



## Scottish Target Shooting

The governing body for all forms of target shooting in Scotland

# Snapshot: February 2021

The monthly **eNewsletter** from STS

## Shooting News

### Home Office Firearms Safety Consultation Closes on 16 February

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

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 submitting a response but would also encourage members to respond too. **Don't forget that the deadline for responding is 16 February 2021!** [See the Home Office outline and respond online](#)

### Could Your Club Save Money Through the STS Club Reward Scheme?



#### STS MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR CLUBS & INDIVIDUALS IN 2021

*Information Now Available*

At this point early in the year we would ask members to speak to the club(s) you are members of to remind them about the STS Club Reward Scheme because far from it being another expense, it will likely **save your club money during these challenging times**, for very little effort.

The Scheme is designed to reward clubs that sign up 90% or more of their active members. Rewards from signing up can range from free Club and Club Plus membership, to getting money back for the club. Additionally, every member of that club then gets a £5 discount on STS membership! Currently, a number of clubs have signed up and each have made big savings so ask your club to get in touch and we can work out what it would mean for them. [Find out more on our website here.](#)

### 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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## Scottish Target Shooting

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