



EXPLORERS

Norfolk Scouts
Annual Authority - Air Weapons
Scout District



PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
SPECIFIC SHOOTING ACTIVITY

SPECIFIC PARENTAL PREMISSION IS NEEDED
BEFORE A YOUNG PERSON (under 18) CAN TAKE PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

Using Air Rifles and/ or Pistols on Ranges conforming with the Guidelines of the National Small-Bore Rifle Association, Shooting is one of the activities available to all members of the Scout Association providing they are not prohibited from handling firearms under Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 (extract below).

Leaders undertaking the duties of Range Conducting Officer (RCO) for this activity are course qualified and hold a National Governing Body/ Military/ Police 'in date' Qualification.

This authority is specific to the use of Air Weapons **Note: .22 Air Rifles can now be used under Scout Association rules HOWEVER, Only on Outdoor ranges at distances greater than 12 meters from the muzzle:** at the following

Extracts from Firearms Act 1968 - Section 21

- (1) A person who has been sentenced (to custody for life or) to preventative detention, or to imprisonment or to corrective training for a term of three years or more (or to youth custody (or detention in a young offender institution) for such a term), or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.
- (2) a person who has been sentenced ... to imprisonment for a term of three months or more but less than three years (or to youth custody (or detention in a young offender institution) for such a term), or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a tern in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time before the expiry of the period of five year from the date of his release have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.

This means:

Section 21 prohibits the possession of a firearm and ammunition (under any circumstances), by a person who had been convicted of a crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment (or its equivalent for young persons) of 3 months or more. The prohibition applies in all circumstances, including handling and firing at an approved shooting club or clay pigeon shoot where a certificate is not ordinarily required. It also applies to the possession or use of other categories of firearms and ammunition such as AIRGUNS or shot cartridges for which a certificate is not needed.

A sentence of 3 months to 3 years attracts a 5-year prohibition, shorter ones no prohibition but a longer one means a life ban

.....**Group Scout Leader / District Explorer Scout Administrator**
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Please detach and return to your young person's leader

Scout Group / District Explorer Unit

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM -

I have noted the arrangements with regard to the use of .177 Air Rifles and/or Pistols at Scout Group H.Q. or regularly used locations /ranges within their Scout District, by persons under the age of 18

I agree to taking part in activities involving these weapons run and supervised by Authorised Instructors within *****Scout District and declare that they are not subject to restriction by virtue of regulations set out in S21 Firearms Act 1968.

Please state if your child has any disability or condition, which may be affected by this activity:

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This authority, signed and dated by me, expires on 23:59 31 Dec 2016

Name.....Signature.....Date.....