

Ledbury Rifle & Pistol Club



Joining Procedure

1. You may be invited by the membership secretary to come and visit the club to see the facilities and for an informal chat.
2. You will need to fill out the relevant application forms and submit it along with a referee.
 - The secretary of your previous or alternate club or
 - A profession person who must belong to an official body to practice their profession Doctor, Magistrate, Teacher, Nurse, Solicitor/Barrister etc. or
 - A person of standing within your community who has known you for 2 or more years.

Note: Your referee can not be related to you or be a serving Police officer.
3. We will inform both West Mercia Police and your local police force, if different, that you intend to join. We will wait for 28 days for any reply, after that period if the police haven't responded we will assume that they do not oppose your application. If they do reply in the negative, we will not be told why but we will not continue your application.
4. While we are waiting for the police response we will write to your referee for a reference. Unless you have already provided one and we will just contact them for verification.
5. After successful responses you will be required to present yourself at the next available committee meeting for a discussion on the feedback we have received and your reasons for wanting to join.
6. When a vacancy comes available you will be invited to join on a 3 month, compulsory, probationary period. At this time you will pay 3 months of subs plus the one-off, non-refundable, £20 joining fee.
7. On your first visit which you will pre-arranged with a member of the committee or specific range officer you will read **Range Orders** and sign your attendance sheet as having read and understood them after which you will undergo an **induction and training session** on the clubs firearms, regardless of your prior experience. You will then be **assessed** on your safe handling of firearms.
8. After this induction assuming the person taking you through is satisfied you are competent and safe, he/she will sign you off as such on your probationary attendance sheet. After this you may attend when you wish, bearing in mind that during your probationary period you **MUST** visit the range at least once on each of the different evenings to meet the various range officers.
9. You will be expected to attend at least 8 times over the 3 month period, each time you attend and shoot you will ask the range officer to sign your attendance sheet.
10. After your 3 month probationary period has completed your membership will go in front of the committee for discussion, if all range officers are happy with you attendance and competency you will be invited to remain as a full member upon which the remaining months subs to the end of the following April will be due.
11. Upon becoming a full member, you must make four attendance per year (May – April) and you may use your membership to apply for a firearms licence. Membership fees become due after the AGM each year and must be paid within 30 days of notification. Non-payment of fees by the due date means your membership ceases and you will have to re-apply and go through this procedure again. Upon your membership ceasing either voluntarily or by committee decision the police will be informed and your firearms licence and firearms may be withdrawn by them.