

North East Lincolnshire Target Club

Categories of Membership

- (A) Full Members
- (B) Visiting Members
- (C) Probationary Members
- (D) Junior Members
- (E) Airgun Members
- (F) Honorary Members
- (G) Social Members
- (H) Guest Members
- (I) Lifetime Full Members

All applicants for Membership shall give a minimum of 48 hours notice to the Club Secretary of their intention to visit the Club.

All applicants will be required to provide full disclosure of any convictions or current Police investigation and must satisfy the requirements of Section 21 of the Firearms Acts with regard to any prohibition from possessing or handling firearms, ammunition and air-weapons. For further information please refer to the PDF "Section 21 Declaration" on the NELTC Downloads page.

The above categories of membership are defined as:

(A) Full Members – Full Members are defined as those Members who have successfully completed the prescribed Probationary period and have passed the Club's Final Safety Test and have been accepted by the Committee. Full Members may use the Club premises for their normal use subject to the instructions of the Club Chairman or a duly authorised delegate and subject to the rights of the Club as set out in the agreement between the Club and the Ground Landlord and to any powers provided in law to the Police*.

Only Full Members shall have the right to vote at an EGM or AGM or be elected as a voting member of the Club's Committee.

Any prospective Full Member shall be elected by the Committee and may cite the Club in connection with a FAC application or renewal.

Full Membership shall include the Member's spouse or partner subject to the spouse or partner completing an application form and being so accepted. If the spouse or partner wishes to handle firearms or ammunition then that person will be expected to undertake the probationary training as described in (C) below.

(i) Full Members shall at all times have the right to record a vote should there be a proposal to alter the Club's Rules and Constitution which, with the exception of changes required in connection with matters relating to licensing requirements, can only be made at an AGM (or EGM called for that purpose), which must be preceded by 21 days notice including notice of such proposal.

(ii) Full Members shall at all times use the Club premises with proper regard to the safety of themselves and others in and around those premises.

(iii) Full Members shall obey all the Club's Rules.

*(iv) *A lapsed Full Member may be required to undergo the full probation period should they wish to rejoin the Club at a future date.*

(v) Persons wishing to become Full Members who are Members of another shooting club and/or are in possession of a current Firearms Certificate shall be liable to pay, in full, a Joining Fee in addition to the normal Full Member subscription. The amount of such Joining Fee shall be determined annually by the Committee. Applicants for Full Membership will be expected to provide written proof of identity and those not in possession of a FAC will be expected to provide a suitable written reference in the form referred to in (C)(ii) below.

(B) Visiting Members - A Visiting Member shall be any person introduced to the Club by an existing Member in person on any single day, the names of such Visitors shall be entered into the Visitors Book, which shall be kept for that purpose. Attendance by Visiting Members shall be limited to 2 per Member on any single day and Visitors shall be limited to not more than 3 visits per year. Visiting Members so introduced shall in all respects have the same status as a Social Member but only for the day. It will be the responsibility of the Club Member who invites the Visitor to notify a Club official of the visit prior to the visitor being admitted to the Club premises.

(C) *Probationary Members - A Probationary Member will be required to:

(i) supply 2 Official Documents to prove identity;

*(ii) *supply written proof that they are responsible persons and that their training in firearms will not prove a danger to Members of the public. This shall be written by a responsible person who has known the prospective Probationary Member for a minimum of 3 years. The eligibility of a person to support such an application shall be adjudged solely by the Committee;*

(iii) supply a passport size photo of themselves for their Probation Card;

*(iv) *be sponsored by a Full Club Member;*

(v) pay the set Range Fee on each visit;

*(vi) *serve a probationary period of not less than 3 months, under the personal supervision of an appointed Range Officer or a Full Member who holds a FAC, during which time he/she will be required to visit the Club on a regular basis and through regular training become proficient in the safe handling of all types and calibres of firearms that the Club may provide. Having completed the probationary period to the satisfaction of the Committee he/she may be invited to become a Full Member. The Club may withdraw the invitation should it not be accepted within a period of 4 weeks.*

(vi) Any Probationary Member who does not attend the Club for a period of 3 months without explanation will be removed from the Club Register and will have to re-join should they wish to recommence shooting. The Club will endeavour to contact the Probationary Member prior to them being removed from the Register. This is because the Club cannot have more Probationary Members than it has Full Members under Home Office rules.

(D) *Junior Members - Junior Members will only be accepted with the written permission of their parents or guardians who will also be expected to attend the range prior to their child/children being permitted to handle firearms or ammunition. In accordance with the Children Act 2004, Junior Members must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian whilst on Club premises. Junior Members will undergo a probationary period of 3 months during which they will be supervised at all times by a Range Officer appointed by the Committee. The age range for Junior Members will be 14 to 17 whereafter they will be eligible to apply for Full Membership in the usual manner. Junior Members will only have access to the range at specified times and under supervision of the afore-mentioned Range Officer.

(E) Airgun Members - Airgun Members will be entitled to use The Club's social facilities and will have access to Range Two for shooting airguns subject to the instructions of the Chairman or a duly authorised delegate but those persons shall if they wish to handle firearms or ammunition, and are not already Full Members, will be bound by the preceding requirements of Probationary Membership. There will be no additional subscription payable by Full Members wishing to use the Range Two facility.

(F) *Honorary Members - Honorary Membership may be offered to a person of suitable merit at the discretion of the Club, but that person shall, if he/she wishes to handle firearms or ammunition and if not already a Full Member, be bound by the preceding requirements of Probationary Membership. The position of Club Solicitor and Club Caretaker shall be official honorary positions.

(G) *Social Members - Social Members shall be any person who is elected as such and his/her use of the Club's social facilities shall be restricted to the bar/lounge, toilet areas and outside facilities as shall from time to time be made available for such purposes.

(H) *Guest Members - Guest Members may, on signing the register and payment of the current range fee, use the Club's facilities. A Guest Member shall prove full current Membership of another shooting club or fall within the definition of a 'Guest' under the Firearms Acts. They shall obey the Club Rules at all times and may be required to prove their competence in safe gun handling. Where applicable, Guest Members will be expected to produce their FAC for inspection if required to do so by a Club official. The number of such visits may be limited by the Club. Guest Members falling within this category may possess a firearm and ammunition on the Club premises under the constant supervision of an appointed Range Officer.

(i) The number of visits by Guest Members shall not exceed that limited by the Firearms Acts

(ii) It will be the responsibility of the Club Member who invites the Guest to notify a Club official of the visit prior to the Guest being admitted to the Club premises.

*(iii) *Where applicable, the Police shall be given reasonable notice of 'Guest' visits by the Chairman or Secretary.*

(l) Lifetime Full Membership shall be awarded to any Full Member who, in the opinion of the Committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the well-being of the Club and/or has paid the required lifetime membership fee.

All categories of Member shall,

(i) have the duty to notify the Club Secretary of any change of their address;

(ii) obey all of the Club Rules;

(iii) remain in the category in which he/she has joined until officially transferred.

No category of Member shall, by their actions or inactions outside or on the Club premises, do anything to bring the reputation of the Club into disrepute. In case of any doubt they shall immediately contact the Chairman in an emergency or otherwise in writing.

Acceptance of Membership of whatever category shall entail full acceptance of the Club's Rules and Constitution, the interpretation of which shall be the sole prerogative of the Committee and shall not be open to challenge in any way by any Member. All Members will be deemed to have read and understood the Club's Rules and Constitution.