

Kingsbury Range attendance during Covid Pandemic

It is important that you read the full Covid Action Plan below.

Please bear in mind that the MoD/Landmarc will be observing our conduct on the range.

Key points to be aware of.

- Meeting in the carpark requires Covid awareness and 2m social distancing.
- Range briefing will be given before anybody goes to the butts to setup targets.
- There will be one person per target allowed in the butts area plus a First Aider and butts supervisor. We will ask for volunteers fit enough to mark one target for the duration of one session.
- You must sanitise targets at any hand over.
- Social distancing must be maintained while waiting for your shooting slot.
- When you are called for your shoot, please arrive at the firing point promptly.

All clubs are limited to a maximum of 30 members attending the range (including the RCO, butts supervisor and medics). Therefore, depending on the number of members who respond to attend a shoot, we may not be able to accommodate everybody. Anybody who cannot be accommodated on this shoot will be notified as soon as possible and will be prioritised for the next range day.

Introduction

The action plan below has been designed to document the approach taken by the Club under COVID safe conditions on the resumption of shooting from 12th April 2021 in line with UK Government guidance. This document details the procedures to be followed when attending a shoot organised by the Warwickshire Armourers Rifle and Pistol club and is in addition to normal range regulations which remain applicable. The purpose of this action plan is to document prerequisite requirements of the Club and its members before attending a shoot, plans that will be implemented while members are attending a shooting venue and approaches taken after a planned shoot if a positive COVID case is identified.

Club Prerequisites

In advance of any shooting event, Warwickshire Armourers will nominate a designated COVID contact - they will be responsible for maintaining a record of attendance and act as a point of contact if any attendee of a shooting event subsequently tests positive for COVID-19 ("Test and Trace"). Specific details of this process are further below.

Member Requirements Before a Shoot Attendance

1. Masks - It will be a requirement that when attending an organised shoot, all members of the club who wish to participate are to have on their person a suitable face covering to be worn when engaged in any group action such as range briefings or gathering behind the firing point. At other times, when outdoors and maintaining a social distance of greater than 2 meters is possible, such as at their designated firing point or servicing a target in the butts, they are optional. However, **when a shooter is at the firing point they must have a mask available to them and it must be worn when the RCO is verifying the clearing of a firearm, as per standard range procedures, due to the necessity of close proximity to facilitate this.**
2. Hand Sanitiser - It is a requirement that all club members have individual hand sanitiser on their person when attending a range shooting session, and members will be expected to practice regular hand hygiene throughout your time on site.
3. If a member is feeling unwell or they or any of their household are presenting Covid-19 symptoms before a shoot they **must not attend** the shoot and contact the designated COVID contact as soon as possible.
4. Due to the need for close one-to-one instruction and safety guidance, there will be no probationary members allowed to attend any shoots until further notice.
5. Firearms and other equipment must only be used by the owner of the firearm or if another shooter is within their current COVID 'Bubble' (for example two shooters within the same household)- currently members must not loan or share any equipment.

On the day of the Shoot

Due to government guidelines on maximum attendance of organised sporting events and both the MoD and NRA requirements, as a club we are limited to a maximum attendance of 30 members at any one shooting session. In order to allocate time fairly between members, there will be scheduled time slots for shooting allocated for each member. These will be distributed on an even share based on whether the club are allocated 2, 3 or 4 shooting lanes from Landmarc on any specific shooting event and the shooting times will be scheduled accordingly to the schedule in Appendix A.

Note that in order to maintain social distancing only a single shooter will be allowed on a firing point at one time.

On Arrival

- Members are to remain in the car park area of Kingsbury Ranges maintaining a 2 meter social distance between groups where possible, face coverings should be worn if so able.
- Before shooting, the lead RCO/Organiser for the day will gather members and present a socially distanced briefing on the procedures of the day, agreeing time slots at the firing point, butts duties, etc (note, see Appendix below for time slot templates) this will be recorded and agreed with all members
- The Organiser will separately confirm the butts duties with the volunteers who are fit and able to operate a target frame without assistance

Members Shooting Slot

- Members will be required to maintain a 2-meter social distance while at the firing point.
- While at the firing point, when not shooting please remain a safe distance behind the firing points, well back from the whole length of the chosen firing point.
- When at the firing point whilst waiting to shoot or after shooting, please remain socially distanced where possible and do not congregate in any group larger than six people (this is a specific request of the MoD)
- At the allotted time the RCO will confirm the current shooter's equipment is clear and packed away. Once the current shooter has cleared the firing point, the next shooter will be invited to set up on the firing point.
- When ready the RCO will allow the shooter to commence firing as per the standing range procedures
- When a shooter's time slot has finished, they will be required to clear their firearm with the RCO as per standing range procedures and then pack away and vacate the firing point. The shooter will be required to wear a mask whilst the RCO is clearing their firearm due to close proximity and all members are asked to please be courteous to your fellow members and vacate the firing point in a timely manner.
- Once the member has vacated the firing point, they are to return to the car park area. If the shooter wishes to leave the site at this point, they are asked to log their intentions with the RCO **BEFORE** leaving the firing point.

At Change Over

- At the change over point and lunch, the Butts supervisor will arrange for the group who are servicing the targets to enter and egress the butts area at the appropriate time and ensure the group are together and ready to man the butts before the recommencement of firing.

Butts Duty

- Only a single person will be allowed to service targets within the butts per lane. The butts duty for each shoot will consist of 1x Marker per active lane in addition to 1x First Aider/Butts supervisor.
- The target marker is to sanitise all surfaces on arrival in the Butts. The process is to be repeated on any changeover of the marker. Sanitising fluids and wipes will be available.
- On moving to, from and within the Butts area, face coverings are to be worn, when at the designated target frame, face coverings are optional
- Marking equipment such as patches, marker boards etc are not to be shared without being sanitised.
- Social distancing is to be observed in the Butts. If a separation of 2 meters cannot be maintained for any reason, face coverings are to be worn.

After the Shoot

If any shooter who attends a shooting day presents COVID19 symptoms up to 48 hours after the shoot, they must contact the COVID contact point for the shooting day. Information will be distributed to affected parties based on PHE and NHS guidance, for up-to-date information on what is required:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>