

TAWD VALE FIELD TARGET AND AIR RIFLE CLUB

Constitution

1. NAME: The Club shall be named : “**Tawd Vale Field Target and Air Rifle Club**”

Hereafter termed “**the club**”.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) To promote the good name of Air Rifle and Field Target Shooting and to promote the growth of the sport.
- b) To maintain good relations with the landowners, their agents, public, press, and other organisations by offering them the services of the club at fund raising events.
- c) To promote by tuition and training the safe handling of all air weapons, thereby safeguarding club members, property, wildlife and members of the public.
- d) To encourage and maintain a friendly atmosphere within the sport.
- e) The club will be guided by and remain affiliated to the governing bodies of the sport, both national and regional. (The British Field Target Association and the North West Field Target Association).

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB : The club shall be managed by a committee which shall have the following elected executive posts:-

- **Chairman** The Chairman shall represent the club, and shall be responsible for making sure that the club is run according to the club constitution and code of conduct as far as can be reasonably expected
- **Secretary** The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the club records in good order as well as carrying out publicity and club communication duties.
- **Treasurer** The Treasurer shall carry out the day to day financial duties of the club.
- **(Up to 4 non-executive posts – Shoot committee)** Who may assume duties to assist other officers or assist in the general running and organisation of club activities.

- a) A Quorum of the committee shall be a majority of the elected committee members, excluding the Chairman but must include at least one executive committee member.
- b) All committee members must be full members of the club and elected to post by the members at an Annual General Meeting.
- c) In any Committee vote, the Club Chairman will have only a casting vote to maintain the status-quo.

4. RULES OF THE CLUB :

- a) The Committee will produce the “**Rules of the Club**” including safety regulations that shall be binding on all members.
- b) Any quorum of the committee shall also have the power to exclude either temporarily or permanently, from the club’s membership role, activities and grounds, any member or non member who breaches those rules or whose behaviour is deemed to be unsatisfactory for ANY reason.

5. FORMATION OF THE CLUB :

- a) A minimum of 5 fully paid-up senior members will be required to maintain the functioning of the club.
- b) In the event that the club should close then the assets of the club at that time will be sold off and the monies used to settle any outstanding debts. Any surplus monies will be donated to a designated charity.
- c) Any club member (or group) leaving the club for any reason shall have no present or future claim on any assets of the club, either fiscal, material or otherwise.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :At the Annual General Meeting, the following business will be conducted :-

- a). Approve the previous minutes**
- b). Officers Report**
- b). Election of Officers**
- c). Business of the Agenda**
- d). Agree date and time of next meeting.**

7. VOTING : All members are urged to attend the Annual General Meeting to cast their votes and give their opinion on club matters.

- a) Each club member will be allowed one vote, including Juniors.

- b) The Club Chairman will have a casting vote to maintain the status-quo.
- c) Only Paid – Up members may vote at Annual General Meetings.
- d) Any member of the executive committee has the right to veto any decision reached at an Annual General meeting until that decision is ratified by a vote of ALL club members. Such a vote may be conducted by post

8. GENERAL MEETINGS :

- a) A general meeting may be called by the Club Chairman, a quorum of the committee or by six full members of the club. This request must be submitted to the Chairman in writing and or posted on the club notice board and brought to the attention of the Club Secretary. The general meeting must be held within two weeks of receipt/posting of the proposal. At a time and place chosen by the Club chairman.
- b) Only Paid - Up members of the club may vote at General Meetings.
- c) Quorum of the meeting shall be half of the voting club members.
- d) Decision shall be reached by a simple majority of the voting members present.
- e) Any member of the executive committee has the right to veto any decision reached at a General meeting until that decision is ratified by a vote of ALL club members. Such a vote may be conducted by post.

9. CONSTITUTION: The Constitution shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting or Annual General Meeting, and when all members have been notified of the intended change at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

- a. The majority of Committee members elected must also approve any such alteration and any member of the executive committee shall still hold the power of veto.

10. SAFETY: The Club Rules regarding safety shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting or Annual General Meeting. The majority of Committee members elected must also approve any such alteration and any member of the executive committee shall still hold the power of veto.

This constitution is binding on all members and officers of the club from The Annual General Meeting of the Club on 24th February 2008 and replaces all previous constitutions. It was ratified again at the AGM on May 17th 2009 by unanimous vote.