

# Springfield ARC

- COVID - 19 Shooting Safely
- Reopening Guide



**Welcome to**  
**Springfield**  
**Air Rifle Club**





# Summary

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- Guidance from Industry bodies
- Guidance from the UK Government and WHO
- **Section 2:**
- **Springfield ARC procedures and rules**



# Government & Industry Guidance





## Government and Industry Guidance

- The Springfield ARC committee endeavor to ensure that all our members and visitors are safe while shooting at the club. In line with the current government advice, Springfield ARC is preparing for the reopening of the shooting facilities We have prepared the following guidelines for the use in a bid to comply with government advice on distancing and hygiene measures to control the spread of the coronavirus and to limit the impact of any second wave of infection. It should be noted that whilst we can prepare and take as many precautions as possible, we will also rely on all members and visitor's full co-operation and common sense must prevail.
- The layout of Springfield ARC means that creating space for social distancing will not always be achievable and again we will rely on your full co-operation and common sense. We also request that the committee are informed of any suspected cases of coronavirus of any shooter following a visit to the club in order to communicate the heightened risk to all. Anyone who is showing the signs of Coronavirus must stay away from the club.
- The below links offer guidance.

National Small-bore Rifle Association:

<https://www.nsra.co.uk/index.php/news/233-administration/2860-covid-19-update>

Health and safety Executive:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/Covid 19 guidance>

Public health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses>

# Procedures and Rules



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Springfield ARC has remained closed since the government lockdown was introduced. With the expectation of the current government lockdown restrictions being eased gradually and the club being able to reopen again, there are several key areas within the grounds where new procedures and rules will be required to maintain social distancing and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our members and visitors. These rules are for your protection and the protection of all others, please adhere to them. If you are seen to be not following these, then you can expect to be asked to leave the club immediately.

| AREA                      | PROCEDURE/RULE   |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Car Parking</b>        | Car parking will be as normal. As for normal club days there is always parking available. We do ask that you respect the social distancing rules when leaving and returning to your vehicles.  |
| <b>Club Entrance</b>      | Upon entering the clubs grounds you will be required to wash your hands. Soap & water for this purpose only will be provided at two locations within the club grounds. One in the Gents toilet cubical and one outside the club hut. Both taps are lever operated enabling you to turn/off with your elbow etc. You will not be permitted to shoot until you have done this.   |
| <b>Club Hut</b>           | Until the lockdown rules are changed and we are able to do so, the club hut will remain closed for members. No tea, coffee or snacks will be available. Please bring your own. Access to the hut for one committee member at a time maybe required at certain times only.  |
| <b>Plinking Range/Hut</b> | We have made changes to the covered plinking range hut. Instead of one entrance/exit door creating issues for social distancing, we have removed the rear panels opening up the full back of the hut to create easy access. With social distancing in mind, this will enable us to create and allow a maximum of 4 shooters at a time within the hut. Additionally we have also positioned an extra two benches to the side of the hut to enable an extra 2 shooters to be able to use the plinking range as well. |
| <b>Social Distancing</b>  | Social distancing signs have been placed around the clubs ground as a reminder for everyone. The only exceptions to this rule will be those from the same household or those that are part of a Support "Social Bubble".   |



**Toilets**

Only the Men's urinal will be available for use. The men's cubical will remain open but strictly for the washing of hands when entering the club grounds only.

**Firing Line & Targets Reset Strings**

All HFT posts from the firing line will be removed. No strings are to be touched. Instead to reset the targets, we have introduced a "HOOP" part way along each string. This will enable a hook to be inserted to pull back the string and then reset the target. To achieve this we do request that every shooter supplies their own hook to be used. These could be simply made from an old coat hanger, as per image below.







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| <b>Air Refills</b>                 | During this time the club will no longer be providing air refills. Shooters should ensure they have their own supply of air.   |
| <b>Sharing Of Equipment</b>        | There should be no sharing of equipment i.e. shooting mats, bags and guns etc. Again, the only exception to this is if your are from the same household are part of a Support “Social Bubble”.   |
| <b>Face Coverings &amp; Gloves</b> | Although this is not something we will be enforcing, we strongly encourage every shooter to wear face coverings and gloves while on the clubs grounds.   |
| <b>Booking In System</b>           | As the Club Hut is closed and to avoid the use of pens and paper we have introduced a new booking in system. You will now be required to text your name & club membership number to the Club Mobile Phone No. <b>07888 486267</b> . You <b><u>MUST</u></b> do this for every time you visit the club. You will not be permitted to shoot until you have done this. Please save this Mobile Phone No. to your phone contacts. |
| <b>Hand Sanitiser</b>              | We have a quantity of hand sanitiser, 100ml 70% alcohol which will be available to purchase from the club @ £2.00 per bottle for members and £3.00 for non members. Limited to one bottle per person.  |

## Updates and Communications

During this unprecedented time it is likely that things will change rapidly, and the procedures and rules outlined within this document will be modified to suit. We will aim to communicate with our members throughout this challenging time via the methods below;

- Email updates/calls to members outlining any changes in government guidelines and/or changes to the procedures.
- We welcome suggestions/communications via email to the committee.
- <https://www.springfieldarc.com/Contact-Us.html>



# Thank you

- We thank you for your co-operation during this challenging time. We cannot do this without everyone on board and adhering to the procedures and rules that are put in place for everyone's safety.
- If you have any further questions relating to anything within this document, please free to contact a member of the committee.
- <https://www.springfieldarc.com/Committee-Members.html>