



Membership guidelines :

- a) Membership of the Club is open to anyone, at the discretion of the Club's Committee, provided that they are legally permitted to possess, use, or own an airgun and that they agree to accept and conform to the Club's rules and safety code, pay such fees as are required and are within the age ranges specified by the Club. It shall however, be at the discretion of the Committee to accept or decline applications for membership, their decision being final.
- b) All airguns used on the Club's grounds shall conform to the legal limits that are in force at the time; currently a maximum of 12 foot pounds energy for all air rifles and 6 foot pounds for pistols. The Club may at any time require a member or guest to submit their air gun for testing over a chronograph. Failure to comply will result in the member being barred from the Club until they have complied. Guests will be asked to leave the grounds immediately.
- c) No guns requiring a Firearms Certificate shall be used on the Club's Ground, either by members or their guests.
- d) Members inviting guests to participate in Club activities shall be held responsible for the behaviour of those guests and shall ensure that they are made aware of, and conform to, the Club's safety rules.
- e) No member shall touch another member's gun(s), equipment or possessions without first obtaining the owner's permission.
- f) All members shall make themselves aware of the laws governing the possession and safe use of airguns. Under 14's may only join the Club at the Committee's discretion, provided that they show they are capable of safely handling and using an airgun and have a regular attendance over a trial period not exceeding 6 months. Persons under 14 years of age shall be directly supervised by a parent or other authorised person aged 21 or more years.
- g) There shall be three classes of Club member, namely Junior, Adult and Senior. Under 18 year olds will be classed as juniors, whilst 18 year olds and above will be classed as adults. Adults at or above pension age are classed as seniors. Please note that at shoots run by other HFT/FT clubs or during competitions hosted by Swallows FTC as part of the Sussex Interclub HFT series, other classification systems may apply and take precedence.
- h) Nothing other than approved targets (metal silhouettes or paper) shall be shot at on the Club site. No animals, birds or vermin shall be deliberately shot on the Club's ground by members or their guests.
- i) Unless otherwise granted explicit permission, members may only shoot at the Club's ground during officially sanctioned shoots.

- j) All members of the Club shall have cover for shooting activities at the Club via the Club's insurance policy through Associate membership of the NSRA and should be reminded that the insurance only applies when shooting at the Club or when representing the Club at competitions at other venues. Members are advised to arrange separate insurance to cover themselves when shooting at home or elsewhere. Members are advised to cover their equipment for loss or damage via their own Household Contents Insurance as this is not covered by the Club's insurance.
- k) Only approved rifles and pistol pellets shall be used on the Club's ground. The use of any other type of pellet requires permission before use. No pellets may be used that have not been specifically designed by an air gun pellet manufacturer.
- l) Any member breaking the Club's rules or safety code risks expulsion. In the case of a member being expelled, no refund of fees will be made. Any member convicted of an offence involving airgun miss-use will be automatically expelled.
- m) All members and their guests, before going onto the range, must be signed in by the attending range supervisor or one of the Club's committee members. Failure to do so may result in persistent defaulters being expelled from the Club.
- n) Upon completion of your probationary period at the Club, and on approval by the management committee, members will be issued with a membership card.
- o) On receiving your application for membership and your joining fee, you will be subject to a probationary period of at least 3 month during which you will be expected to attend the Club on at least 4 separate occasions. At any time during this period we reserve the right to terminate your application for membership without explanation.
- p) Any member found to be causing damage to Club property or the site, will be required to answer to the committee. The committee reserve the right to terminate membership or impose lesser restrictions on the individual concerned.
- q) Any member found to be deliberately adopting practices which may lead to loss of Club revenue or constitute an unjustified slanderous or libellous statement against the Club, will have their membership terminated and will forfeit his/her membership and any monies paid.
- r) Any member deemed not to be acting in the best interests of Swallows Field Target Club will forfeit any membership including monies paid and may be subject to a ban from all meetings taking place on Club property at the discretion of the Club committee.