo id.

Only 0.177" lead pellets approved by the club may be used. Steel ball bearings are absolutely forbidden. Due to the risk of ricochets from bearings, they will not be allowed inside the venue.

Never shoot if there is a person in front of you and never shoot over anyone's head.

If anyone is considered to be shooting unsafely, shooting will cease and the rules will be further explained. If it is considered that any participant is unable or unwilling to comply with the rules they will be asked to leave the

venue.

There is no noise hazard from shooting low powered air rifles.

The risk of ricochets from bell target shooting is absolutely tiny as the majority of the pellets energy is lost as it deforms on impact with the hardened steel target. If you do have concerns however, eye protection will be available.

Alcohol consumption is not allowed whilst shooting is taking place. If a member is considered to be intoxicated they will not be allowed to shoot.

Finally, lead is a poisonous material. Handle the pellets as little as possible, wash your hands thoroughly after shooting and before eating or drinking.

I have read and understood the above rules. By signing this document I agree to wholly abide by the rules of Norfolk Broads Bell Target Club.

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