



## Cambridge University Clay Pigeon Shooting Club SAFETY POLICY

### **Statement of General Policy:**

The Cambridge University Clay Pigeon Shooting Club (“CUCPSC”, or “the Club”) is strongly committed to encouraging our members to take part, whilst seeking to ensure that the health, well-being and safety of each individual is managed effectively, and that the safety of all external parties is considered and managed.

### **Firearms Safety**

As outlined by our National Governing Body, the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA), all members of the Club should familiarise themselves with these ten key safety points:

#### **1. Respect**

- a. Treat all guns as though they are loaded – an accident could be fatal

#### **2. Safe and Sound**

- a. All guns must be in proof and in good order – do not use a faulty or doubtful gun

#### **3. Open and Empty**

- a. Carry guns open and empty, semi-autos – bolt back and flagged
- b. Never rely on a safety catch.

#### **4. Correct cartridges**

- a. Only carry the correct cartridges for the gauge and chamber of the gun you are using.
- b. Never mix gauges in your pockets or bags.

#### **5. Barrels Clear**

- a. Check the barrels are free from obstructions before every loading.
- b. Check for light – light is right.

#### **6. Point down the range**

- a. Keep barrels always pointing down range when loaded.
- b. Open and empty immediately after firing.
- c. Ensure gun is unloaded before turning from shooting station.

#### **7. Only Shoot Clays**

- a. Only point or shoot at whole targets thrown for you on your command – not other objects, live or inanimate.

#### **8. Misfires**

- a. Keep the gun closed for 20 seconds, barrels pointing down the range.
- b. Check barrels are clear after a soft or unusual discharge.

#### **9. Do Not Mix**

- a. Alcohol, drugs, horseplay – with guns.

#### **10. Remember**

- a. When shooting, you are responsible for the safe handling of your gun(s) and the behaviour and safety of your guests, family, friends, and animals.

## Safety Responsibilities and Arrangements:

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Officer Responsible</b>	<b>Specific Safety Arrangements</b>
<b>General oversight of club safety management</b>	<b>Safety Officer</b>	<p>Undertake regular, recorded risk assessment of the club premises and all activities undertaken by the club.</p> <p>Create a safe environment by putting health and safety measures in place as identified by the assessment.</p> <p>Ensure that the implementation of the policy is reviewed regularly and monitored for effectiveness (as a minimum once per year at the AGM).</p>
<b>Clear communication with club members on safety matters</b>	<b>Club Executive Committee alongside Safety Officer</b>	<p>Ensure that all members are given the appropriate level of training and competition by regularly assessing individual ability dependant on age, maturity, and development.</p> <p>Ensure that all members are aware of, understand and follow the club's health and safety policy.</p> <p>Ensure that club members are able to raise safety concerns.</p> <p>Ensure that normal operating procedures and emergency operating procedures are in place and known by all members.</p>
<b>Effective continuous management of safety arrangements</b>	<b>Club Executive Committee alongside Safety Officer</b>	<p>Appoint a competent club member to assist with health and safety responsibilities.</p> <p>Review safety procedures, arrangements and information at committee meetings.</p>
<b>Provide appropriate mitigation control measures for injuries</b>	<b>Safety Officer</b>	<p>Provide access to adequate first aid facilities, telephone and qualified first aider at all times.</p> <p>Report any injuries or accidents sustained during any club activity or incidents that may have led to injury/ill health whilst on the club</p>

		premises to the Sports Service and investigate when necessary.
<b>Uphold a culture that supports the safety policy</b>	<b>All club members</b>	<p>Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what you do or not do.</p> <p>Co-operate with the club on health and safety issues.</p> <p>Correctly use all equipment provided by the club.</p> <p>Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.</p>
<b>Ensure that Equipment is safe</b>	<b>Safety Officer</b>	<p>Maintain equipment inventory.</p> <p>Ensure that statutory equipment inspections are carried out, and that pre-use inspections are carried out and recorded at least quarterly.</p> <p>Ensure that all damaged equipment is marked and or quarantined and disposed of as soon as possible.</p>