

# IBM HURSLEY CLAY PIGEON CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be called the IBM Hursley Clay Pigeon Club with headquarters at Hursley House, Hursley, Hampshire.
2. The Club shall be affiliated to the IBM Hursley Club.
3. The Club shall be affiliated to any Clay Pigeon Association as may be considered necessary by the committee.
4. The object of the Club is to encourage skill in Clay Pigeon shooting by providing facilities, instruction, practice and competition for members and their guests.
5. The Club shall be managed by a Chairman and Committee (of which five form a quorum) who shall be elected at the annual general meeting in each year. The committee shall consist of the following:  
Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
At least 5 Committee Members  
Vacancies in the committee occurring during the year may be filled by the committee. The Secretary may convene committee meetings as and when required on giving 7 days notice.
6. The members of the Club may also elect, when the position is vacant, and when a worthy candidate is thought to exist, an Honorary Life President for the Club. This position will be offered to a Club member who in the opinion of the membership deserves the gratitude and recognition of the Club after making a substantial and/or sustained contribution to the running of the Club over a lengthy period. Any proposal to offer this honorary position to a particular member shall be decided by Club members, after discussion and voting, at a properly constituted AGM or other meeting convened under items 12, 13 or 14 of this constitution. Under normal circumstances the position will be held for the remaining lifetime of the appointee, and also entitles the appointee to free membership of the Club for their lifetime. However in extremes of the circumstances described in item 9 of this constitution the Honorary Life President could be removed from office and barred from further membership of the Club by the process described. The position is a non-executive one, and confers on the holder no right or power to manage or direct the Club, its policies and affairs, or the actions of its members. However the serving Honorary Life President may simultaneously hold any other Club office to which he or she may be properly elected by the members.
7. Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary, an Officer or Member of the committee. Such application shall be considered at the next meeting of the committee.
8. An annual membership subscription is payable in advance on 1 January of each year for all members over the age of 18 on that date. Any member whose subscription is not paid by 31 March is debarred from the privileges of membership until payment. Junior membership is available for persons below the age of 18 on 1 January. (Refer to current fees list for current subscription rates.).
9. The Committee may remove from the role of Members any member whose conduct on the range or upon any premises occupied by the Club, or elsewhere, is unseemly, objectionable or calculated to bring the Club into disrepute, and such member shall have no claim on the Club for any subscription or entrance paid. Such member may have the right of appeal to a Specific General Meeting provided 14 days notice be given to the Secretary.
10. The Secretary or any Officer or Member receiving any money on behalf of the Club shall forthwith hand same to the Treasurer.

11. The Committee may pay accounts and incur any normal liabilities on behalf of the Club. The Committee and Officers are hereby indemnified by the Club against any claim or demand in respect of any liability properly and in good faith incurred on behalf of the Club.
12. The Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the end of the preceding year (at least 7 days notice of such Meeting shall be given to the members) at which the following business shall be transacted:
  - Election of Officers and Committee
  - Revision and Amendment of Rules and Regulations
  - Any Other Business
13. Upon the requisition in writing, duly setting out the purpose signed by twelve members and delivered to the Secretary, the Committee shall within fourteen days convene a Special General Meeting of the Club.
14. Upon such requisition being duly served and not complied with within fourteen days, those requisitioning may themselves convene a Special General Meeting of the Club by giving seven days notice in writing to the Members duly setting out the purpose for which the Meeting is called, and any resolutions passed at such a Meeting shall have the same force and effect if they were passed at a Meeting convened by the Committee.
15. Any Officer or Member of the Committee may be removed by a majority of two-thirds of the Members present at any General Meeting, convened under rules 12, 13, and 14, and such vote taken by ballot.
16. The Chairman of the Club and Committee shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.
17. The Committee may make Bye-Laws and Regulations in regard to the use of the range during Club hours and may draw up condition of all Competitions, arranging Handicapping and Matches. The Entry Fees for all Competition must be paid before shooting in such Competition.
18. At any one session at a shoot site each member may introduce not more than two guests who may shoot only at the expense of the member introducing him/her. The shoot Officer at that session may limit the maximum number of guests who may shoot or the number may be determined by regulations drawn up by the Committee.
19. The Committee shall have the power to legislate upon any point not provided for in the rules.
20. All property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee for the time being.
21. All shooting shall be governed by CPSA and ISU regulations.
22. In the event of the Club being wound up the property and assets of the Club shall not belong to the members of the Club but shall be made over to the IBM Hursley Club.
23. Changes or amendments to the constitution may be requested by any member of the Club. This request shall be made to the secretary of the Club. Upon a change being requested, all Officers and committee members will be notified of the request by the secretary. All Officers and committee members will be invited, as soon as is reasonably possible, to a meeting to discuss the request (This meeting may be a teleconference) and where it will be either approved or rejected. A minimum of five officers or committee members must be at the meeting for a change or amendment to be approved.