

Southdown Gun Club Rules

1. Shooters are asked to act responsibly at all times when at the Southdown Gun Club.
2. Shooters are responsible for their own guns and equipment; Southdown cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property.
3. All visitors must report to reception prior to using facilities.
4. Persons shooting **MUST** comply with police authority firearms licensing regulations at all times
5. Persons in possession of a shotgun must have a valid shotgun certificate issued by the Police Authority. Persons shooting without a shotgun certificate must be under the strict supervision of a shotgun certificate holder, held for more than 12 months. Supervision of non-shotgun certificate holders is YOUR liability.
6. **I declare that I am not a prohibited person under the provision of section 2.1 of the Firearms Act 1968.**
A note of the provisions of this act follows: A prohibited person is any person who has served a prison sentence or youth custody for a period of more than three months but less than three years is subject to a five year prohibition from having a firearm or ammunition in his/her possession. A person who has served a prison sentence or youth custody for a period in excess of three years is prohibited from possession of arms or ammunition for life. I also declare that I've never been refused a certificate, had one revoked or have a licence under suspension. I also declare that I've not been subject to a suspended sentence of two years or more.
7. Shooters new to Southdown must produce their shotgun certificate (a copy of which will be retained) and must read, understand and agree to club rules prior to shooting.
8. New shooters (license less than 1 year) must shoot a pre-booked "caddied" round to satisfy ground/gun safety and etiquette before they will be allowed to shoot unsupervised on the ground.
9. Shooters should maintain adequate third party liability insurance.
10. Shooters are responsible for their guests at all times.
11. Children/young adults under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
12. Do not act in a way that could endanger yourself or other users of the ground.
13. Wear full shooting PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) at all times when in the shooting areas and firing positions, as a minimum ear and eye protection. It is also recommended you wear head protection as there is a risk of falling clay.



14. Please drive slowly on the lanes to/from the club as the neighbouring land is used by children, horses and farm equipment.
15. Semi-Auto's must be carried in slip or flag must be attached. They must also have chamber safety device fitted.
16. Do not load automatic or pump action shot guns with more than two cartridges. The only exception being if Southdown Gun Club host a 3 shot event.
17. Familiarise yourself with the club equipment before use and report any broken, damaged equipment to the club staff as soon as possible
18. Do not continually release targets that are breaking or no birding as this will waste your credits, notify a trapper using a radio station.
19. As the paths are uneven care should be taken to avoid trips and falls.
20. On hearing emergency siren, stop shooting, unload your gun and stand down from the stand until instructed by the club safety officer.
21. Guns may only be loaded and fired from the designated firing positions around the layout and should always be from within the shooting cages provided. The only exception being the disciplines that do not have cages (ABT, DTL, FITASC and Skeet).

22. Guns must be emptied of any cartridges or cartridge cases before turning from/leaving the firing point. Shotgun certificate holders are responsible for ensuring compliance with this rule when supervising others.
23. In the event of a misfire or malfunction the person holding the gun must remain on the firing point keeping the gun closed and pointed over the shooting area. Only an experienced person should attempt to resolve a misfire/malfunction. Should you require assistance please contact a Southdown Safety Officer via a radio point.
24. Do not enter the shooting range or attempt to fix/load a trap under any circumstances, in all instances please call a trapper on the radios provided.
25. Stand maintenance – Southdown trapper will close off the stand prior to entering the range, should this happen please unload your gun and exit the stand. Do not release a target whilst the trap is being worked on unless instructed to do so by the trapper. The stand will be re-opened by the trapper at which time shooting can recommence.
26. Try and keep the ground tidy, place litter and spent cartridges in the bins provided.
27. Do not attempt any trick shooting methods, including firing from any position other than the shoulder, only fire at set targets.
28. Do not shoot at targets thrown on other stands.
29. Do not shoot at no birds that are not following the normal trajectory.
30. Do not use the shot sizes that exceed No: 6.5, 28 gram.
31. Snap caps are not permitted at Southdown Gun Club.
32. Be mindful not to mix or store 12 and 20 bore cartridges in the same container bag or pocket to avoid gun damage and potential injury.
33. If you wish to use the corporate stands used by Southdown instructors, please check availability first with reception. We will endeavour to accommodate you however during peak times this may not be possible.
34. If you bring your dog to the ground please keep it on a lead at all times and as required clean up after your pet, placing waste in a bag in the bins provided. Your dog must not cause a nuisance to other customers or their dogs.
35. If you wish to use a Southdown Gun Club Gun, we require you to surrender your shotgun certificate, which will be retained at reception until the gun is returned.
36. Reduced target fees are for paid up members only, all guests will be charged non-members rates.
37. Southdown reserve the right to ask individuals to stop shooting should their actions be deemed dangerous and may be escorted and/or excluded from the ground.
38. If you have a suggestion, query or complaint please communicate to reception, one of the Southdown management team or email us at info@southdowngunclub.co.uk
39. Southdown Members: There may be occasions throughout the year when practice will not be available due to major competitions, we will endeavour to limit this to no more than 10 practice days a year.

Name:	
Address:	
Tel:	
Email:	Car Registration:
Please do not send me Club information <input type="checkbox"/>	
CPSA number (if applicable):	Southdown Member: YES/NO
Name(s) of under 16's with you:	
If not a certificate holder name of person in your party who is:	
Signature:	Date: