



Team Captain's "New Shooter" Induction Guide

General

- **Welcome your new shooter to your team, introducing them to;**
 - Your team name, home venue and a little team background information.
 - Fellow team members.
 - How you run and organise your team.
 - How you pick those who will shoot on a shooting night.
 - Above all make them feel at home and part of the team from the start.
- **Briefly explain the Stratford and District Airgun League and how it operates, including;**
 - The number of teams in the league.
 - Their names and locations.
 - The competitions that are shot.
- **Complete a SAGL registration document and collect the fees payable.**
 - This is a requirement of the league and ensures your new team member is insured.
 - After two visits, if your new shooter wishes to become a full member, collect the outstanding fees and pass them and the registration form to the league treasurer.

Gun Handling

- **Emphasise the 4 fundamental rules of shooting;**
 - **Never point a gun at anyone.**
 - **Always carry an uncased gun with the barrel pointing at the floor or the ceiling and in an uncocked and unloaded condition.**
 - **Always assume a gun is loaded until it is proved otherwise.**
 - **Never touch or pick up a gun without the permission of the owner.**

Shooting the Gun

- **At the Firing point;**
 - Always accompany the new shooter until deemed competent.
 - Explain why and ensure the gun barrel is kept pointing down range or in a vertical attitude.
 - Load the gun with the barrel pointing down range or in a vertical attitude.
 - Ensure the range is clear before bringing the gun to aim and firing it.
- **The Stance;**
 - Stand facing at right angles to the target.
 - Keep your hips and shoulders in line.
 - Place your feet shoulder width apart.
 - Bring the un-cocked / un loaded gun up to your shoulder and look through the sights.
 - If at this point the bull on the target is at one side of the centre of the shooters sight picture, ask the shooter to shuffle both feet forward or backwards until it is central in the sight picture – DO NOT TWIST THE BODY TO ACHIEVE THIS.
 - The shooters stance is now set – avoid moving feet until all shots have been fired.





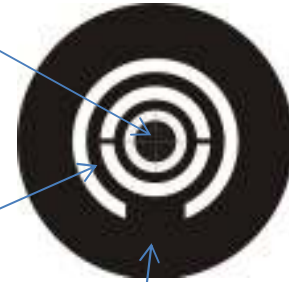
- **The Sight Picture**

Explain to the shooter that a sight picture like this is what they are trying to achieve before firing the gun – All lined up with the bull in the middle.

BULL ON TARGET

FRONT SIGHT

REAR SIGHT APERTURE



- **Firing the Gun** – explain to the shooter;

- Bringing the gun to aim & keeping the fingers away from the trigger.
- Relax and breathe in and out 3 or 4 times.
- When they are ready, breathe in then breathe out half of their breath, then hold it.
- Take up first stage of trigger and when the sight picture is as shown above gently squeeze trigger further to discharge gun.
- Reload gun and repeat till all shots have been fired.
- Congratulate shooter on completing the series.

- **And Finally;**

- Explain to the new shooter how to access the SAGL web site where they should read, become familiar with and apply the requirements of;
 - The SAGL Safety Policy Statement.
 - The SAGL Rules of Shooting
 - Their Team Venue's Risk Assessment
- Explain to the new shooter, that additional training is advisable and available to them, should they want it.
- The **SAGL Shooter Training Scheme** is available most Sunday Evenings at Wilmcote S&S Club from 7.30pm.
- Monitor your new shooter;
 - Let them take the lead when it comes shooting but correct any failure to comply with range safety.
 - Check, from time to time, their understanding of the 3 documents listed above.
- Be available for them and make sure they are enjoying their experience of shooting with your team.