# ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION POLICY DIRECTIVE NO 1



# CLAY TARGET SHOOTING IN THE BRITISH ARMY

This Policy Directive (PD) provides governance policy relating to: **Clay Target Shooting within the British Army**.

Issued under the authority of:

The Army Rifle Association (ARA) who are the service competent authority for all matters pertaining to Clay Target Shooting.

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### Introduction

1. Clay Target (CT) shooting in the British Armed Forces is a MOD authorised activity and a recognised tri-service sport<sup>1</sup> carried out in accordance with the UK National Governing Body, the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA)<sup>2</sup>. Within the Army, the Army Rifle Association (ARA) is the service competent authority for all matters pertaining to Clay Target Shooting.

2. The benefits of CT shooting for military personnel are well-known as it develops a soldier's instinctive shooting and the ability to engage a moving target. As such, it should be encouraged not only to complement a soldier's core skills, but also as a rewarding sporting and social activity.

## Aim

3. This PD is the single point of reference for all matters pertaining to Clay Target Shooting in the Army, in particular, what qualifications are required in order to safely establish, run and instruct on an Army Clay Target Shoot<sup>3</sup>.

## Key Clay Target Shooting Elements within the Army

4. There are a number of inter-related Clay Target Shooting elements within the Army, which foster and develop Clay Target Shooting. Worthy of note;

a. **The Army Rifle Association (ARA)**. HQ ARA is based in Hythe Lodge, Bisley Camp and is the service competent authority for all matters pertaining to Clay Target Shooting. OC ARA is the senior person resident within HQ ARA and represents the ARA within the ATSC. The ARA Ch Clk is also the Courses Clerk, ATSC Membership Secretary and maintains continuity in the ATSC when key staff are absent/gapped. Hythe Lodge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> JSP 660 Pt 1 (v2.0 Sep 16), Sport in the UK Armed Forces. Chapter 1, Annex B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> JSP 660 Pt 1 (v2.0 Sep 16), Sport in the UK Armed Forces. Chapter 1, Annex D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Where Army CT shooting takes place overseas (UK sovereign territory or otherwise), the home nations civil law may necessitate additional policy or control measures. In such instances, the ARA should be contacted for further guidance.

contains an element of very basic accommodation (no messing facility) which can be booked through the Ch Clk as required.

b. **Army Clay Target Team**. The Army CT Team is headed by the Army Team Captain and falls under the direct command of the ARA with the aim of building and maintaining a highly competitive and successful Army Team to compete at the highest level in clay target shooting. The main focus of the Army Team is English Sporting (ESP) as this forms the basis of the Armed Services & Emergency Services League (AS&ESL). The Army Team Captain writes an annual directive under the authority of the ARA (which includes entry criteria), copies of which are available to non-team members through the ARA Ch Clk on request. The Army Team is only open to Serving Military Personnel in line with JSP 660<sup>4</sup>.

c. **Army Target Shooting Club (ATSC) Clay Target Section (ATSC(CT))**. Separate to the ARA and the Army CT Team (both focused on serving military personnel), is the Army Target Shooting Club (ATSC) which includes the Clay Target Section (ATSC(CT)) which has a broader membership spanning Military, Retired Military, Civil Servants and Dependents. There is a very modest membership fee which is easily redeemed throughout the year in benefits if you are an active member. The Chairman of the ATSC(CT) Section is focused on all levels of shooters ranging from those completely new to the sport to the more seasoned shots. The ATSC Club House (Bisley Camp) has a number of inexpensive rooms available for booking by club members; booking through HQ ARA. Within the ATSC(CT) Section, the CT Development Squad (limited to Serving Military personnel) exists to mentor and coach aspiring Army shots and serves as a pathway into the Army CT Team. Membership of the ATSC(CT) Section is highly encouraged and mandated for those who are selected to become members of the Army CT Team.

5. The symbiotic relationship between key Clay Target Shooting elements can be pictorially represented as follows:

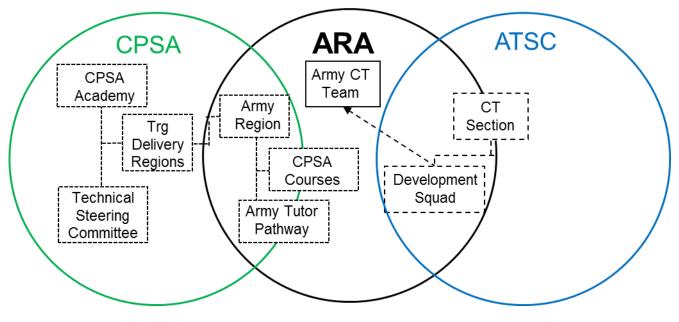


Fig 1. Symbiotic relationship between Clay Target Shooting elements.

#### **Clay Target Shooting Grounds**

- 6. Service personnel may shoot clay targets on land as follows:
  - a. **MOD Land**. MOD land may be used for CT Shooting as per JSP 403 (Handbook of Defence Range Safety)<sup>5</sup>. Permission is first to be sought from the local Garrison

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> JSP 660, Pt 1 (v2.0 Sep 16), Sport in the UK Armed Forces, page 2-A-1, Annex A to Ch 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> JSP 403 Vol 1 Pt 2 (v1.1 May 15), Handbook of Defence Land Range Safety, page 16, Para 77.

Commander / Commanding Officer (the 'Land Owner'/'Shoot Owner'/'Employer' in CPSA terms) as this individual will have legal responsibility for the shooting ground. In addition, a 'Firearms Act 1968, Section 11(6) (as amended) Exemption'<sup>6</sup> certificate' is to be requested from the local civilian police force. In some circumstances there may also be a need to get an 'Encroachment'<sup>7</sup>. All CT Shooting on MOD land (permanent, semi-permanent or ad-hoc grounds/shoots) must to comply with this Policy Directive (PD) and each are to be individually registered with the ARA in order that the Army can maintain oversight<sup>8</sup>.

b. **Civilian shooting grounds & Private non-MOD land**. Civilian Shooting Grounds/Ranges and private land may be used provided the ground or landowner's written permission is obtained and a current 'Firearms Act 1968, Section 11(6) (as amended) Exemption' certificate has been issued by the local civilian police force. The range must also be appropriately insured for CT Shooting in line with CPSA guidelines<sup>9</sup>.

### Service & Private Shotguns

7. **Private Shotguns**. Shotguns purchased using non-public funds (eg, from Corps or Unit funds, Nuffield Trust or Army Central Funds) and held against PRIs are deemed private shotguns in the eyes of UK law just like shotguns purchased and owned by an individual. Therefore, they <u>must</u> be held on an individual's private Shotgun Certificate and be stored, moved and used in line with the conditions set out in that certificate<sup>10</sup>. They are not classed as service shotguns as they have not been purchased using public funds. For accountability, PRI shotguns may be held on a Miscellaneous Stores Account (MSA) but note this <u>does not</u> turn them into a Service Shotgun, it is purely for accounting purposes. Shotguns can be signed over to an individual via the MSA account on an AFG7767 providing that individual holds a current Shotgun Certificate and complies with the terms of that Certificate (eg. notifying the issuing police force of the receipt/disposal of the shotgun(s)). At no time are shotguns to be in the possession of non-licenced personnel unless the conditions of a 'Firearms Act 1968, Section 11(6) (as amended) Exemption' are met (as per para 11b).

8. **Service Shotguns**. Service Shotguns (purchased with public funds for the shooting of artificial targets or otherwise) suitable for CT Shooting are only to be used on MOD Land and are subject to the control measures applicable to all service weapons. This includes storage, movement, maintenance and accounting. They cannot at any time be treated in the same way as 'Private Shotguns'. Very few (if any) shotguns used for Clay Target Shooting fall under the category of 'Service Shotguns'.

9. **Maintenance of Private Shotguns**. Privately held shotguns owned by units for the purpose of Clay Target Shooting must be inspected by a suitably qualified individual prior to use. A qualified individual is defined as someone being a current CPSA member and holding the CPSA Safety Officer qualification. Furthermore, this individual should be current/experienced in their ability to execute their duty. A CPSA Safety Officer is trained to identify the physical defects on a shotgun as part of the CPSA Safety Officer Course. Details of what to examine are listed for reference in the CPSA Safety Officer manual<sup>11</sup> which is issued to each student during the course. CPSA Qualified referees are NOT suitably qualified to carry out the inspection unless they are also CPSA Safety Officers as the CPSA Referee Course syllabus does not cover the examination of a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See para 11b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See para 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Registration is straightforward; send ground manager contact details to ARA (as per para 34). Ch Clk ARA will advise on any additional information requirements. A single current POC for each ground will ensure swift dissemination of MOD and Army policy/information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> A check to ensure appropriate insurance is in place is usually a condition before a Section 11(6) is issued.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For example, "Any shotgun certificate holder may transport your shotgun without entering it onto their certificate, providing they are in possession of the gun for less than 72 hours. If they will be holding it for longer than 72 hours the gun must be entered onto their certificate and the relevant licensing office informed" [source; <u>http://content.met.police.uk/Site/firearmslicensingfaqs</u>, accessed 26 Jan 17].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Version CPSA/SOM/2014/01, Physical Defects, page 20.

shotgun for safety. There is no requirement to have a private shotgun inspected by a Gunsmith or qualified REME Armourer on a yearly basis. If during a pre-use inspection the gun(s) are found to be unsafe, they should be marked as such to ensure they are not used, segregated if appropriate and taken to a Gunsmith or qualified REME Armourer (specifically trained to repair shotguns) for repair as required. In the case of the former, this is likely to come at a cost which will need to be absorbed by the unit non-public funds account.

## UK Law and Clay Target Shooting in the Army (Firearms (Amendment) Act 1968 et al)

10. Clay Target Shooting in the Army is carried out as a recognised sport rather than a military range activity although it can be carried out within the template of military ranges subject to meeting the range design criteria at para 13 - 17.

11. As the vast majority of shotguns used in Army CT Shooting are privately owned in the eyes of UK law rather than service shotguns, the Army will default to civilian legislation governing ownership and use of shotguns within the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1968. The following elements are therefore of particular relevance:

a. "**Section 11(5)**. A person may, without holding a shot gun certificate, borrow a shot gun from the occupier of private premises and use it on those premises in the occupier's presence". This is <u>never</u> to be relied upon in Army CT Shooting and is not an excuse for failing to get a Section 11(6) Exemption Certificate.

b. **"Section 11(6)**. A person may, without holding a shot gun certificate, use a shot gun at a time and place approved for shooting at artificial targets by the chief officer of police for the area in which that place is situated". All Army Clay Target Shooting Grounds are to have a current 'Firearms Act 1968, Section 11(6) (as amended) Exemption' <u>Certificate</u>. An Exemption certificate can be obtained free of charge from the local Firearms licensing department and ensures that the police are aware that non license holders are shooting artificial targets under supervision. Prior to issuing a certificate, the local Firearms Licensing Department will want to visit the prospective Shooting Ground (or current Ground if it is an annual re-certification) and confirm a number of details including; insurance, exclusion zone, emergency action plan...

12. **Shotgun Certificates**. Although it is not a legal requirement for a CPSA Safety Officer to hold a shotgun certificate when handling service shotguns, the vast majority of Army grounds use guns owned by PRIs or individuals (private shotguns). These guns (classed as 'private' in UK Law as per para 8) cannot be carried to and from the range without a valid shotgun certificate as under Section 2(1) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1968; "it is an offence for a person to have in his possession, or to purchase or acquire, a shot gun without holding a certificate under this Act authorising him to possess shot guns". It is therefore recommended that all CPSA Safety Officer's possess a shotgun certificate. CPSA Instructors <u>must</u> have a shotgun certificate in order to carry out their duties.

## Range<sup>12</sup> Design and Build

13. In line with JSP 403, the range design criteria and specifications are to be in line with "CPSA safety rules"<sup>13</sup>. These safety rules (policy) are laid down in the latest version of the CPSA Safety Officer Manual which is issued to all successful candidates following completion of the CPSA Safety Officer Course. Updates to the rules are communicated directly from the CPSA to the qualified Safety Officer's as changes occur.

14. The Range Authorising Officer (RAO) for CT Shooting, as defined in JSP 403, is the designated local Garrison Commander / Commanding Officer (the 'Land Owner'/'Shoot Owner'/Employer' in CPSA terms). There is no need for MOD Form 904 to be raised for MOD

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The civilian term 'Clay Target Shooting Ground' has the same meaning as Army 'Clay Target Shooting Range'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> JSP 403, Handbook of Defence Land Range Safety, Vol 2, Edn 3, Change 6, Chap 2, Page 16, Para 02070.

Clay Target Shooting Ranges providing a 'Firearms Act 1968, Section 11(6) (as amended) Exemption' Certificate has been issued by the local civilian police force and is current.

15. The <u>only</u> personnel authorised to supervise the design and build of an Army CT range are experienced and current CPSA Safety Officers. There is no additional requirement for this individual to be a serving military or MOD Civilian employee.

16. Range Design and Build includes ensuring that all the responsibilities of the CPSA Safety Officer are carried out in line with the CPSA Safety Officer Manual. This includes such things as ensuring that there is an Emergency Action Plan, layouts conform to the relevant CPSA policy and are safe, insurance & a current 'Firearms Act 1968, Section 11(6) (as amended) Exemption' Certificate is in place, a risk assessment has been completed etc... While not mandated by the ARA, a single document termed 'XYZ Clay Target Shooting Ground Standing Orders' may be the simplest approach. It must be remembered however, that the Land Owner/Shoot Owner/Employer (local Garrison Commander / Commanding Officer in MOD terms) retains the legal responsibility for the Shooting Ground.

### Encroachments

17. An "'Encroachment' means the authorised temporary use of MOD land and buildings by *off duty* Service personnel, MOD civilian employees or Department associated bodies such as Cadet Force Units and wives' clubs for recognised recreational, sporting, and welfare service purposes *beyond agreed service scales*"<sup>14</sup>. Therefore, under JSP 362, there may be a requirement for some Army CT Shooting Grounds to obtain an 'Encroachment' although under such circumstances they "should not normally be charged for rent"<sup>15</sup>.

#### Insurance

18. **Shooting Ground Insurance**. All CT Shooting Grounds (categorised at para 6) must hold valid and sufficient insurance (minimum £5m Public Liability) in line with the Public Liability Insurance Act. This can often be included on the PRI insurance policy without undue effort.

19. **Individual (personal) Insurance**. There is no requirement for an individual shooter to have any public liability insurance although it is strongly recommended (note that CPSA membership automatically includes such cover up to £10m). All personnel filling any supervisory or instructional roles on the Clay Ground <u>must</u> have public liability insurance cover (included in CPSA membership, upto £10m of cover) hence the ARA mandates that such personnel must be current members of the CPSA at the required level (Club or Full<sup>16</sup>). The CPSA policy is that if a CPSA member is conducting any form of shooting *instruction* in a professional capacity (military or civilian), he/she is not insured by the CPSA to *instruct* unless a qualified and current CPSA Level 1 Instructor (or above) working within the confines of their qualification.

## Minimum Qualifications to Run an Army Clay Target Shoot

20. In order to run an Army Clay Target Shoot, there must be a CPSA Safety Officer present. In addition, if any of the shooters are new to the sport or novice shooters, a CPSA Level 1 Instructor must also be present and carrying out his/her duties. In the event that <u>all</u> shooters are <u>not</u> new or novice, no CPSA Level 1 Instructor needs to be present (i.e. the CPSA Safety Officer can run the range single handed). Note that only a CPSA Level 1 Instructor can deem an individual no longer a 'novice', this is not a task that can be performed by a Safety Officer although a Safety Officer can deem someone 'safe with a gun'. Progressing from 'novice' in the Army is normally based around successful completion of the 1 day 'CPSA Shotgun Skills Course (Module 1 & 2)' which can be delivered by a CPSA Level 1 Instructor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> JSP 362, Defence Lands Handbook (no date), Ch 14, para 1402.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> JSP 362, Defence Lands Handbook (no date), Ch 14, para 1412.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Further details available from; <u>https://www.cpsa.co.uk/insuranceleaflet</u>, accessed 26 Jan 17.

### **Duty Status of Participants**

21. The duty status of participants is covered in JSP 660 (Sport in the UK Armed Forces). Broadly speaking, "when participating in an authorised sport, Service personnel are representing their respective Service and the UKAF and therefore acting in the course of their duty and service".<sup>17</sup>

#### Travel using Military Transport

22. **Military Personnel**. Travel at public expense for sports travel fixtures may be charged to a unit travel budget where participation is authorised by the CO. Travel at Public Expense for Representative Sports (for Category 1 or 2 sports (of which CT Shooting is one) and iaw JSP 660) only applies where the fixture is authorised by HQ ASCB (iaw JSP 752<sup>18</sup> and 2016DIN10-049) through the Army Team Captain. However, it should be noted that "subsistence is not permissible in relation to sports travel"<sup>19</sup> and any such claim would be considered fraudulent.

23. **Civilian Personnel**. In line with JSP 800, "civilians (including dependents) are not permitted to travel in MOD vehicles"<sup>20</sup>. However, in exceptional circumstances where "the participating of non-MOD civilians can provide a direct benefit to the MOD, by enhancing or assuring training<sup>21</sup>…" an exemption may be considered. Within CT shooting, this may be appropriate where a lack of suitably qualified CPSA personnel exist (usually CPSA Level 1 Instructor or higher) and civilians are available and willing to fill the void, without which training could not proceed. In such instances, the direction in JSP 800 must be followed, the activity planned in good time and the necessary approvals sought and approved in advance of travel.

24. **Shotguns**. Service and Private Shotguns can be transported in MOD transport<sup>22</sup> in line with JSP 800<sup>23</sup>. While the rules governing Service Weapons (including Shotguns) is clear, it is less well defined in MOD policy reference transportation of Private Shotguns. To clarify therefore, this PD directs that Private Shotguns (as per para 8) can be moved in Service Transport as long as the conditions set out in an individual's Shotgun Certificate are being followed.

## Recognised Army Clay Target Shooting supervisory qualifications

25. The CPSA qualifications listed below are the only supervisory qualifications recognised by the Army in Clay Target Shooting<sup>24</sup>. Those carrying out the duties of a Safety Officer, Instructor (Level 1) or Coach (Level 2) <u>must</u> have successfully completed the relevant CPSA Courses and be current members of the CPSA.

a. **CPSA Safety Officer**. The Safety Officer is responsible for the safe design, oversight and operation of a Clay Target Shoot on behalf of the Shoot Owner (the local land holding Commanding Officer). Those qualified understand the legal requirements to establish a shoot and how to run it safely. It does not teach the supervision or instruction of novice shooters. The Safety Officer <u>must</u> be a current CPSA member (either 'Club' or 'Full') in order that they are insured to carry out their duties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> JSP 660, Sport in the UK Armed Forces, Pt 1 (v2.0 Sep 16), page 2-2, Para 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> In particular; JSP 752, Tri-Service Regulations for Expenses and Allowances, Pt 2, Ch 4, Sect 2 (v28.0, Oct 16).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> JSP 752, Tri-Service Regulations for Expenses and Allowances, Ch 4, Sect 2 (v28.0, Oct 16), page 4-2-3, para 04.0205b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> JSP 800, Defence Transport and Movement Regulations, Vol 5, Pt 2 (v5.0, Nov 14), page 2-2-2-26-8, para 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> JSP 800, Defence Transport and Movement Regulations, Vol 5, Pt 2 (v5.0, Nov 14), page 2-2-2-26-9, para 34o.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> This includes MOD hired vehicles as per JSP 800 , Vol 5, Pt 2 (v5.0, Nov 14), page 2-2-1-3, para 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> JSP 800, Defence Transport and Movement Regulations, Vol 3, Pt 2, Leaflet 7, Para 2e.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> CPSA Referees are recognised as supervisory qualifications but not for the purposes of establishing and instructing on an Army Clay Target Shoot.

b. **CPSA Level 1 Instructor**<sup>25</sup>. This is the only permitted qualification that enables an individual to instruct the sport of Clay Target Shooting in the Army. With the exception of British Association of Shooting and Conservation (BASC) shooting coaches in certain circumstances (principally game shoots), no other qualification from another shooting governing body is acceptable, nor is any legacy 'in house' Army Rifle Association (ARA) qualification. The CPSA Level 1 Instructor is qualified to instruct those new to the sport or novice shooters. The Level 1 Instructor <u>must</u> be a current CPSA 'Full' member in order that they are insured to carry out their duties<sup>26</sup>.

c. **CPSA Level 2 Coach**. The Level 2 coach is a more experienced and knowledgeable individual who already holds the CPSA Level 1 Instructor qualification. He/she will progress novice shoots into more experienced shooters (discipline specific), enabling them to compete for the Army and possibly national teams. The Army focus is 'English Sporting'. The Level 2 Coach <u>must</u> be a current CPSA 'Full' member in order that they are insured to carry out their duties.

### Courses run by the Army Rifle Association (ARA).

26. The tri-services and Army in particular have adopted the CPSA Academy Model as the standard to uphold in order to maintain quality and assurance within Army Clay Target Shooting. This includes the delivery of training and courses. Quite simply, it ensures that the Army is 'in keeping' and abiding with UK best practice. The result is that Army is recognised as a 'Region' in its own right by the CPSA which brings representation at the CPSA Technical Steering Committee among other benefits. As such, in consultation with the CPSA, a suitably qualified and mutually appointed individual (Serving Military or Civil Servant) is designated as the Army Region Senior Tutor to represent the Army within the CPSA.

27. While the CPSA run a wide selection of courses, the ARA is not currently resourced or necessary in need of the full spread. The ARA will therefore focus its course resources on introducing soldiers/officers to the sport of CT Shooting (novice shooters) while ensuring that sufficient Safety Officers and Level 1 Instructors are available to make this a reality. However, there will always be a requirement for CPSA Level 2 Coaches (English Sporting) in order to develop the more advanced shooters but due to the need to train smaller numbers and the associated costs, personnel should expect to attend out of Region (ie. not Army run) Level 2 Coaching Courses.

Ser	Course Title	Frequency	Remarks
1	CPSA Shotgun Skills (Module 1 & 2)	Regularly Scheduled	If run as distributed training <sup>27</sup> by a Level 1 Instructor, the ARA is to be notified in order to assist with documentation and to track numbers being trained (POC: Ch Clk ARA).
2	CPSA Safety Officer Course	Regularly Scheduled	
3	CPSA Shotgun Skills (Module 3 & Module 4 (ESP))	As required	If run as distributed training by a Level 2 ESP Coach, the ARA is to be notified in order to assist with documentation and to track numbers being trained (POC: Ch Clk ARA).
4	Level 1 Instructor Development Workshop (IDW)	Regularly Scheduled	

28. The ARA will run the following CPSA Courses;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Note: The 'CPSA Corporate Trainer' qualification awarded to personnel who completed the legacy 'Instructor Development Workshop' (IDW) is now void. In order to instruct Clay Target Shooting in the Army, you <u>must</u> hold the CPSA Level 1 Instructor qualification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> **Note**: A CPSA Level 1 Instructor is also qualified as a CPSA Safety Officer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> 'Distributed Training' in this sense means training being carried out by a suitably qualified CPSA Instructor/Coach/Tutor away from HQ ARA in Bisley.

5	Level 1 Instructor Training Course (ITC)	Regularly Scheduled	
6	Level 2 Coach Training Course (Common Element)	As required	
7	Level 2 Coach Development Workshop (CDW) [English Sporting]	As required	Due to low numbers attending, it is likely that these courses will be run in conjunction with other CPSA Regions, possibly away from the Army Region.
8	Level 2 Coach Training Course (CTC) [English Sporting]	As required	

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29. Progression through the CPSA courses within the Army Region is articulated at Annex A. Worthy of note is that you must complete Shotgun Skills (Module 1 & 2) before attending the Safety Officer Course. A full explanation of the content of each course is available from the CPSA website with Army Region specifics (including course schedule/bookings, cost, pre-requisites, eligibility etc...) detailed on the ARA website; <u>http://www.armyshooting.org/</u>.

30. In order to deliver the courses listed above, there is a need to identify and train suitable tutors and assessors at the various levels which is a responsibility of the Army Region Senior Tutor. The criteria and process has now been documented by the CPSA<sup>28</sup> with the specific details for the Army Region covered in ARA PD 2 (Army Tutor Pathway).

# **Financial Grants**

31. Fortunately, there is a vast array of sources for CT Shooting financial grants such as Unit Funds, Corps Funds, Army Target Shooting Club (ATSC), Army Sports Control Board (ASCB), Standard Learning Credits, Army Sports Lottery (ASL), Army Welfare Funds... which span both the individual and the collective. This PD will explore some of the higher level grants available;

a. Army Target Shooting Club (Clay Target) Section (ATSC (CT)) Grants. The ATSC (CT) has finite resource and tends to sponsor training for the benefit of all rather than individual or select groups of people. They will however consider Unit/Corps overseas tours on a case by case basis. Grants are approved by the ATSC(CT) Chairman with all initial discussions and applications to be submitted through the ATSC(CT) Secretary.

b. Army Command Standing Order 3206 (ACSO 3206) (Army Welfare Funds). This is often referred to as the 'Nuffield Trust' but incorrectly so as the Nuffield Trust is just one element of the Fund. The fund has the ability to offer very generous grants and have contributed significant amounts to Clay Target Shooting over the years. Bids are to be submitted in line with ACSO 3206 although it should be noted that in all cases, the Secretary of the ARA is to endorse all bids before submission to the Fund (assurance purposes). In the event that a club dissolves, equipment (eg. traps, guns etc...) will be reallocated centrally by the ARA (on behalf of the fund) as priority dictates.

c. **Army Sports Lottery (ASL)**. The ASL has always given generously to Clay Target Shooting overseas tours but restricts grants to those who are ASL members (ie. paying for tickets on a monthly basis). Further information is available from; <u>http://www.armysportslottery.com/grants/</u> (accessed 26 Jan 17).

d. **Army Sports Control Bord (ASCB)**. The ASCB focuses funding on the Army Clay Target Team. Links to the ASCB for CT Shooting are through HQ ARA and the Army Team Captain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> https://www.cpsa.co.uk/news/general/2014/01/16/cpsa-tutor-training, accessed 26 Jan 17.

32. Courses run through the ARA are considerably cheaper than those run direct through the CPSA, largely due to our ability to use in-house (Military & MOD Civilian) instructors. However, this is not always possible and sometimes a mix of instructors is required which results in increased costs. For individual courses, personnel are expected to approach Units/Corps Funds and make best use of Standard Learning Credits (SLCs) where possible. The Army Sports Lottery does offer Coaching Course Grants', further details should be sought from the ASL<sup>29</sup>. The ARA already offset course fees as much as possible and is unable to offer any further grants.

#### **Further Information**

33. ARA website (internet): <u>http://www.armyshooting.org/courses.html</u>.

34. Further information or clarification on this Policy Directive can be obtained from the Service Competent Authority on Clay Target Shooting, the ARA:

HQ ARA Hythe Lodge National Shooting Centre Bisley Surrey GU24 0NY

Tel: 01483 798084 Fax: 01483 799821 E-mail: <u>ArmyCapCbt-SASC-ARA-ChClk@mod.uk</u>

Annex:

A. CPSA Qualification Flow Chart (Army).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Specifically, the ASL DIN. Available at; <u>http://www.armysportslottery.com/</u> (accessed 26 Jan 17).

