

# Shooting Activities Permission Form

I give my permission for my son / daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the air rifle shooting activity with the FreeSpirit Explorer Scout Unit. I understand that the activity will be led by qualified instructors in accordance with the Scouting, Policy Organisation and Rules.

I declare that he/she is not subject to restriction by virtue of Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 (which applies only to persons who have served a term of imprisonment or youth custody).

Please state if he/she has any medical condition relevant to this activity

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Please indicate details of any medical treatment they are receiving at the moment:

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Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian

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Date

## Extracts from the Firearms Act 1968

### 'Section 21'

(1) A person who has been sentenced (to custody for life or) to preventive detention, or to imprisonment or to corrective training for a term of three years or more (or to youth custody (or detention in a young offender institution) for such a term), or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.

(2) A person who has been sentenced ..... to imprisonment for a term of three months or more but less than three years ( or to youth custody ( or detention in a young offender institution) for such a term), or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a detention centre or in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time before the expiration of the period of five years from the date of his release have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.

### This means:

Section 21 prohibits the possession of a firearm and ammunition (under any circumstances), by any person who has been convicted of a crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment (or its equivalent for young persons) of 3 months or more. The prohibition applies in all circumstances, including handling and firing at an approved shooting club or at a clay pigeon shoot where a certificate is not ordinarily required. It also applies to the possession or use of other categories of firearms and ammunition such as AIRGUNS or shot cartridges for which a certificate is not needed.

A sentence of 3 months to 3 years attracts a 5 year prohibition, shorter ones no prohibition but a longer one means a life ban.