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Covid-19 Restrictions

NRA Guidance for Clubs that operate an indoor range(s).

The Government announcement on June 24th confirmed that indoor sports facilities must remain closed by law. Details are available here:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do-after-4-july>

The NRA believes that Club operated indoor ranges are indoor sports facilities and therefore, until the Government changes the law, must remain closed.

NRA position on Club indoor ranges.

NRA affiliated Clubs operate over 300 indoor target shooting ranges throughout the UK. These ranges provide a safe environment for thousands of Club members to practice their sport. Target shooting on indoor ranges is a carefully controlled activity, managed through processes and procedures that can be readily adapted to comply with social distancing advice, hand washing and hygiene protocols thereby providing a Covid-19 secure place for Club members.

The nature of target shooting practices including taking measured and deliberate shots from a fixed firing point at fixed targets, resulting in minimal exertion unlike many other sporting or exercise activities. We believe this, in conjunction with risk assessments and range operating procedures, can allow indoor ranges to be re-opened in a way that keeps Club members and the general public safe.

The NRA recognises that affiliated Clubs that operate an indoor range are eager to re-open and allow members to enjoy their sport after many weeks in lockdown.

The NRA is actively working with other agencies to encourage Government to review the law as it applies to indoor shooting ranges. This is an evolving situation; further updates will be provided in the coming days.

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