

Rules of The Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club

(adopted 26th April 2023)

1. The **CLUB** shall be called the **Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club (UVRC)**.
2. **OBJECTS** of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of target shooting and marksmanship with rifles, and the training of Old Uppinghamians and pupils of Uppingham School in marksmanship and the use of target rifles as a shooting discipline.
3. **MEMBERSHIP.** Any person who has ever been refused by the police to hold a Firearm Certificate (FAC) or a Shotgun Certificate shall be ineligible for election to any class of shooting membership of the Club. Members who wish to shoot and do not hold a FAC must inform the Executive Committee of any medical health issues or medications that may pose a risk to bear firearms. Any Uppinghamian, being a member of the Uppingham Association, shall be eligible for election as a member:

(A)**Probationary Member:** Before attaining Full Membership applicants must undergo a probationary period of six months to satisfy the Executive Committee of their medical health in respect of suitability to bear firearms, safe conduct on shooting ranges, and the safe handling and security of firearms and ammunition. Applicants shall be proposed by a current Full Member and by one other person who knows the applicant personally; usually this will be the Master in Charge of Shooting during the time they were at school and who gave them proper instruction on the safe use of firearms. Probationary Members may not vote at any General Meeting. A Probationary Member will not pay a subscription until he or she becomes a Full Member.

(B)**Full Member:** Full Members will be approved by the Executive Committee. To qualify as a Full Member, one should have either, completed satisfactorily Probationary Membership (sub para A above), or be a current member of a Home Office approved target rifle club, or hold a current FAC authorising possession of a rifle. This is subject to satisfactory references and that the applicant is known personally by a current member of the Club. These rules apply equally to **Life Members**.

(C)**Honorary Member:** Any person who has rendered service to shooting either at Uppingham or among Uppinghamians may be proposed at a General Meeting as an Honorary Member by the Executive Committee. Such persons may participate in the Club's shooting events only if they fulfil the requirements for Full Membership (sub para B above). The Executive Committee may also elect, as 5-year Honorary Members, pupils who have recently left Uppingham School and who fulfil the terms of Probationary Membership.

(D)**Non-Shooting Member:** With the approval of the Executive Committee, all Old Uppinghamians who do not fulfil the requirements for shooting membership are eligible to join the Club as Non-Shooting Members

4. **MEMBERS** will be entitled to wear the Club's colours and represent the Club in competitions.
5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS.** Full Members shall pay an annual subscription set by the Executive Committee, which shall be due by March 1st in each year, or in the case of a new member after the date of his or her election. Any member whose subscription is still unpaid by December 1st of the current year shall be sent a reminder to his or her last known address or email address; if payment is still not made by March 1st following, the person concerned shall cease to be a member of the Club, whether or not he or she had received this reminder. The Membership Secretary shall report to the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) which members have been removed from the Roll under this clause. A member so removed from the Roll may re-join on payment of one years' back subscription. A member who resigns may re-join subsequently without back payment provided his or her subscription was paid in full at the time of resignation. At the

discretion of the Executive Committee, where members have failed to pay the full amount due (such as not updating a standing order), and hence, have built up an amount owed, they will be deemed to be inactive members. Inactive members may still receive the Club communications and the report but may not participate in Club activities until they have made a back payment of at least the last two years of debt. **Life Members** shall pay a single payment of fifty times the current annual subscription rate.

6. **INCOME** and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the Objects of the Club (para 2). If on a winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any income or property whatsoever, this shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be donated to some charitable association or object. Such an association or object shall be determined by the Club members at or before the time of dissolution.

7. **PROPER BOOKS** of account with respect to the affairs of the Club shall be kept. Accounts inspected by a qualified independent accountant shall be published annually before the AGM for agreement of the members.

8. **FINANCIAL CONTROL:** The Honorary Treasurer and at least one other committee member will be signatories on the Club bank accounts and any investment accounts. Any single signatory will be permitted to conduct banking activities on behalf of the Club. The signatories will have access to internet banking (where available) to manage the accounts in accordance with the Club's financial policy given above.

9. **OFFICERS** of the Club shall consist of a President, Captain, Under 25 Captain, Membership Secretary, Club Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer. The President, Captain, Under 25 Captain, Club Secretary, Membership Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Schools Liaison Officer, the Master in Charge of Shooting at the School, Past Presidents still living and up to three elected members shall collectively form the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**, by whom the Club and its property shall be managed. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt from the Full Members of the Club not more than two such members to serve on the Committee until the next AGM. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the running of the Club and have unrestricted power of investment of any financial surplus for the Club's benefit. The Executive Committee has power to deal with anything not provided for in these rules. Any decision of the Executive Committee requires the support of at least four of its Officers.

10. The **PRESIDENT** of the Club shall be elected for a period not exceeding three years after which time he or she shall be ineligible to hold that office for the next three years. The President shall be elected in recognition of long and outstanding service to the Club.

11. **MEETINGS** will generally be convened in person however where this is not possible or practical, the Executive Committee may permit a Committee or General Meeting to take place by means of telecommunications. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year, or whenever deemed necessary and called for by a member of the committee. There shall be an AGM of the members of the Club after the Veterans Match at Bisley each year, at which the officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to hold office until the next AGM. At the same meeting, the year's accounts of the Club shall be submitted, and any report which the Executive Committee may have previously requested. When an AGM cannot take place following the Veterans Match, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called to attend to any required Club matters. Any three members of the Club may at any time request an Extraordinary General Meeting by application to the Executive Committee. Notice of at least ten days must be given for any Extraordinary General Meeting. The quorum at any General Meeting shall be ten members.

12. **RULES** of the Club may be added to, altered, or amended by a clear majority of Club members voting at any Annual or other General Meeting.