

Terms & Conditions of membership.

Rochdale AGC (herein after referred to as the club).

Upon signing the club membership form you agree to abide by the following terms and conditions.

The named member shall be liable for full membership fees upon completion of application and acceptance into the club. All Annual fees are to be paid no later than 1st April in any given year.

The member shall abide by and uphold all laws relating to airguns and otherwise whilst on club premises. All members act as an ambassador to the club, and should act appropriately whilst representing Rochdale AGC. Any inappropriate behaviour will result in suspension /expulsion from the club..

As an airgun club we are subject to stringent firearms law, as a result all rifles/pistols are to be Chronographed upon entry to the club, spot checks will also be undertaken. Any member found to have an illegal weapon shall be expelled from the club and could face firearms charges in a court of law. By signing the membership form you are declaring your airgun legal, therefore exonerating any club official of any liability due to illegal weapons in your possession.

Firearms law states:

The law makes no distinction between air rifles and more powerful guns for which you need a license – they are all classed as firearms. This means that any offence you commit can carry a very heavy penalty – and there are at least 38 different offences. Following this guide will help you to keep on the right side of the law, but, if you have any doubt, seek advice from your local police firearms licensing department.

If you are 18 years or older there are no restrictions on buying an air rifle and ammunition, and you can use it where you have permission to shoot.

14 – 17 years

You can

- borrow an air rifle and ammunition
- use an air rifle, without supervision, on private premises where you have permission

You cannot

- Buy or hire an air rifle, or ammunition, or receive one as a gift. Your air rifle and ammunition must be bought and looked after by someone over 18 – normally your parent, guardian or some other responsible adult.
- Have an air rifle in a public place unless you are supervised by somebody aged 21 or over, and you have a reasonable excuse to do so (for example, while on the way to a shooting ground).

Under 14 years

You can

- Use an air rifle under supervision on private premises with permission from the occupier - normally the owner or tenant. The person who supervises you must be at least 21 years old.

You cannot

- Buy, hire or receive an air rifle or its ammunition as a gift, or shoot, without adult supervision.

Parents or guardians who buy an air rifle for use by someone under 14 must exercise control over it at all times, even in the home or garden.

It is illegal to sell an air rifle or ammunition to a person less than 18 years of age.

The RAGC ideal is...

Those who shoot at our club conduct themselves according to the law and to the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and courtesy, with full respect for their quarry and a practical interest in wildlife conservation and the countryside.

Never guess at what the law allows. If in doubt, contact BASC or your local police firearms licensing department.

Terminating Membership

Members who wish to terminate membership of the club shall do so in writing with 4 weeks' notice. Membership fees are refundable at the committee's discretion only.

The club may terminate your membership in writing with immediate effect if:

- The named member is in breach of any firearms law
- is restricted in the use of airguns by said law
- Supplies false information to gain access and membership to the club.
- Causes damage with intent to club or other member's property.
- Conducts him/herself inappropriately whilst representing our club.

Shared Permissions

In order to advertise/offer shared shooting permission you must provide for the club a copy of said written permission. Failure to do so will result in your offer being denied.

Personal Information

In agreement with these terms and conditions all members agree to have their personal information divulged to any *Law Enforcement Individual* (police officer) in order to abide by UK law. No information shall be divulged to any other individual or organisation by any member or club official.

Club Liability

The club will not accept liability for loss or damage to property. All members are responsible for their own property and should take adequate steps to secure it. In addition we cannot accept liability for injuries sustained as a result of misuse of an airgun, misadventure, or actions with a criminal intent. Any other accidents will be considered as such and logged in the club accident record, thus exonerating the club of any legal or financial responsibility. Any accidents not reported are at the member's discretion and will not bear any legal or financial responsibility.

Whilst the above terms and conditions may seem strict, they are in place to protect members and club officials alike.

Please abide by them and act courteously when representing our club.

ROCHDALE AGC IS A NON PROFIT ORGANISATION. ALL REVENUE WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP THE CLUB AND ITS FACILITIES IN ORDER TO BENEFIT ITS MEMBERS.
AT ANY POINT A MEMBER MAY REQUEST PROOF OF INVESTMENT WITH SAID FUNDS.