

UNIVERSITY OF BATH SHOOTING CLUB

## **Shotgun Safety Policy**

1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded – **never** point a gun, loaded or unloaded, in an unsafe direction.
2. When not in use i.e. not in the stand and ready to shoot, barrels must be facing **towards the ground**.
3. Never use a gun you believe to be faulty.
4. Always carry shotguns open/broken and unloaded, or unloaded and in a gunslip.
5. Only carry the **correct gauge** cartridges for the shotgun that you are using – **never** mix 12-gauge and 20-gauge cartridges in the same bag/pocket.
6. Check that your barrels are free from obstructions before loading.
7. Only load your shotgun once you are inside the firing station/stand with your barrels pointing down-range.
8. Keep your barrels pointing down-range at all times until your shotgun is open/broken and empty. Never leave a stand or turn around with a closed/unbroken gun.
9. Only shoot at **clay** targets which are thrown for you on **your command**.
10. If your shotgun fails to fire when you pull the trigger, keep a firm grip of the gun with the barrels **pointing down-range for 30 seconds**. Open the gun slowly with the chamber pointing away from your face. Check barrels are clear of obstructions.
11. Never use a shotgun under the influence of **alcohol** or **drugs**.
12. Always wear appropriate **ear and eye protection** when shooting.

For more information, please read the BASC official safety regulations:

<http://basc.org.uk/cop/shotgun-safety-code-of-practice/>

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