Dorchester Rifle & Pistol Club

Sandringham Sports Centre.Fordington Fields, Dorchester

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM NB Dorset Police will be informed about this application

Surname ……..Forenames .....

Place of Birth ……..... Date of Birth …….....

Address ……

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Postcode …….. Telephone …..…… Email……

PLEASE READ ALL THE NOTES BELOW BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Classes of Membership being applied for: Air / .22 / CF & BP // Adult / Junior / Associate (<u>circle</u> as appropriate)

Have you lived at your present address for less than one year?	YES/NO	If YES give previous address
Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of a gun/rifle club?	YES/NO	If YES give Club and Secretary's Name & Address
Have you ever been refused membership of a gun/rifle club, or had membership revoked?	YES/NO	If YES give details
Do you hold, or have you ever held a Firearms Certificate?	YES/NO	If YES give No., Expiry date and Issuing Authority
Have you ever been refused a Shotgun or Firearms Certificate, or had a Certificate revoked?	YES/NO	If YES give details
Name and address of one person for a reference. **The referee must have known the applicant personally for at least one year.**		Name……. Address…….. …… Telephone…….. How long…….. What capacity…… Email ..... Date…… Signed.....

DECLARATION *I certify that the information given above is correct, and further declare that I am not prohibited from possessing or using firearms under section 21 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act of 1968. I have read the Data Protection information below and agree to the Club contacting me by email or post. If accepted I agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Club, and I give my consent for the Club and/or its representative to hold, process, or disclose any data considered relevant to my application (and if accepted, membership).*

Applicant's Signature …… **Date**……

Note: The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership and is under no obligation to give reasons, nor do applicants have the right of appeal. Membership may be terminated for a breach of Club Rules.

Junior Members only (To be co-signed by the parent or guardian of all applicants aged 17 and under)

Signed …… (Parent/Guardian) Date ……..

The applicant must be proposed by a Member of the Club, who may <u>not</u> also be the personal referee.

Proposer …… Signature ……..

Date……..

Please return this application to the Range Officer (RO), together with a means of identification (i.e. Driving licence, FAC, Passport, Birth certificate etc.) and the application fee**. Note: ID should include photograph**

Club Use Only

Identification produced ……

Annual Subs Paid £…….. Date ……..

Joining Fee paid £…….. Date ……

RO Name …….. Signature ……..…Date.....

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS APPLICATION IS RECORDED IN THE NEW MEMBERS REGISTER

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NOTES TO APPLICATION FORM

Under Home Office criteria the Club must inform the Dorset Police of every application for membership. All applicants, unless Firearm Certificate holders, must serve a minimum probationary period of three months prior to acceptance as a Full Member, and must receive a period of instruction in firearms safety. Until such time as their initial application is accepted access to firearms and ammunition is prohibited by law. FAC holders are exempt from the above restrictions, but must serve a probationary period at the discretion of the Club's committee.

REFERENCES
The named referee must be a person who knows the applicant personally. Business or employment references are not suitable. The applicant must also be sponsored by a Member of the Club, who may not also supply the personal reference. Persons under 18 must have the consent of their parents. In the case of minors we will be happy to accept references from parents. The reference will also serve as a parental consent form.

SECTION 21 DECLARATION
It is a criminal offence for someone who is prohibited under section 21 of the 1968 Firearms (Amendment) Act to have a firearm in his possession at any time. Section 21 applies to anyone who has been sentenced to imprisonment, or detention in a young offender institution for three months or more. The period for which they are prohibited is five years for sentences of three months to three years, and life prohibition if the sentence is over three years.

DATA PROTECTION
The Club complies with the General Data Protection Regulations, and the Club's policy can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary. To avoid unnecessary costs the Club needs your explicit consent to contact you and to hold, process, and disclose details relevant to your application and membership. When you sign the Declaration on the application form you are agreeing to this. The information held is purely that relevant to your Membership, and disclosure of such information is normally restricted to the Club's committee. There are certain exceptions to this,

1. To generate membership lists for subscriptions and attendances, and to record payments and attendances
2. To supply details of ability, either by class or average, to third party league and competition organisers
3. To supply information covered in the statutory and rule of law definitions in the General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act, which are exempt from the non-disclosure rules. Currently these only apply to our obligation to notify Membership and attendance figures to the Police Authority.

You are entitled at any time to request details of any personal data held by the Club. A nominal fee may be payable for such a request.

The Secretary is the Club's representative under the Regulations and the previous Act.

IDENTIFICATION
Some form of identification will be required to submit the application, i.e. driving licence, passport, or similar.

SUBMISSION
For security reasons we are not prepared to divulge a Member's address; therefore all applications must be submitted in person at the range.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES (Please indicate membership type being applied for on the form)

.22 / CF & BP (aka **Full**) - Approved by the Club Committee on completion of the probationary period(s) for the types of firearms used in the Club. At the Committee's discretion, those applicants who meet the requirements outlined above, including FAC holders transferring from another club. NB: CF&BP range fee is higher than .22.

Air Arms - Applicable to those who elect to shoot only non FAC rated air or gas weapons. Air weapons members will not be allowed to shoot or have access to section 1 firearms or to vote at the Annual General Meeting. A period of Probationary membership is still required.

Associate - open only to FAC holders who are FULL members of another Home Office Approved Club.

Junior - Applicable to those of school age, or in education / training up to age 25. Additional close supervision will be required depending upon the member's age, experience, and proven aptitude.

FEES & CHARGES - FROM 1 JANUARY 2023

		ADULT	JUNIOR	ASSOCIATE	VISITORS	
JOINING*	FIREARMS	£ 25.00	Nil	£ 25.00		
FEE	AIR ARMS ONLY	£ 25.00	Nil	£ 25.00		
	*The joining fee is a one off payment.					
ANNUAL	FIREARMS	£ 76.00	£ 38.00	£ 38.00		
SUB	AIR ARMS ONLY	£ 55.00	£ 27.50	£ 27.50		
RANGE	AIR ARMS	£ 4.00	£ 2.00	£ 6.00	Nil	
FEE	.22 RIFLE	£ 5.00	£ 2.50	£ 7.00	£ 8.00	
	OTHER FIREARMS	£ 6.00	£ 3.00	£ 8.00	£ 8.00	
HV SUPPLEMENTARY FEE						
Dorchester		£ 2	£ 2	£ 2	£ 3	
Piddlehinton		£ 10	£ 10	£ 10	£ 15	PER HOUR

Fees and charges are set by the Committee and are reviewed annually. **(Last Reviewed Dec 2022)**

There is a special subscription reduction for existing Junior members who go away to University which enables them to remain a member.

Annual membership fees are due on the 1st of October each year and members are normally reminded of this when the calling notice is sent for the Annual General Meeting; this is the only reminder that will be given. Any member who has not paid by the 31st of December will be deemed to have resigned and the police firearms department informed accordingly. This may have an effect on those holders of a firearm certificate granted for target shooting and who have nominated the DR&PC as their primary club.

The annual fee is reduced for those joining part way through the year but the full joining fee is always to be paid. A chart showing the amount to be paid for any given month of joining is at the front of the daily range book. Any ex-member rejoining in the year immediately following the lapse of their membership will be entitled to this reduction **only if they also pay the joining fee**. Those applying to rejoin in subsequent years will be treated as new members.

Juniors are classed as those still in education / training up to age 25.

A scheme is in operation whereby members may pay a fixed amount monthly, by bank standing order, which covers both annual subscription and range fees. Details can be obtained from the Treasurer.

Applicants of 17 years or under must be accompanied by their parents when using the Club or applying for membership. A membership application form is available from the Range Officer, and parents are welcome to satisfy themselves as to the Club's safety before completing.

Visitors may attend 3 times after which they must apply for membership and normal fees are then payable.

A photograph is required for the membership card.

Members are strongly encouraged to use the range session booking system accessed via the 'Events' page of the web site.

Further information on the Club is available at
http://www.drpc.org.uk

or from the Secretary – Steve Maros
at s.maros@btinternet.com
or telephone 01300 341337

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Indoor Range

The Club's Indoor Range is situated at the Sandringham Sports Centre, Armada Way, Fordington Fields, Dorchester DT1 2TN

The Indoor Firing Point & Shooting Bench

Looking down Range

Facilities at the Indoor Range

The Club premises consists of a range for shooting at a maximum distance of 25 yards, a clubroom, and adjacent toilets.

Full disabled facilities are available with wheelchair access to all areas of the club and there is a toilet for the disabled.

The Dorchester Range provides for the following Disciplines

- 25 yards Small-bore rifles three positional
- 20 yards Black Powder Pistols and both .22 & Pistol Calibre Gallery rifles
- 7, 10, 15 and 20 yards Precision and Rapid Fire air and gas pistols (.177 calibre only)
- 10 yard and 20 yard target air and gas rifles and pistols.

Note there are restrictions on the maximum calibre (.22 and .455 for the rifle and pistol ranges respectively), muzzle velocity, and muzzle energy of firearms.

Dorchester Indoor Range Opening Times

DAY	TIMES	DISCIPLINE	REMARKS
Monday	1800 to 2000	Rapid Fire .177 air/gas Pistols #	.177 calibre only
Tuesday	1600 to 2100	.22 Target Rifles	In Summer the range closes at 1900
Wednesday	1700 to 1830	LB Pistol & Gallery Rifles	Occasional earlier & later starts; Check web site 'Events' page Guests and Air arms only Members Last Wednesday in the Month Only
Thursday	1400 to 1630	.22 Target Rifles	
Alternate Thursdays	1800 to 2100	Black Powder	Check web site 'Events' page for correct Thursday
Friday	1830 to 2100	.177 air/gas pistols and rifles	.177 calibre only. .22 calibre by arrangement

Alternate weeks, so email Hon Secretary first. Rapid Fire is not suitable for beginners or visitors.

Outdoor Range

The Club's Outdoor Range is situated at the

Old Army Camp
Piddlehinton
Dorchester
Dorset DT2 7UA

Competition Shoot

Looking down Range

The Piddlehinton Range comprises a 100 yard rim fire range, a 50 metre gallery rifle and pistol calibre range, and a 100 yard centre fire and Black Powder range. They all use the single stop butt, and some shorter distances cannot be shot when the 100 yard firing point is in use. The Club accommodates the following Disciplines:

- 50 yards, 50 metres and 100 yards small bore rim fire rifles, prone & 3P, using the 100 yards firing point.
- 25 & 50 metres gallery rifles and pistols, black powder pistols and rifles – standing. 25 m BP cannon. Bench rest and zeroing of other firearms.
- 100 yards centre fire and BP rifle – supported.
- Field Target Air Rifle.

The range is restricted to firearms that do not exceed muzzle velocity of 1000m per second (3280ft per second) and muzzle energy of 4500 joules (3319 foot pounds). There are further limits on unsupported gallery rifles and pistols; greater details are set out in the Range Regulations. Shooters are required to have evidence of competence and to have read and understood the Range Regulations.

Dorset Small-Bore Rifle and Pistol Association use this Range on a few weekends for County Competitions during the summer (these dates will be posted when available). Some other Clubs regularly hire the range.

Piddlehinton Outdoor Range Times of Use*

Day	Date	Times	Remarks
Every Tuesday	April to October	1730 until Dusk	.22 Rifle Shooting
Every Wednesday	All year	1000 to noon	Black Powder
Every Thursday	April to October	1400 to 1630	.22 Rifle Shooting
Every Friday	All year	1000 to 12 noon	.22 & CF rifle
Last Saturday each month #	All year	0900 onwards	CF / BP rifle

Members are strongly advised to use the range session booking system of the 'Events' page of the web site

Timed sessions must be booked. Non-Member FAC holders must book via drpc.phbookings@sky.com
Do not turn up without booking in advance otherwise you may have a long wait!

* Additional Times and other disciplines can be arranged if there is sufficient demand

We still have some maintenance work to do around the range so volunteers welcome!

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