

The Old Sergeants Mess Shooting Club

Membership Application Form

(for memberships starting on/after 1 April 2016)

Title _____		First Name _____		Middle Name(s) _____		Surname _____	
(please make sure you give your full name as per your passport / birth certificate)							
Address (please include your postcode)							

Telephone Home _____				Occupation _____			
Mobile _____				E-Mail _____			
Office _____				Date of Birth _____			

Category of Membership (please tick the appropriate box)

Shooting Membership Annual	Open to persons over 18 years old. This category is for all disciplines.	£ 20 pcm	
Distance/ Senior/Disabled	Open to persons of retirement age or those residing more than 100 miles from Bisley.	£ 10 pcm	
Shotgun or Sporting	Shotgun only or Sporting only Sporting Rifle is for 100 & 200 yards & Butt Zero only.	£ 10 pcm	
Social	Open to Non-shooting members For relatives of Full members (£30)	£ 10 pcm	
Junior/ Full Time Student	Open to those who are between the ages of 14 and 18. A parent or Guardian must also sign this form for applicants in this category.	£ 10pcm	
Affiliate Membership	Open to any Home Office approved club. Price depends on the number of members and potential usage of Old Sergeants Mess.	£ 350 pa	
Life / Honorary	By invitation only.		

Joining fee £20. Monthly premiums are payable for a 12 month period from joining/renewal.

**All membership applications are subject to approval by the Home Office/Police.
Full membership is also subject to confirmation at the next committee meeting.**

**Most new members will require a Probationary course. Please see details on the membership information page. A separate fee is payable for this and any assessments required.
Fees are non-refundable. Course fees are usually £ 69.50 per day. Assessments are £ 25.**

1. **Are you a holder of a full Firearms Certificate? Y / N**

(A copy is required for our records)

(If No – please go to question 2)

Firearms Certificate Number _____ Issued by _____

Valid Until _____ Does your FAC include Target Shooting Firearms? _____

2. **Are you a holder of a Shotgun Certificate? Y / N**

(A copy is required for our records)

(If No – please go to question 3)

Shotgun Certificate Number _____ Issued by _____

Valid Until _____

3. **Are you already a member of a Home Office Approved Club? Y / N**

(This should be your primary club as per your FAC)

Name of Club _____

Name and Contact Number of Club Official _____

How long have you been a member of that club _____

- *Referees are not required if you hold an FAC, but we will require a copy of the FAC for our records.*

4. **Are you a member of the NRA? Y / N**

(This is important as we have to pay a surcharge to the NRA for all non NRA members)

If YES please state your membership number _____

5. **Do you have a Shooter Certification Card for this year? Y / N (copy required for our records)**

If Yes, please state issuing club and expiry date _____

Please state certified disciplines _____

6. **Do you hold any qualifications for shooting or related sports? Y / N**

If Yes, please give details _____

I hereby declare that

- **I have never had an application for a Firearm or Shotgun certificate refused or revoked by the Police.**
- **I have never been prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended.**
- **I am a fully paid up member of the HOA club stated on my FAC. (Please delete if not a holder of an FAC)**
- **I know of no medical reason why I should not become a member of the “Old Sergeants Mess Shooting Club”**

Signed:

Date:

In signing this form you are agreeing to your personal details being submitted to Surrey Firearms Licensing for approval. We are required to submit Name, Address and Date of Birth for all applicants to this Home Office Approved Club (whether you hold an FAC or not). Your details will not be given out to any other person or organisation without your permission. We will keep you informed of the progress of your membership application. You also agree to the terms and conditions regarding training and shoot requirements. Thank you for applying for membership of this club.

Full Probation	Conversion	Special Case	Shoots only
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Terms + Conditions – Membership payments by instalments

Your membership year runs from the start of the month in which you complete your membership form, for a period of 12 months. Your membership card will show the valid “until” date.

You will be issued a membership card at the commencement of each membership year, reflecting your status within the club (eg Probationary, Full, Lifetime etc). When you complete your probationary training* your card will be re-issued accordingly.

Fees are payable by monthly installments on a Direct Debit. This is currently £ 20 per month. There is an additional joining up fee of £ 20, payable on submission of your membership form.

The installments of £ 20 per month form part of the full £ 240 fee (per annum).

On successful clearance of your application through Firearms Licensing, you will receive your membership card and a voucher for £ 50 off a course of your choice **. You may then start attending club shoots and courses.

Should you resign your membership of the club at any time during your membership year, a balance amounting to 50% of the remaining fee will be payable.

If for any reason you are unable to pay by Direct Debit, we will accept the full amount by cash, bank transfer or credit/debit card (not AMEX). At this time we do not accept a standing order instruction.

After one year, you will receive your membership renewal card, provided that fees are up to date and the member has been compliant with all club rules and regulations.

* Probationary Training

Completion of probationary training involves attending the required number of club shoots, attending the course(s) required, a walk through assessment and approval from the Chairman.

** Courses

Some courses are only suitable for Full members (e.g Target Shotgun)

Signed

Signed for OSMSC

**All Applicants without a Firearms Certificate must complete these referee forms.
Please include these referee forms (fully completed) when returning your application.**

Referees

Applicant's Name _____

Referee 1 **Name** _____

Address _____

Contact Number _____

Occupation _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

Are you aware of any reason why the applicant should not be eligible for membership of the "Old Sergeants Mess Shooting Club"? If yes, please give details.

I hereby state that the information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

Dated

A referee should be a person of professional standing who has known you for at least 2 years and is able to comment on your character and suitability to be around firearms. If you are currently a member of a rifle club (without FAC) at least one referee should be an official of your existing club.

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Referees

Applicant's Name _____

Referee 2 Name _____

Address _____

Contact Number _____

Occupation _____

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In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

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Membership Information

What Happens next?

- Step 1: We submit your details to Surrey Firearms Licensing (whether you are an FAC holder or not).
- Step 2: On receipt of approval from Surrey Firearms Licensing we will email you to confirm that you are now a probationary member. You may now attend club shoots.
- Step 3: You will start to receive emails from us regarding shoots and other club activities.
- Step 4: If you are not an FAC holder then you may be required to attend our probationary course (some exceptions for long term members of HOA clubs without FAC). You can book in for one of these when you feel that you are ready. In the meantime you can attend club shoots, where you will be guided and supervised.

New Members with previous experience of rifle shooting within a Home Office Approved Club and/or an FAC.

All new members are Probationary members. Full membership is granted at committee when the following criteria has been achieved:

- 3 qualifying shoots
- Membership subs up to date
- Certification card issued
- Agreement from OSM committee.

All members need a certification card to be able to shoot Rifles on Bisley Ranges. These certification cards must be signed off by the Chairman of the club. If you do not hold a certification card (from the OSM or the NRA) for all the disciplines you wish to shoot then you will have to have an assessment.

The assessment will be held on an agreed OSM shoot date. You should bring every type of rifle (and target shotgun if you shoot this discipline) that you want to have on your competency certificate. You will be required to demonstrate safe handling and use of each of the rifle types (Telescoped, Open Sights, etc). On successful completion of the assessment, you will be issued with a certificate that will cover you for all the rifles assessed. If you would like confirmation or further details then please do consult the NRA web-site at www.NRA.ORG.UK.

Any persons failing the assessment will have to pay for a re-assessment not earlier than 2 weeks after the first attempt.

New Members with NO previous experience of shooting within a Home Office Approved Club.

As a new member you will need to enter our training program. Successful completion of this programme will result in a certification card and eligibility for full membership (rather than probationary) of the OSM Club.

Over the next year you will need to do the following:

- Attend your first OSM club shoot for some 1 to 1 supervision in shooting skills.
- Attend two one day courses in the basics of Rifle handling and use. These days will include class-room work in the first part of the morning and practical work on the ranges.
- Attend at least 4 further shoots over the following 4 months.
- Complete your Shooting skills register, complete the recommendation letter and pass your practical assessment.
- Ensure all fees are paid.

You will then be put forward for full membership at the first available committee meeting.

The committee reserve the right to ask any member to re-start the probationary process if a long period of time has passed between attending club shoots or if any concerns are raised.

New Members who hold an FAC without Target Shooting specified on it.

You will be required to attend a 1 day conversion (to target shooting) course and attend 3 qualifying shoots. Then pass an assessment and complete the shooting skills form.