



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

- \*\*Membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. If you join in January to July inclusive the full subscription is payable.
- **\*\*If you join in August or September, the subscription fee is half + the £20 joining fee.**
- If you join in October, November or December the full fee as stated on the application form covers you for the following year's subscription.
- Please read the WRPC Data Collection and Privacy Policy on our website before signing the form.
- Please make cheques payable to: **Wedgnock Rifle and Pistol Club** (If you do not have a cheque book then please ask your bank to issue a cheque drawn from your account. Do not enclose cash with your application.)
- **Payments may be made by bank transfer on request.** Email the secretary on [secretary@wedgnock.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wedgnock.co.uk)
- The Home Office require shooting clubs to notify the Police of all applications for membership.
- If the Police raise no objections to your application, the WRPC Secretary will then carry out his checks.
- Your application is then presented to the WRPC Management Committee which decides whether or not to accept it. If accepted your cheque will then be paid in.
- The Senior instructor will allocate an instructor to take on your training and they will contact you as soon as a training slot becomes available. Any enquiries about your submitted application should be sent to [secretary@wedgnock.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wedgnock.co.uk) You will receive a reply as soon as possible. During busy periods there may be a delay before you are contacted to begin training.

## MAILING LIST

If you agree on the application form by ticking the box, we will add you to our mailing list so that we can keep you informed of important club news and events and of essential new firearms legislation. Your name, email address and membership number will be stored on a site administered by Mailchimp whose terms and conditions and privacy policy can be found here: ([Mailchimp's Privacy Policy](#)). You can unsubscribe easily at any time by following the link at the foot of any emails received from the WRPC Newsletter issued via Mailchimp. You will also from time to time receive emails from Myclubhouse which is a secure site that we use to store your data on our membership records. We can contact you on a legitimate basis to renew membership subscriptions annually or for other important information.

## CHECK LIST

- 1) Have you completed and signed the application form including your phone numbers and email address?
- 2) Have you enclosed 2 passport size photographs and a stamped addressed envelope?
- 3) Have you enclosed a cheque payable to **Wedgnock Rifle and Pistol Club** and signed/dated it?
- 4) **You must ensure that the correct postage is used on your application envelope as Royal Mail charge up to £5.00 surcharge which we will no longer pay. This means they will return your application to you.**
- 5) If you are under 18, has a parent/guardian also signed the application form and printed their name & phone number? A parent or guardian will need to accompany junior members under 18 at all training sessions. Junior members will be trained by an Enhanced DBS Certified Instructor.
- 6) If in doubt, or you require further information before applying for membership, please email [secretary@wedgnock.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wedgnock.co.uk) and you will receive a reply as soon as possible.

- When you become an Adult full member or Junior full member after passing your training and probationary period, you will need to apply for a Firearms Certificate to own your own guns and ammunition which means that you will have to securely store them in a Police-approved gun cabinet at home.
- If you live in a flat with a shared entrance, you may want to check with your local firearms licensing department to see if they generally allow a FAC in this type of accommodation.
- If you rent your property, then check your tenancy agreement to see if firearms are allowed to be stored.
- Also see the notes on page 3 regarding junior members under 18 years of age.
- If you have any reservations about this, then please contact us before applying for membership.

Email: [secretary@wedgnock.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wedgnock.co.uk)

## TRAINING COSTS

It is compulsory for all trainees and parent/guardian for juniors to wear safety glasses and hearing protection.

### **FULL FIREARMS TRAINING COURSE: (For all applicants who do not possess a Firearms Certificate)**

- There are a minimum of 4 two-hour sessions plus a compulsory two-hour black powder training session. You will also be given 2 training manuals and written tests to assist with your training.
- You must provide your own safety glasses & ear plugs/defenders or purchase some from your instructor.
- The cost of each session is **£30** which includes the range fee, 50 rounds of .22 ammunition, targets, use of all firearms and for black powder training, range fee, black powder, primers, patches and use of muzzle loading firearms. Trainees can purchase additional .22 rounds in blocks of 50 but **all rounds must be used on the training session or held by your instructor for use next time.**
- Extra targets can also be purchased, and training fees are payable on each training day. The full training course and the minimum 3-month probationary period needs to be successfully completed, **before membership is considered by the WRPC Management Committee and a membership card is issued.**
- **Total minimum course cost £150.00 Please pay your £30 training fees in cash on the day of every session.**

### **FAC HOLDERS**

**(The 3-month probationary period may be waived at the discretion of the instructor)**

- You will need to attend at least one session, costing **£30**, with an instructor where you will be provided with a training manual and written test to assess your range safety and discipline and be appraised of the range rules/procedures. Occasionally additional training sessions may be necessary at the instructor's discretion, to ensure you meet the safety requirements.
- You must provide your own safety glasses & ear plugs/defenders or purchase some from your instructor.
- A compulsory 2-hour black powder session costing **£30** needs to be completed which includes a training manual and written test before membership is considered by the WRPC Management Committee and a membership card is issued.
- **Total minimum course cost £60.00 Please pay your £30 training fees in cash on the day of every session.**
- (MLAGB members may be excused the BP training at the discretion of the WRPC Management Committee.)

### **JUNIOR MEMBERS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Junior members are those who are under 18 years of age. Three of our instructors have gone through the Enhanced DBS checks and are certified to train under 18-year-olds. We also ask that a parent or guardian is present at all training sessions.
- Please be aware that when you complete your training and probationary period and become a Full Junior Member, if you then apply for your own FAC, there will be legal restrictions. Until you are 18 you will be unable to store your own firearms and ammunition in your own police approved cabinet or to purchase firearms and ammunition. Instead, you will need to have them stored by an adult FAC holder who will have to purchase and transport your firearms and ammunition for you to the range and supervise your shooting until you reach 18 years of age.
- So, unless you know someone who is willing to do this, we recommend that a parent also joins at the same time and goes through our training course with you. They can then also apply for a FAC and store your firearms and ammunition along with their own.

**Relevant medical conditions which must be disclosed on a separate sheet of paper in a sealed envelope are:**

(Extracted from the official notes accompanying a FAC application form)

- Acute Stress Reaction or an acute reaction to the stress caused by a trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder
- Suicidal thoughts or self-harm or harm to others
- Depression or anxiety
- Dementia
- Mania, bipolar disorder, or a psychotic illness
- A personality disorder
- A neurological condition: for example, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's or Huntington's diseases, or epilepsy
- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Any other mental or physical condition, or combination of conditions, which you think may be relevant.

These are some of the medical conditions which could affect your application for a Firearms Certificate (FAC), a Shotgun Certificate (SGC) and an Explosives Certificate (EC). So, we need to know before your application is accepted so that you don't waste your money on training and then fail to be granted a certificate.

**More importantly it is for everyone's safety that we ask for this information.**

**Medical records for your FAC application after completion of your training**

As above, the Police Firearms Licensing Teams require a report based on your full medical records from your doctor when applying for a FAC, SGC and Explosives Certificate for black powder. Some doctors refuse to provide these so you will need to use a third-party doctor to obtain your records under a Data Subject Access Request and they will complete the report.

**For applicants born abroad, you will need to obtain medical records translated into English from your country of birth as far back as possible to accompany your records/report from your doctor in the UK.**

(It is the **Police Firearms Licensing Team** who decide on your application for a FAC and you need to undertake our training and become a Full Member of WRPC in order to be eligible to apply. There are many factors and evidential facts that they consider so successfully completing our comprehensive training course is only the first stage and doesn't guarantee that you will be granted a FAC, though the vast majority of our trainees are successful.)

Sections 27 and 28 of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) specify that in order to issue a firearm or shotgun certificate the chief officer of police must be satisfied that an applicant can be permitted to possess a gun "without danger to the public safety or the peace". Medical fitness is one of the factors police must consider when assessing a person's suitability.

**If you have suffered from any of the above medical conditions at any time, then you must declare it to us on a separate sheet of paper in a sealed envelope with your membership application.**

If you wish to discuss this in confidence before applying for probationary membership then please contact the club secretary at:

Email: [secretary@wedgnock.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wedgnock.co.uk)