

Phase One Restarting Rules

Dear club member, who would have thought 2020 would turn out like this? The world as we know it has changed beyond all recognition. I am however pleased to say that following on from a formal risk assessment and looking at the guidance from our national bodies, we are very pleased to be able to offer members the chance to once again shoot at the club, albeit in a very limited fashion. It will not be shooting as we know it, with the chance to socialise with like minded members, but it will at least give you an opportunity to shoot should you want to. Things are continually changing and as this happens so the Phase One rules will adapt. So please check on the website to make sure you are up to date with any changes.

Please note: **The Pit/Training range and 100yd range will remain closed** for this initial phase, we will just be using the 25m and 50m ranges. **The club is not available for general shooting at this time** and the gate combinations have been changed. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JUST TURN UP TO THE RANGE AND SHOOT – ALL SESSIONS MUST BE PREBOOKED BY EMAIL THE DAY BEFORE SHOOTING.**

Obviously none of the formal shoots listed in the club calendar will currently take place. It is hoped that we will start to reintroduce them as part of Phase Two. No novice (non FAC holding) shooters will be allowed in this initial phase and membership applications for non certificate holders are currently on hold.

The 50m and 25m ranges will be available in a limited way as governed by these additional rules. Firing points have been set up to provide correct social distancing. The 50m range will have 4 available points: 1, 4, 7, and 10. The 25m will offer a total of 5 available points: 1, 5, 8, 11 and 14. Each firing point will be available for two 2 hour **prebooked** sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 13.00 to 15.00 and 16.00 to 18.00. All shooting will take place from firing points in front of the range sheds that are classed as an indoor area. You are able to move through the range buildings but not spend any time in them. I strongly suggest checking weather forecasts before booking or bringing a good umbrella and/or waterproof with you. The ranges will not be available on Monday or Tuesday.

Clearly if you fall into an "at risk" group, such as any person over the age of 70, you are advised not to attend the club as doing so will by default increase your risk from Covid19.

Do not attend the range if you are exhibiting any Covid19 symptoms. If you have been shooting at the club and subsequently test positive for Covid19 you must inform us immediately so that we can take the appropriate steps to limit any further infection.

You must provide your own face covering, gloves and hand gel and wipes (personal protective equipment, PPE). You must use your PPE when handling anything that you have not personally brought to the range and protect yourself from your items that have come into contact with any part of the range eg cartridge brass. Treat all common surfaces as if contaminated. A supply of cleaning spray and wipes will be available in the 25m and 50m ranges to support the cleaning of club equipment rather than as an alternative to using your own.

The range gate will be opened by a club supervisor/range officer and the red flag will already be raised. Please be prompt and do not arrive any sooner than 30 minutes before your booked arrival time and again please leave in a timely fashion at the end of your session. Aim to touch nothing and spend the minimum amount of time on the firing point. Do not bring large quantities of shooting equipment with you just bring the minimum you need. Target frames will already be set up ready for you to staple your target on.

Please park with a thought to leaving sufficient distance between cars and observe social distancing 2m rules. Go directly to the range and advise the Range supervisor of your arrival and they will direct you to your firing point. Do not spend time socialising in the range buildings these are classed as enclosed spaces and spending time there will increase your risk of exposure to infection. Sadly this is not shooting as we know it so please refrain from socialising on the firing points - just keep to the necessary range commands. Please clean your shooting table **both before and after** shooting and please take home with you all of your rubbish, used gloves, masks, wipes and targets.

No food or drink is to be brought into the club or consumed at the club. The toilet will remain closed due to the problems of keeping it clean and virus free.

Please use breech flags and other obvious systems to make it clear to the range supervisor/RO the unloaded status of your firearm without the need for any RO handling to ensure clear. Remember: metal is the surface that the virus lives longest on. Do not clean your guns on the range - please do this at home.

Please behave as though you were carrying the virus – leave surfaces clean and limit the risk to yourself and to others. **Asymptomatic infection is the big risk – you may feel fine but you could be spreading virus.** Members who fail to follow this code will be excluded with no right of appeal in order to protect other members.

So if having read all of the above you want to start shooting again your next step is to email me confirming that you have read and understand these additional Covid19 Phase One rules. I have set up 7.92rod@gmail.com as the email that will be used to deal with all of the bookings in this phase, **please use it rather than any other you might have for me.**

You need to book your visit to the range by e mailing 7.92rod@gmail.com before 18.00hrs the day before you wish to attend letting me know the ranges and sessions that you want. You can of course book earlier than a day before if you want to and you may book consecutive sessions subject to range space. It's shooting but its definitely not shooting as we have known it.

Best regards and straight shooting

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Hon. Secretary Headley Park Rifle and Pistol Club