

FAC Holders & HO Approved Club Members

Use of the Target Sports Centre Ltd ranges at The Tunnel – Public Health Protection Arrangements

ALL previous range safety rules and ammunition limitations still apply. These are displayed on the outside of each range door, and on the ranges. Please take time to read and remind yourself of them.

If you, or anyone in your household, has the symptoms of COVID-19 infection then you MUST isolate and stay at home.

All shooters **MUST pre-book their range time**, preferably by email (info@thetunnel.co.uk). Telephone enquiries may be made but the currently reduced staffing means that usually a voicemail will need to be left. In all cases you **must** have had a booking confirmation before attending to shoot.

Opening times will be advertised on the Tunnel website (thetunnel.co.uk). These may be different from previous opening hours and may change over time (as staffing varies).

Probationary members who require one to one supervision **MUST make this clear when applying for a booking**. Neither the club nor the Target Sports Centre Ltd can guarantee that a person able to provide supervision will be available to enable the booking to go ahead. Probationary Members may be supervised by a Full Member. If the person supervising is not from the same household as the Probationer then both must wear face coverings due to the potential proximity. Full Members wishing to supervise a Probationary Member must also read and follow the separate supervision guidance, available from the club and the Target Sports Centre Ltd.

Only pre-booked shooters and shop customers will be allowed to access the premises. It is unlikely that non-shooters will be able to wait in the café area, so please do not rely on being able to do so.

Shooters must not arrive at the ranges more than 30 minutes ahead of their booking. If you do so, for example because of an uncertain travelling time, please wait in your transport until the half hour before your booking.

The reception area will only accommodate a small number of people. It is likely the outer door will be locked, and you will need to wait until a staff member allows you entry. In the time before your booking you are welcome to visit the shop to purchase ammunition and targets etc.

On arrival shooters must clean their hands at the reception welcome point and there will be a non-contact temperature check.

All shooters MUST be in possession of a face covering (non-medical grade). A face covering must be worn whilst inside on the site. This is because wearing a face covering is required by law inside the onsite shop, and that will include passing through the shop to/from the 100m range. In addition, our risk assessment requires a face covering to be worn when on range with another shooter who is not from your household. That will be a common situation. There are also likely to be proximity situations in using the main corridor, where a face covering will reflect the arrangements for shops. It is therefore simpler, and sensible, for shooters to wear a face covering whilst indoors onsite.

A face covering need not be worn if the shooter meets any of the general exemption criteria, when outdoors (for example the patio area, which will have limited, spaced, seating), eating/drinking in the

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indoor limited capacity seating area (where the vending machines are) and when on range alone or only with members of the same household.

All shooters will require their own hearing and eye protection. We are not able to lend these items for the time being. Hearing and eye defence is available for purchase in the onsite shop.

All shooters wishing to use a reserved rifle/ammunition stored at The Tunnel, and/or to borrow a Target Sports Centre Ltd rifle **MUST** request this at the time of booking. Reserved or borrowed rifles will be collected from, and returned to, the Armoury. If there has been any difficulty in identifying the storage case of a reserved rifle then a range officer will accompany you to the storage room so you can identify and collect your rifle.

Range bookings will be on the hour, for an hour at a time. Because of cleaning between details, an hour booking will mean that you have access to your firing point for **50 minutes**, 5 past the hour of your booking until 5 minutes before the next hour. A maximum of two hours may be booked consecutively on the same range. Consecutive hours on different ranges may be booked. A maximum of two shooters will be allowed on each range concurrently, unless all shooters on the range at that time are from the same household. For example, three shooters from the same household may book a range concurrently (although see below for firing points in use) but two shooters from one household may not book at the same time (to share a firing point) as one shooter from another household. This is to ensure distancing requirements can be met.

On each range only firing points 1 and 4 will be available. Other firing point benches will have been removed/blocked. This is to ensure distancing requirements can be met and to avoid excessive cleaning time being required between bookings. If the benches at points 2 and 3 were used for firing from or placing equipment on then they will have to be cleaned between each booking and that will slow the arrangements down too much to work. It is likely that there will be a vertical screen between the two firing points in use.

You may enter the range you have booked at 5 minutes **past** the hour of your booking. Any reserved or lent rifle/ammunition should have been placed on a firing point for you by the Range Officer. You will have been made aware if the other firing point is being used by someone from a different household. **If it is then you must wear a face covering at all times on the range.** Liaison between shooters to change or patch targets will be as usual. **You MUST use the provided cleaning materials to wipe down your firing point**, and then clear up your targets, rifle, ammunition etc and **leave the range at least five minutes before your booking ends.** You must leave any reserved/lent rifle and ammunition on your firing point.

A Range Officer will enter the range in order to remove and clean the reserved/lent firearms etc and prepare the point for the next booking. These arrangements allow 10 minutes for that, so please be prompt in leaving the range in order to allow that to happen. If one shooter is leaving but another is staying on, we will cope.

Hand cleaning facilities, the toilets and the café vending machines will be available. Please make sure you observe the Government distancing advice, especially in the use of the corridor. It is sensible to wait until the corridor is clear, but if two people from different households must pass each other, then one should stop, turn to the wall, and wait until the other has gone past.