



Scottish Target Shooting

The governing body for all forms of target shooting in Scotland

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The monthly **eNewsletter** from STS



Happy New Year to all our members from everyone at STS - we wish you all the best for 2021.

Shooting News

Have You Renewed Your **STS Membership for 2021?**



STS MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR CLUBS & INDIVIDUALS IN 2021
Information Now Available

STS membership for 2021 is now available for clubs and individuals wishing to take out membership with STS for 2021. [Prices and benefits can be found on our website here](#). Clubs are also reminded about our Club Reward Scheme which can provide financial benefits to clubs. [Find out more on our website here](#).

Memberships set up for Direct Debit should have received a notification in the last few days informing them that this will be taken on or around 31 December as part of the automatic renewal process.

Return to Shooting Guidance Updated Following **Announcements in January 2021**

Over the Festive Season and New Year the Scottish Government have made a number of announcements, including the latest one on 13 January 2021. The overriding message from the Scottish Government for the forthcoming weeks is '**Stay at Home**', as detailed in the Scottish Government's updated guidance [available here](#).

STS has now reviewed these announcements and updated its guidance accordingly. The changes to the document focus around the Protection Levels section, with a summary of the key changes listed below:

- We have now created a separate sections for guidance under Level 4 and guidance under Levels 0-3 to emphasise the restrictions to be applied in Level 4 areas.
- Household rules have changed to reflect the maximum of 2 people from 2 households (excluding young people of 12 or under)
- In Level 4 'sporting bubbles' are suspended for activity involving people over 12 years old
- Changes in travel restrictions
- Changes to coaching numbers in Level 4
- For clubs with retail and/or restaurant facilities, we have included links with changes to these industries that must be complied with

[See and download the latest guidance from the homepage on the STS website](#)

Seonaid's Selection for **Tokyo Olympics Confirmed**

Seonaid McIntosh was one of the first four shooting athletes confirmed by Team GB as being selected for the Tokyo Olympic Games, rescheduled from 2020 to the summer of 2021 as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Seonaid's selection is reward for what has been an incredible few years for her prior to the pandemic, which has put a stop on all shooting competitions in 2020, halting Seonaid's impressive medal haul that led to her selection.

[Read the full article from STS, that also features links to BBC Sport and Telegraph articles on Seonaid and her selection](#)

Don't Forget to Respond to the **Home Office Firearms Safety Consultation**

As mentioned in our newsletter at the start of the month, don't forget about the consultation currently open with the Home Office regarding firearms safety.

This consultation seeks views on the following firearms safety issues which were raised with the Government during the passage of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 through Parliament:

- High muzzle energy rifles
- Air weapons (not relevant for Scotland)
- Miniature rifle ranges
- Components of ammunition

STS will be looking to provide a response but would encourage members to respond too. **The deadline for responding is 16 February 2021.**

[See the Home Office outline and respond online](#)

Get Your Nominations in for the 2021 **Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award**

Following the sad passing of Bob Aitken in October 2016, Scottish Target Shooting recognise the fantastic contribution Bob made to the sport of Target Shooting in both Scotland and further afield through this award which is designed to recognise people who have served the sport over a number of years in so many ways, just as Bob did. **We are now calling for nominations for our presentation of the award in 2021.**

[More information and the form for making a nomination can be found by visiting the Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award page on the STS website](#)

STS Events

All STS Events Have Now Been **Cancelled Until May 2021!**

As a result of the latest set of Scottish Government announcements, STS has taken the difficult decision to cancel all physical competitions until the start of May 2021 including but not limited to:

- *All remaining 10m Winter Grand Prixes for Pistol and Rifle for the 2020-21 season*
- **2021 Scottish 10m Air Rifle & Air Pistol Championships**
- *2021 All Ranges Competition*

COVID-19 Club Support

Athlete Awareness Tool

In partnership with the Scottish FA, sportscotland have developed a **COVID-19 awareness tool**. This tool highlights the responsibility we all have in keeping each other safe within sport during the pandemic, improving the understanding of what we can all do before, during and after sport and physical activity to protect and limit the spread of COVID-19.

STS recommends that clubs share this tool with their members so that all over the age of 13 use this tool if they or their children are participating in sport or physical activity training, competitions or other events.

Guidance

Guidance is being updated regularly and topics such as social distancing and the phased return to activity have a number of grey areas. We will look to provide members with clear guidance, tailored to the shooting community as best as we can, linking in to other partners in the shooting community (e.g. SCTA, NSRA etc) to be as consistent as possible. The latest advice can be found on the [STS website homepage](#).

Online Training

If your club has training needs that we can help to deliver online, let us know by completing our education survey.

[Complete Our Education Survey](#)

Funding

Whether it's through employing staff or facility payments, even when closed, your club may still be incurring costs. We've provided a link to advice, support and grants prepared by sportscotland. [Link to Funding Support](#)

Club AGMs

We are well into AGM season so if your club needs help holding your club AGM online, STS can provide advice, access and admin support to help. Contact us to find out more.

Police Scotland Liaison

If your club or members have questions about what to do with their firearms or air guns during this time, we can help get answers to your questions.

Club COVID Officers

E-Learning Module

sportscotland has developed an online module for supporting Club COVID-19 Officers. This module is free of charge, available online and should take about 30 mins to complete. It is recommended that all COVID officers across all sports completed it. [Take the sportscotland Club COVID Officer E-Learning Module](#)

Find Out More About STS

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COVID-19 Notice - The STS Office is closed but our team are working from home. They can be reached directly via email and the office phone number which will redirect you - dial 0131 467 2489 and choose the option relating to your enquiry.

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