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# **RULE BOOK**

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## CONSTITUTION/RULE BOOK

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## **CATEGORY 1:**

### **RULES OF DEBATE**

**1 (a)** No proposal shall be entertained unless proposed and seconded.

**1 (b)** No member shall speak twice on the same proposal unless in explanation, on a point of order or as a proposer of an amendment to a proposition.

**1 (c)** No more than one (1) amendment to a proposal shall be accepted. This does not preclude a brief debate as to which amendment shall be accepted. The Chairman having the final selection at his impartial discretion as to which amendment shall be voted on.

**1 (d)** A simple majority of those eligible to vote will decide (unless otherwise provided for by rule) in the event of a tie the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

**1 (e)** The meeting will be addressed through the Chair at all times except where permission has been granted by the Chairman.

## **CATEGORY 2:**

### **GENERAL RULES**

#### **RULE 2.1 MEETING AGENDA & RECORD**

**2.1.1** Proposals to be submitted to the A.G.M. Shall be placed on the Agenda provided it shall have reached the Secretary (proposed and seconded) in writing six weeks previous to the A.G.M.

**2.1.2** Proposals will be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the A.G.M. In order that there is no duplication of proposals at the said meeting. Proposers will be informed of the Committees decision in such cases.

**2.1.3** Attendance at meetings and apologies for absence shall be recorded.

**2.1.4** The secretary shall record the minutes of the Association's meetings.

**2.1.5** Immediately after the opening of a meeting a vote shall be taken on the acceptance of the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting which shall be taken as per printed copy and signed by the Chairman.

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#### **RULE 2.2 MEETINGS AND QUORUMS**

**2.2.1** At meetings where decisions are made that affect membership, compliance with regulations and the law, general management of the club, its assets and finances etc. it is essential for the good management and integrity of the club that the membership at such meetings is fairly representative of the membership as a whole. In order to achieve this and to help prevent minority groups making decisions adverse to the majority, Executive Committee, Annual General and Extraordinary General Meetings must have a practical minimum number of eligible members present at such, therefore:

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

- A quorum for Committee meetings shall be a minimum of ten (10) members, one of whom must be the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL & EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS.**

- A quorum for either an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be a minimum of twenty five (25) members eligible to vote at such.

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### 2.2.2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General meeting of the Association shall be held each year not later than the last Wednesday in March to transact the following business:

- (a) to receive the Chairman's report of the activities of the Association during the previous year;
- (b) to receive and consider the Association's accounts for the previous year and the Auditor's report on the accounts and the Treasurer's report as to the financial position of the Association;
- (c) to propose and elect the Officers, Auditors and other serving members of the executive committee.
- (d) to decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

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### 2.2.3 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee and shall be called within twenty eight (28) days of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than ten (10) members stating the purposes or which the meeting is required and the resolutions proposed.

### 2.2.4 PROCEDURES AT ANNUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address written notice of the date of the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting at least 14 days before the meeting, and in the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting the resolutions thereto will be included in the notice.
- (b) The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman shall take the Chair. Each member present who is eligible to vote shall have one vote per resolution and resolutions will be passed by simple majority (unless the Rules of the Association state otherwise).

- (c) The Secretary, or in his absence the Vice Secretary or a member selected by the Committee shall take minutes at all Meetings

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### 2.2.5 ALTERATION OF RULES

The Rules of the Association may be altered by resolution at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting provided that the resolution is carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast by eligible members.

### 2.2.6 POSTAL VOTING AT EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

**(a)** In the case of Extraordinary General Meetings called to consider resolutions Within the provisions of Rule 2.2.5 (alteration of that rule) at which postal votes of members shall be admissible:-

**(b)** The Secretary's notice of the meeting circulated to the members pursuant to Rule 2.2.4 (a) shall inform members of their right to vote by post on the Resolution proposed and draw their attention to Paragraph c) of this Rule.

**(c)** Postal votes must be returned to the Secretary by not later than two (2) days before the date of the Meeting.

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**(d)** The decision of the Chairman of the meeting as to the meaning or admissibility of any postal votes returned shall be final.

**(e)** Before a resolution is put to the vote of the members attending the meeting they shall be informed by the Chairman of the numbers of postal votes cast and admitted for and against the resolution.

### RULE 2.3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, their term of office is two (2) years.

#### THE OFFICERS WILL CONSIST OF:

President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Land Management & Legal, Treasurer, Marsh Management Officer, Junior Development Officer, Membership Secretary and IT Officer.

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### **RULE 2.4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & AUDITORS**

The management of the Club is delegated to the Executive Committee. The Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and the regulations made by it from time to time.

**2.4.1** The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected Officers as listed in Rule 2.3 the Trustees and an additional four (4) members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, their term of office is two (2) years.

**2.4.2** Three (3) Auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting their term of office is one (1) year. The auditors shall be responsible for auditing and reporting on the Associations financial accounts. It is requisite that the Auditors shall be independent and as such cannot hold any other position nor be involved with the decision making of the Committee.

**2.4.3** If any elected Officer or Committee Member fails to attend (without an acceptable reason) at least 50% of all General and Committee meetings in any year during their term of office or is for any other reason considered to be unsuitable to hold office the

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Committee as a collective can choose to take any action it deems necessary e.g. removing the said person from office or from the Committee.

**2.4.4** The Committee shall be entitled to co-opt other full members to undertake tasks as it deems necessary.

**2.4.5** The Committee may conduct meetings via the internet in the event of it being unable to meet in person due to restrictions imposed by Government or when other reasons make it impractical.

### **RULE 2.5 PIER HOLE**

In these Rules that part of the Association's shooting grounds which lies to the west of the old Lytham St Annes Council administrative boundary line that runs in a southerly direction from the Main Drain to the river is referred to as "Pier Hole".

### **RULE 2.6 VOTING AT MEETINGS**

**(a)** Voting on revision of Rules is open to all members but excluding Probationary and Junior Members under the of age sixteen (16) years and requires a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast by eligible members.

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**(b)** Junior members sixteen (16) years and over are eligible to vote at General, Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings.

### **RULE 2.7 DISPUTES**

All disputes as to interpretation or administration of the Rules or questions which may arise and for matters which these Rules do not provide shall be referred to the Executive Committee who's decision shall be binding until referred to a General Meeting.

### **RULE 2.8 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Association to be reviewed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the Committee having the power to increase the membership to a maximum of one hundred (100). The Committee will review the membership of the age group eighteen to fifty five (18-55) not partaking in Association activities for five (5) years (activities being shooting and attending meetings) if no reasonable explanation is forthcoming their membership may be terminated in accordance with the Association Rules. Any member so expelled shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting.

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### **RULE 2.9 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION**

Members not resident within the Parish boundaries of Lytham St Annes, Warton, Freckleton, Kirkham, Wesham, Wrea Green and Newton to be known as Country members.

### **RULE 2.10 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All subscriptions to be reviewed annually, and proposed major changes to subscriptions will be notified prior to the A.G.M.

**INCREASES IN B,A,S,C. SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDED.**

### **RULE 2.11 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions are due on the 1st April annually and are payable not later than 30th April. Members in arrears after the 30th April will be expelled and there shall be no right of appeal. Shotgun certificates must be produced to the Treasurer before subscriptions will be accepted.

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### **RULE 2.12 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

All members to comply with the law as regards closed seasons, the relevant sections of Wildlife and Countryside Act and the legislation regarding the use of toxic shot on the Association's grounds.

**THE ASSOCIATION UNDERTAKE TO PROSECUTE ANY MEMBER BREAKING THIS RULE.**

### **RULE 2.13 DISCLAIMER**

All members and visitors must agree that the Association shall hold no responsibility in respect of any accident or mishap which may arise out of their activity on any or all of the Association's shooting grounds.

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### **RULE 2.14 TRUSTEES**

Trustees must be members of the Association and shall be appointed by resolution at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings to hold and administer the Association's property. The number of Trustees shall be not more than four (4) and not less than two (2), and the property of the Association, other than monies in the control of the Honorary Treasurer shall be vested in them. They shall hold office until death or resignation (providing that they remain members of the Association) unless removed from office by a resolution brought to an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting. They shall deal with the property of the Association as directed by resolution in Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Association property. If it shall be necessary to appoint a new or additional Trustee for any reason the Association in Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting shall, by resolution nominate such person. The Trustees shall not agree to buy, lease, rent, sell, let, mortgage or otherwise acquire or part with possession of any or all of the Association's land holdings, shooting rights or similar property (whether freehold



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leasehold or otherwise) without the prior approval by a resolution of the Association in Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting at which all members shall be present or have the opportunity to vote by postal ballot at such meeting, a two thirds majority is required.

### NOTE:

The Trustees of the Association are:

- David Worden Esq.
- Kevan Ebbrell Esq.
- Andrew Cash Esq.

## CATEGORY 3:

## MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

### RULE 3.1 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

On application the name will be added to the Association's waiting list for Associate Membership. After the required qualification time as an Associate Member entry will depend on availability and will be allocated to local or country applicants at the discretion of the Executive Committee, taking into account recent changes in the membership i.e. Resignation, expulsion or death.

When vacancies occur the applicant will receive an application form which must be returned within ten (10) days or it will be disregarded. If the form proves to be acceptable the applicant will be invited to appear before the Executive Committee for interview before membership can be granted (the result will be communicated by post). The applicant must produce a valid shotgun certificate. The Executive Committee have the right to refuse membership to any applicant.

Entrance fee for new full membership shall be equal to the annual subscription , but not less than seventy (70) pounds.

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### **JUNIORS:**

Must submit an application form but will not be required to appear before the Executive Committee but the proposer or seconder must be prepared to attend if called upon to do so.

### **RULE 3.2 LOSS OF SHOTGUN CERTIFICATE**

The Executive Committee will review the membership qualifications of any member who loses his shotgun certificate and rule according to the circumstances.

### **RULE 3.3 NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

New members to be nominated by two members and approved by the Executive Committee. Members may only nominate one (1) candidate per each annual intake.

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### **RULE 3.4 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

The minimum age for junior membership is eight (8) years of age. On attaining the age of eighteen (18) junior members will be interviewed by the Executive Committee before being transferred to full membership at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Junior membership is free other than BASC subscription until the age of fifteen (15) upon which subscription must be paid. These to be index linked to the full subscription- i.e. An amount equal to one third of the full subscription. There is no entrance fee for juniors on attaining the age of eighteen (18) transferring to full membership.

### **RULE 3.5 SENIOR AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Members who have been full members of the Association for thirty (30) continuous years, will pay a reduced annual subscription amounting to 50% of the normal annual full subscription (plus BASC subscription). These members will be known as senior members.

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Honorary Life Membership is given at the discretion of the Executive Committee. To comply with the Association's insurance, existing Honorary Life Members who still actively shoot are required to obtain an annual membership card, produce their shotgun certificate to the Treasurer and pay the BASC subscription.

### **RULE 3.6 OFFICERS SUBSCRIPTIONS AND HONORARIUMS**

That each of the officers specified below shall in respect of each full year of their respective term of office be exempted from obligation under Rule 2.11 to pay subscriptions except as regards the part thereof representing the BASC membership subscription.

**THE SECRETARY**

**THE TREASURER**

**THE MARSH MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

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### **RULE 3.7 PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP**

**3.7.1** Probationary Membership will be granted at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Potential candidates for Probationary Membership will comprise those persons on the then current waiting list, who after consultation wish to be considered at that time for Probationary Membership. All potential candidates will be interviewed by the Executive Committee who will grant Probationary Membership to suitable candidates irrespective of position on the then current waiting list.

**3.7.2** Successful candidates will be granted Probationary Membership subject to the following conditions. Probationary Members must be escorted at all times on the Association's marshes. The fee for Probationary Membership will be the same as full membership and the cost of BASC membership.

**3.7.3** Probationary members will be allowed to attend all social events and general meetings, they will not be allowed to attend the Annual General and any Extraordinary General Meetings. They will have no rights to vote at any meeting.

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**3.7.4** Probationary Members will be required to attend a minimum of 2 (two) marsh work parties (if convened), two general meetings and 2 (two) clay pigeon or social events (if any).

**3.7.5** Probationary Members will conduct themselves in accordance with the Association's Rule Book whilst endorsing good shooting behaviour. They will be required to complete a conduct sheet and a bag return card. Escorting members will be required to countersign the conduct sheet and will complete a separate confidential evaluation sheet.

**3.7.6** Probationary Members will complete a minimum of 2 (two) seasons as an Probationary Member before becoming eligible to be offered full membership, which will only be offered following an interview by the Executive Committee and with regard to availability in accordance with Rule 3.1.

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### **RULE 3.8 DISPOSAL/DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS LANDHOLDINGS**

**3.8.1** For the purpose of this Rule the Association's landholdings shall mean and include any freehold or leasehold land to which the Association holds title to or, in which it holds any interest and/or rights in or affecting land including shooting rights in which it holds any interest.

**3.8.2** To ensure that monetary gain can never drive the disposal of the Association's assets, the landholdings within the Associations control at the time must be lost to shooting irrevocably in law before any future use is considered. This Rule only applies to the disposal of assets (if so agreed), any other uses and the continuation of the Association in any other guise would be considered differently. Therefore, if members of the Association resolve in general meeting for the disposal of the whole or any part of the Association's landholdings or for the dissolution of the Association then that resolution shall not be valid and effective unless and until it is confirmed at a subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting called for the specific purpose by the Committee in accordance with the Association's Rules by further resolution

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passed at the meeting by a majority of at least three-quarters of those members present and voting or otherwise entitled to vote, and at such an Extraordinary General Meeting members shall be permitted to vote by post in accordance with the Association's Rules regarding postal voting.

**3.8.3** In the event of the Association being dissolved then:

**3.8.3.1** The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution confirming the first resolution to dissolve and the Committee along with the Trustees shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Association.

**3.8.3.2** Any surplus moneys or properties remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Association shall be divided and distributed amongst the Full Members, Honorary Life Members, Life Members and Senior Members at the date of dissolution relatively in proportion to the number of complete years they have been members.

**3.8.3.3** A copy of the final accounts, with a copy of receipts and invoices shall be made available for all members.

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### **RULE 3.9 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

**3.9.1** Any member against whom complaint shall be made that such member has not complied with the Rules of the Association or that the members conduct renders the member unfit for membership of the Association shall be liable to Executive Committee disciplinary action.

**3.9.2** In the event of disciplinary proceedings being commenced before the Executive Committee then and except as specifically provided for within the Rule, the member concerned shall be excluded from attendance at all meetings of the Association (including meetings of the Executive Committee itself if the member concerned is a Committee Member) until the proceedings have been finally determined.

**3.9.3** If the Executive Committee in the course of consideration and determination of any disciplinary proceedings brought against a member shall decide that in their opinion the member has not complied with the Rules of the Association or that the member has acted in a manner which renders the member unfit to be a member of the Association then it shall have full power to expel the member concerned from

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membership of the Association or to impose a suspension in whole or in part, for such period as the Executive Committee may determine of that member's entitlement to enjoy the privileges and rights of membership.

**3.9.4** Before any member is expelled the following protocols must be observed:-

**3.9.4.1** The Secretary or other proper Officer of the Association duly so authorised by the Executive Committee must give the member not less than seven (7) days written notice informing the member of the complaint made and of the date, time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which the complaint will be considered.

**3.9.4.2** The member must be given the opportunity to appear before the Executive Committee and answer the complaints made and shall be entitled to do so either by addressing the Executive Committee orally or by placing before it a written statement.

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**3.9.4.3** A resolution for expulsion of the member concerned has been put before and voted upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee attended by not less than twelve (12) Committee Members qualified to vote and has been carried by a majority of not less than two thirds of the Committee Members voting upon it.

**3.9.5** A member who is expelled or whose membership is suspended shall have no right to refund of the whole or any part of his subscription or of any other monies paid to the Association.

**3.9.6** No former member whose membership has been determined under this rule or member subject to a current term of suspension may be taken onto the Marsh as a guest of any current member.

**3.9.7** Notice of imposition against a member by the Executive Committee of any disciplinary penalty shall be given to that member by letter from the Secretary or other proper Officer of the Association duly so authorised by the Executive Committee, but any failure to do so will not invalidate the Committee's decision of the penalty imposed.

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**3.9.8** The decision of the Executive Committee in all disciplinary matters and except as provided by Rule 3.9.10 a member against whom a disciplinary penalty has been imposed shall have no right of appeal whether to the Executive committee or to the membership at a general meeting.

**3.9.9** Notice given to a member by letter under the provision of these rules shall be sufficiently given if posted by 1st Class Prepaid Post addressed to or posted by hand through the letterbox at the home address of that member last notified to the Secretary and shall be deemed to have been received by the member in the case of delivery by post on the date following the date of posting and in the case of delivery by hand on the day of actual delivery.

**3.9.10** A member expelled from membership of the Association by decision of the Executive Committee pursuant to Rule 3.9.3 exclusively upon any ground or grounds other than or not including that he failed to comply with the Rules of the Association shall have the right of appeal to the membership in General Meeting in accordance with the further provisions of this Rule.

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**3.9.10.1** A member wishing to exercise their right of appeal conferred by this Rule must within not more than twenty eight (28) days from the receipt of Notice of Expulsion pursuant to Rule 3.9.7 deliver to the Secretary of the Association Notice in writing so stating and containing a statement in writing giving adequate particulars of the grounds of and the case of the members appeal.

**3.9.10.2** Upon receipt of the Notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 3.9.1 the Secretary shall refer the same for the consideration as soon as shall be practicable of the Executive Committee and provided that the Executive Committee is satisfied that such Notice is valid it shall:-

**3.9.10.3** Make such directions as may be reasonable and including if considered appropriate the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association in order to ensure that the appeal be placed before the membership for consideration and determination in General Meeting within not more than four (4) calendar months from the Secretary's receipt of the member's Notice of appeal. Direct the Secretary to provide the Association's membership such information and documentation relative to the appeal as the Executive Committee shall consider to be desirable or appropriate.

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**3.9.10.4** Upon hearing in General Meeting of an appeal under Rule 3.9.10 the membership shall as a preliminary matter decide upon and direct the procedure to be adopted for the hearing and determination thereof.

### 3.10. CONDUCT

Members are required to conduct themselves, at all times, and not limited to their conduct upon the Association's shooting grounds, in a manner which is lawful, responsible and sportsmanlike and which pays due regard to the reputation and interests of the Association and its officers and members. In particular, the Association considers that compliance with this requirement includes (but is not limited to) that Members must;

**3.10.1.** Observe the Code of Good Shooting Practice and other codes of practice published from time to time by BASC in relation to any shooting or related activities in which they may engage; and

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**3.10.2.** Refrain from publishing or disseminating in any way, including by posting on social media or as accessible on the internet, any information concerning or referable to the Association or any of its members, of a nature having the effect, or likely to have the effect, of bringing the Association into disrepute or of making its activities the subject of unwanted public or media attention.

**3.10.3.** Be polite and respectful in all interactions and dealings with fellow members and with other persons with whom the Member concerned may come into contact in the course of exercise of the rights and privileges of membership.

**3.10.4.** Promote and assist the furtherance of the objects and the best interests of the Association and not take any action which is or which may be reasonably construed as being damaging of or detrimental to those interests.



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### **3.11 NON-SHOOTING MEMBERSHIP**

Qualification for this category of membership will be open to anyone who has been a long-standing full member of the association i.e. a minimum of twenty (20) continuous years or at the discretion of the committee and who no longer wishes to shoot on the associations marsh but wishes to continue involvement in other activities. Applications will be considered by the committee who's decision is final.

Non-shooting members will pay a reduced membership subscription to be reviewed annually as per Rule 2.10. and not declared to BASC as club members. With the exception of the right to shoot on the Associations marsh they are entitled to all other rights and privileges. They have the right to revert to full shooting membership on application to the Committee and payment of the appropriate fees and be in possession of a valid Shotgun Certificate.

The requirement to be in possession of a valid Shotgun Certificate and produce such when paying subscriptions Ref. Rules 2.10, 2.11 & 4.1 do not apply to Non-Shooting Members. They will otherwise be subject to all other club rules.

## **CATEGORY 4:**

## **SHOOTING RULES**

### **RULE 4.1**

All members must hold a shotgun certificate from the age of eighteen (18).

### **RULE 4.2**

Junior members i.e. those under the age of eighteen (18) shall not shoot on any of the Association's shooting grounds unless accompanied by an experienced full member, and shall remain in close proximity to that full member at all times.

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### **RULE 4.3**

Visitors day permits are limited to six per season per member and must be purchased no later than seven (7) days in advance of the date required. Membership cards must be produced. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that any guest they wish to purchase a day ticket for holds a valid shotgun certificate and have suitable third party injury and public liability insurance cover. (BASC membership covers both insurance aspects). Both documents are to be produced as no permits will be issued without sight of them. Guests must be accompanied on the Marsh by a full member who is twenty one (21) years of age or over. No permits will be issued for the dates 1st until the 17th September. The cost of day permits shall be reviewed from time to time and no more than ten (10) permits will be allocated in any full week.

In order that the Association complies with BASC insurance requirements any member taking a non-shooting guest onto the Associations marsh must notify the Secretary in advance giving the name, address, age if under 21, of the individual concerned.

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The member must receive an acknowledgement from the Secretary prior to taking the guest on the marsh. The Secretary shall maintain a register/record of all the information.

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In order to protect your own shooting interest, the Executive Committee ask all members to carry their current permit when shooting on the Association's marshes, also to approach any other person they see requesting production of their permit, and failing such production, to take the names and addresses of those persons in order to report them to the Executive Committee, who will be in a position to take further action. It should not be necessary to point out to members the dangers to their own sport if non-members without the appropriate permit are allowed to shoot on the Association's shooting grounds.

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Members shall observe the courtesy of the marsh and shall not, without consent, shoot within one hundred (100) yards of another member.

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The use of rifles is barred on all shooting grounds held by the Association, with the exception of person or persons authorised to do so by the Executive Committee for the express purpose of predator control, and only within the specified period.

### RULE 4.7

Members shall not indiscreetly use torches or expose themselves to the annoyance of others at flight times i.e. Dawn and dusk or moonlight.

### RULE 4.8

Any member making a distress call or signal and ultimately finding safety without help must report the facts to the nearest Police Station.

### RULE 4.9

No shooting is allowed on the Association's Marsh between the hours of 9.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. during the month of September.

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### RULE 4.10 SANCTUARY

**4.10.1** During the wildfowling season the sanctuary areas are off limits to all members and their dogs, with the exception of the Marsh Management Officers on authorised Association business. Judicious and speedy retrieval of birds which fall in close proximity of the Sanctuary boundary is permissible after recognised flight times and not to the annoyance of other members. No guns are allowed in the Sanctuary and due regard is to be given to Rule 4.14.

**4.10.2** The part of the Pier Hole area lying adjacent to the south bank of the Main Run/Pilot Gutter from its junction with the Main Drain & Lytham Creek for a distance of approx. 1.3 km in a westerly direction and approx.100 m wide marked with white posts forms part of the sanctuary area.

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Members are restricted to a bag limit of 5 ducks per member per day during September, the rest of the season a bag limit of 10 ducks per member per day. There is a bag limit of 3 geese during the hours of 00.1 to 12.00 (am) and a bag limit of 3 geese during the

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hours of 12.01 to 24.00 (pm). No more than 2 Greylag geese may be shot per member per week (these are included in your bag limit of 3 per am/pm). Please do not shoot White-fronted geese.

### **RULE 4.12**

No shooting is allowed on the Association's marsh on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 1st September to midnight on 24th December inclusive with the exception of the Wednesday before Christmas which is reserved for the use of the "Young Shots". No shooting is allowed on Christmas Day. Shooting is allowed on all days during the week commencing Boxing Day until 31st December. No shooting is allowed on the Association's marsh on Monday and Tuesday from 1st January until midnight on the 13th February inclusive. This rule excludes National Holidays when they fall on a no shooting day.

### **RULE 4.13**

This Rule is in conjunction with Rule 4.12 i.e. When the 1st September falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, shooting will be allowed on that day, other days will remain no shooting days.

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Any member seen shooting wildfowl or waders without due consideration to retrieving dead or wounded birds are to be reported to the Executive Committee, also "ground shooting" of flash areas is forbidden. If found guilty disciplinary action will be taken, also members must at all times endeavour to keep their dogs under control and give due consideration to the shooting prospects of others.

### **RULE 4.15**

No shooting is allowed in the area fifty (50) yards either side of the Main Run on the 1st September. Retrieval without the use of a gun is permitted, the area may be crossed.

### **RULE 4.16**

All members must display a current car sticker when parking in the Marsh areas.

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### **RULE 4.17**

All members must keep a current record of all game and wildfowl shot on the Association's Marsh and return the official bag return card to the appropriate official (as advised by circular) within 14 days of the close of the season i.e. the 6th of March.

### **RULE 4.18**

No shooting is allowed on any Fylde Borough Council foreshore or any section of Flood Bank by members of this Association.

### **RULE 4.19**

The practice of walked up shooting on the area of marsh from the wooden bridge at Taylors pool west to the fresh water brook running out from BAE Systems Aerodrome is prohibited. The area can be lightly flighted ensuring no shooting towards the footpath and BAE Systems boundary fence.

## SHOOTING RULES

### **RULE 4.20 PIER HOLE ACCESS**

Except in case of emergency or for purposes for which the Committee shall have given prior approval members must not access or exit Pier Hole otherwise than directly from or to the Association's shooting grounds lying to the east of the old Lytham St Annes Council administrative boundary line (See Rule 2.5).

### **GDPR POLICY**

The GDPR Policy can be viewed online at:  
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