



# Southampton Arms Shooting Society

## SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1. The title of the club shall be Southampton Arms Shooting Society, hereafter referred to as SASS
2. The headquarters of SASS shall be The Southampton Arms public house, 89 Moorgreen Road, West End, Southampton, Hants. SO30 2HG.
3. The objects and aims of SASS shall be to foster and encourage the support of clay and game shooting and organise practise shoots, to arrange matches and competitions, both among members, other shooting and affiliated clubs, and to improve both the standard of shooting and the number of shotgun certificate holders amongst the membership.
4. SASS mission statement:  
"For members to have fun whilst in pursuit of clay pigeon and game shooting activities without compromise to safety"
5. SASS is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve SASS's facilities or events. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to Members on winding up or dissolution of SASS. A proposal to dissolve SASS shall be dealt with in the same manner as a proposal to alter or add to the constitution. On dissolution of SASS its surplus property and funds shall be divided equally among current properly paid-up Members.
6. The management committee of the SASS shall be composed of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, and Events Coordinator all of whom shall be elected by SASS members at each Annual General Meeting. The retiring members of the management shall be eligible for re-election. The committee shall have the power to add to the number of committee members as and when the club is deemed to have grown in numbers sufficiently to warrant such additional positions.
7. The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies during the year, transfer roles and shall have the power to form sub-committees as may be required.
8. All monies received on behalf of SASS shall forthwith be paid into the account of SASS at a recognised bank or building society, at the discretion of the Treasurer who alone shall have power to draw on such an account, subject to there being at least two authorised signatories (other than husband/wife relationships) on any withdrawal of club funds. Other member of the committee may also be issued debit cards at the discretion of the Treasurer. No prizes or other such articles shall be purchased or debts or liabilities incurred on behalf of SASS by a person without the previous sanction of a resolution of the committee, general meeting of SASS, or by agreement of a quorum of the committee.



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9. The accounts shall be audited every three years or sooner, at the discretion of the committee, by an independent firm of chartered accountants. During years when an independent firm of chartered accountants is not being commissioned then SASS accounts shall be audited by 2 members of the committee duly appointed to the task at each Annual General Meeting who may invite others to join them as a sub-committee. The firm of chartered accountants shall be confirmed and re-appointed at each Annual General Meeting.
10. The annual subscription and joining fee of SASS shall be at the discretion of the committee, but the annual subscription for Colts (members younger than 18 years of age) will pay a reduced fee of the adult subscription as decided by the committee but not the joining fee. The committee retains the right to alter these fees during the course of the year, their actions to be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting. The financial year of SASS shall be from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.
11. SASS shall be affiliated to the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) and members shall adopt any rules or recommendations proposed by the CPSA as rules or bylaws. The committee has a duty to adequately relay any rules or recommendations of the CPSA without undue delay to its members.
12. The Annual General Meeting of SASS shall be held by the end of April each year, or as soon after the finalisation of the accounts. Thirty days' notice shall be given to all members. Resolutions to be proposed at the meeting shall be given in writing to the secretary fourteen clear days before the meeting. The secretary shall also issue proxy voting forms to all members thirty clear days before the meeting, giving the membership the right to vote for the election of club members for positions on the committee or to appoint another member to vote in their place at the meeting. A member will still be able to vote in person at the AGM subject to him notify the Chairman that he has withdrawn his proxy vote. For the Annual General Meeting to re-elect officers or pass any resolutions a quorum is required. A quorum shall consist of at least 3 serving committee members. If multiple candidates are nominated for positions on the committee then each nominee accepting the nomination should be prepared to give reasons to those present at the AGM why they would be the most suitable candidate.
13. On a petition signed by at least two thirds of the members of SASS, being presented in writing to the Secretary, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called within thirty days of the date of the presentation of the petition to consider the matter contained therein only.
14. The committee shall have the power to form such bylaws as they consider will be conducive to the good of SASS and to the encouragement of the sport. Such bylaws to be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.





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15. A candidate for election shall be proposed and seconded by members of SASS. The committee shall then vote at the first committee meeting subsequent to the received application or at another date at the discretion of the committee.
16. Any member whose subscription is unpaid after sixty days of receiving due notice shall not be allowed any privileges, including the right to attend club organised events. The committee may post notice of such defaulters and then, at their discretion, remove names from the Shooting Scores sheets published on the Southampton Arms SASS notice board. At the discretion of the committee an additional re-joining fee may be charged.
17. Members shall, subject to the approval of any committee member present, have the right of introducing visitors to practise or to shoot in open competitions, provided that any member so introducing a visitor shall be liable for any debts incurred by the guest to SASS as well as ensuring safe behaviour of the guest. Should the member wish to bring more than one guest to a shoot then the member must seek prior permission at the time of applying for a particular event.
18. The committee shall be empowered to request the resignation of any member if it is proved to their satisfaction that the member's conduct warrants it; and in the event of failing to resign, the committee may remove such member's name without further notice. The member under resignation has the right to appeal at the next Annual General Meeting, though until that time they shall remain suspended without membership benefits.
19. Any resolution of the committee shall require a majority vote of the members present and voting. The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain or Events Coordinator retains the right to defer the vote until the next meeting or the Chairman can give a casting vote so long as a quorum is present. A quorum must consist of a minimum of three committee members.
20. All club members are under strict instructions to follow the rules and safety orders of any ground that is not under the direct control or responsibility of SASS. The safety officer may at any time remove, from the shooting ground, members or their guests, or the entire club, if the officer feels that there is a danger to members or other shooters at the officer's sole discretion.
21. It is recognised that SASS does not control or run any shooting grounds and that the independent grounds maintain all legal control that SASS sub-contracts for its shooting events. It is therefore a condition precedent of membership that SASS shall not be held legally liable or responsible for any accident and/or injury to members or visitors whilst on these grounds. Additionally each guest will be required to sign a statement vindicating the club's liability for any shooting accident or incident however occurred.



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22. In support of the previous point, it is mandatory for all members to have adequate shooting insurance and each member will be required to send proof of insurance to the secretary when they apply to renew their membership. All new members will be required to sign a declaration to have adequate shooting insurance in place within 2 months of having their membership application accepted and provide that proof to the secretary.
23. Any Colts shooting with the club must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. If it is not possible for the parent or guardian to accompany the colt then another SASS member must agree to take responsibility for that colt.

