



Scottish Target Shooting

The governing body for all forms of target shooting in Scotland

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Shooting News

STS Memberships for 2022 **Available NOW**

STS membership for both clubs and individuals for 2022 are **NOW** available to allow these to be purchased in advance so they can continue seamlessly on 1st January 2022. Prices are unchanged from 2021 rates, with juniors and people with a disability continuing to receive half price rates. A list of the [memberships, rates and benefits are available on the STS website](#).

We would also like to remind all clubs about our Club Reward Scheme. It could save or even make your club a significant amount. [Find out more about the benefits](#).

COVID-19 Guidance: **Omicron Update**

We wanted to provide members with an update following the announcement made by the First Minister on Tuesday 14 December with regards the latest threat posed by the Omicron variant of COVID-19 and the Scottish Government's response to this.

At this stage, the First Minister's request for caution and limiting socialising to three households around the festive season relates to social settings and the hospitality sector. Currently, there are no additional specific restrictions (advised or otherwise) put in place by Scottish Government relating to the sporting sector (although for mass spectator sports, clearly some restrictions on spectator numbers will likely apply) but:

- Individuals are reminded to continue to observe the following of safety measures already in place to limit the spread of the virus, including social distancing, wearing face masks when indoors (except when 'on the field of play' e.g. on the range), washing hands, wiping down surfaces and most importantly, not visiting clubs if they test positive, someone in their household tests positive or they have demonstrate any symptoms of the virus; and
- Clubs continue to operate a booking system for range time so athlete numbers can be managed, any positive cases can be tracked and traced, ventilation is maximised, one way systems are followed and maximum numbers for areas within clubs are constantly reviewed.

As such, for the time being, STS does not see a need to update its COVID guidance as it already includes guidance on the above steps. However, we fully accept that clubs may wish to put in place additional restrictions to limit numbers in clubhouses, on the range and any other areas in the club. While further restrictions are not required as things currently stand (as of 16/12/21), STS fully supports clubs taking measures for the protection of members, if they feel such steps are necessary. It will be for each club to assess it's facilities and membership and come to a decision about what action is best to take.

Finally, the Scottish Government is constantly monitoring the spread of Omicron and reviewing the guidance on a daily basis. Therefore, **rules are subject to change at very short notice, especially over the festive season**. STS will do its best to keep members up to date, but with staff on leave over the festive season, updates may take some time to be communicated. It is therefore advised that clubs and individuals continue to monitor the [Scottish Government's COVID-19 website pages](#) for any updates to regulations and requirements.

At the start of 2022, we will be looking to review our COVID guidance document to see if any updates, changes or simplifications can be made to keep the document as brief, informative and relevant as possible.

Police Scotland Advises **Clubs with Renewals Due in 2022 to Submit Applications Early**

STS has been contacted by Police Scotland to advise that in 2022 they will be faced with a large number of club renewals which may lead to some delays or longer than usual processing times. As such, Police Scotland have asked us to advise clubs that if they are due for renewal in 2022, please consider getting applications in early to ensure applications can be processed in time.

Clubs should be aware that delays, while not requiring clubs to cease functioning or close its doors pending renewal, do mean that certain activities will not be allowed until such time as the renewal is confirmed.

The Scottish Government have been asked to issue similar advice and if we get any more updates from Police Scotland around processing times, we will be sure to pass these on to our member clubs.

STS Adopts UKAD Anti-Doping Rules to **Keep Shooting Clean**

As part of the STS's commitment to making sure the sport of shooting is clean from grassroots to performance, the Board has now adopted the [UKAD Anti-Doping Rules](#) to ensure there is a consistent approach taken and we hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards.

As a result of the work we are doing with UKAD, STS is reviewing its Competition Conduct document that applies to all those competing in STS events (members and non-members) and/or representing STS at competitions (whether part of the performance programme or not). We will issue this in early 2022.

We all have a role to play in ensuring Clean Shooting to make sure shooting remains an inclusive, friendly, drug-free, safe sport to be part of. To find out more about Clean Shooting, including links to the UK Anti-Doping Rules, what happens in a test, links to the latest prohibited list and top tips for clean shooting, visit the [Clean Shooting page on the STS website](#).

STS **Staff Availability** over the Festive Season

2021 has been a difficult and relentless year for everyone so we hope members respect the fact that the STS staff will be taking a well deserved break over the festive season. After 17 December all STS staff will be on leave for the festive season but if members have any questions, we would direct them to the comments below:

- **COVID-19 Updates/Guidance** – the Scottish Government update COVID requirements during the festive season and/or early 2022. While staff are absent, please refer to the [Scottish Government COVID-19 website pages](#).
- **Memberships** - support will be available for renewing memberships from 5 January
- **Events** - support will be available for entering events from 6 January
- **Club Plus Insurance** – Clubs with Club Plus membership for 2022 will be sent an updated policy prior to the current policy expiring on 15 January
- All staff will be back by 10 January 2022.

We thank everyone for understanding and respecting staff taking time off to recharge over the festive season so we can come back and support members to the best of our ability in 2022.

STS Events

STS **Confirmed** Events for 2021

STS is pleased to confirm the following competitions and events will be proceeding (subject to Scottish Government advice changing) please note that due to safety measures with regards to COVID-19, the format and/or squadding sizes may be different to previous iterations of these events - please refer to the information for each event to see what changes have been made:

- **8 January** - [10m Air Rifle GP 4](#)
- **9 January** - [10m Air Pistol GP 4](#)
- **12 February** - [10m Air Rifle GP 5](#)
- **13 February** - [10m Air Pistol GP 5](#)

The STS Events committee continues to meet regularly to review the events programme and is currently finalising details for the 2022 10m Championships.

If you want to receive details of our various shooting events, please update your member profile to make sure there is a tick next to each discipline you want to hear from us about.

STS Event Results in 2021

Since restarting our outdoor event programme, we have been able to run the following competitions. Where available, we have provided links to the report and results:

- 3 July - [Colmsliehill GP 3](#)
- 9-11 July - [Scottish Gallery Rifle Championships](#)
- 10 July - [50m 3P Restart Event](#)
- 11 July - [50m Prone Restart Event](#)
- 4 August - [Colmsliehill GP 4](#)
- 29 August - [50m Prone Grampian Open Shoot](#)
- 5 September - [Colmsliehill GP 5](#)
- 2 October - [10m Air Pistol GP 1](#)
- 3 October - [10m Air Rifle GP 1](#)
- 13 November - [10m Air Pistol GP 2](#)
- 14 November - [10m Air Rifle GP 2](#)
- 11 December - [10m Air Pistol GP 3](#)
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For any errors in the reports or questions about our events, please contact events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk

COVID-19 Club Support

Athlete Awareness Tool

sportscotland have developed a **COVID-19 awareness tool** to highlight 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 to spread awareness. [Visit the awareness tool.](#)

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

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. [Contact STS](#)

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

STS Vacancies

STS currently has the following vacancies:

- [Field Target Airgun AMG Chair](#) - closing date 28 February
- [Business Vice Chair](#) - closing date 28 February

Information about the role, who to speak to for more information and how to apply can all be found using the links above. To see all our vacancies, please visit our [vacancies page on the STS website](#).

STS Members Insurance Microsite

STS has been working with our insurance broker, **Bluefin Sport**, to create the [STS Insurance Microsite provided by Bluefin Sport](#). The microsite looks to cover (*please note that this microsite is operated by Bluefin Sport*):

- Main insurance queries
- Copies of all policies (except for the Club Plus insurance letter)
- Details on cover for COVID-19
- Information on how to extend the cover for your club
- Contacts for making a claim

Contact 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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