

North East Lincolnshire Target Club

Persons Prohibited by Section 21 of the Firearms Acts from Possessing or Handling Firearms, Ammunition and Air-weapons.

A person who has been sentenced to preventive detention, imprisonment or to corrective training for a term of three years or more; or who has been sentenced to be detained in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not, at any time, have a firearm or ammunition in his/her possession.

This means for life and includes all firearms, even air weapons.

A person who has been sentenced to borstal training, to corrective training for less than three years, or to imprisonment for a term of three months or more, but less than three years; or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a detention centre or in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time before the expiration of a period of five years, from the date of his/her release, have a firearm or ammunition in his/her possession.

It is also an offence for a person to sell or transfer a firearm or ammunition to, or repair, test or prove a firearm or ammunition for, a person whom he/she knows or has reasonable grounds for believing to be prohibited from having a firearm or ammunition in his possession.

The Club's membership application form requires prospective members to disclose any conviction or current police investigation and failure to do so will invalidate said application. By signing the form applicants are declaring that they are not prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition by virtue of Section 21.

Please note that under Home Office criteria for target clubs, the Club must notify the Police of new members. Under the Firearms Acts no conviction may be considered as 'spent' where applications to possess firearms are concerned and the police will notify the Club if they feel that a person's record or background would render them unsuitable to possess firearms.

Naturally, the Club has an obligation to its members to protect its good name and will not accept persons as members who are clearly unsuitable to be in possession of firearms. Therefore if you have any convictions or are currently under investigation by the police you must complete the application form honestly in order to avoid subsequent embarrassment or possible prosecution under Section 21 of the Firearms Acts.