

ASSOCIATION OF MALTESE ARMS COLLECTORS & SHOOTERS

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AMACS Member Rule Book

The following rules together constitute the AMACS Rule Book, which is an official object of AMACS as defined in Chapter 1, Section 8 of the AMACS Statute. These rules do not replace or override the AMACS Statute but are an addition to the AMACS Statute. In any case of conflict any relevant clause in the AMACS Statute shall override any or all of these rules. All members of AMACS are expected to abide by these Rules, and if not may be disciplined as defined in Chapter 2, Section 10 of the AMACS Statute.

1. Membership of AMACS shall be open to individuals who are bona fide enthusiasts of target shooting sports and/or historical re-enactment and/or the collection and scientific/technological/historical research of arms, militaria & associated articles.
2. Such members shall join at least one constituent club individually dedicated to the various disciplines represented by/practised within AMACS.
3. Membership shall also be open to nominated members of legally constituted bodies which seek affiliation with AMACS.
4. Provided that such individuals:
 - a. Do not possess a serious criminal record and must, as proof of this, submit a recent copy of their Police Conduct Certificate.
 - b. Keep their firearms in conformity with the prevailing national laws and regulations of with AMACS rules and regulations, if these are more stringent.
 - c. Obtain their parents' or legal guardians' consent in writing if they are under eighteen (18) years of age.
 - d. Are of a minimum age as stipulated by the prevailing Laws of Malta in relation to gun licensing and related issues.
 - e. Be of sound mental health and have no history of alcohol and/or drug abuse.
 - f. Are approved by the AMACS Committee
5. Members shall pay an annual subscription fee that shall fall due upon entry and thereafter shall be payable in advance on the first January of each year.
6. Before a membership renewal is accepted, the AMACS Committee may demand member(s) to furnish proof of (members') good conduct through the submission of a recent copy of the Police Conduct Certificate and a medical report. Successful renewal is a process during which members must satisfy the criteria applied during initial candidature, as described in clauses 1 through 5 above. Should the AMACS Committee decide that a particular membership should not be renewed, due to non-satisfaction of the said criteria or other factors which became apparent in the preceding term, the member in question shall be so informed and his/her membership shall be henceforth



terminated. An AMACS member who has his/her renewal refused on grounds of nonsatisfaction of clauses 1 through 5 above may, if he/she feels the decision is unjust, refer the case to arbitration for resolution of the dispute. Should a member make recourse to arbitration, he/she shall be considered as suspended from AMACS until such time as the arbitration is resolved. Any member whose membership is not renewed and is under obligation(s) towards AMACS as covered by Form(s) of Undertaking and/or is in possession of AMACS assets, is obliged to honour his/her commitment(s) and/or to return any such assets with immediate effect. This without prejudice to any other rights AMACS may have.

7. If a member fails to pay his Annual Subscription Fee, he shall not be entitled to either attend or vote at any AMACS General Meeting. AMACS may, at its discretion, issue reminder letters to defaulting members. Regardless of whether such reminders are issued or not, AMACS is entitled to strike off from the Register of AMACS members any and all members who would have failed to renew their membership of any year by January of that year.
8. Any member wishing to resign from AMACS shall give one month notice in writing to the AMACS Secretary. Any member so resigning shall cease to have any further interest or claim on the funds of AMACS. Such resignation shall be communicated to the Commissioner of Police.
9. The names, addresses and copies of any identification documents of members shall be entered in a Register of Members, which shall be kept in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act.
10. AMACS, in its efforts to promote the shooting and collecting disciplines practised, reserves the right to take photographs during AMACS events or events wherein AMACS members are participating in their capacity as such. Such photographs shall remain property of AMACS, and may be published in newsletters, brochures and in articles appearing in media describing AMACS events. Such photographs may be displayed during exhibitions, and on the AMACS website.
11. All members shall agree to conform and be bound by the AMACS Statute and by the prevailing AMACS Rule Book and the Code of Ethics. In default of compliance with the terms and conditions set enlisted therein, member(s) shall be liable to immediate expulsion from AMACS. The onus of being familiar with the contents of these instruments and abiding therewith lies strictly with the individual member. In the case of such expulsion, the procedure detailed in clause 6 above with respect to the return of AMACS assets and the reimbursement by the member to AMACS of any sponsorship shall be applicable with immediate effect.
12. AMACS members are expected to uphold the laws and regulations of Malta, as well as AMACS Rules, especially so in matters where arms, militaria and related issues are concerned. The AMACS Committee is entitled to ask members whose behaviour and actions may seem suspect to furnish an updated Police Conduct Certificate as certified by the Commissioner of Police at any time. Failure on the part of the member to comply shall lead to instant dismissal without the right of appeal. Any reported serious breach of law shall similarly lead to instant dismissal.



13. AMACS is aware of the fact that irresponsible actions on the part of members may jeopardise the future of AMACS itself, and also of the entire shooting and collecting disciplines. For this reason, irresponsible actions on the part of members, even if not deemed actionable in a court of law, shall bring about the immediate and undisputable dismissal of the member in question. In the case of such a dismissal, the procedure detailed in clause 6 above with respect to the return of AMACS assets and the reimbursement by the member to AMACS of any sponsorship shall be applicable with immediate effect.
14. Irresponsible actions described above shall, inter alia, include (but not be limited to) acts placing human life and/or assets in jeopardy, especially (but not necessarily limited to) the handling of firearms. Public representations that are in conflict with the objects of AMACS and/or that place AMACS in a bad light with society and/or the relevant authorities shall likewise be considered as sufficient justification for instant dismissal.
15. In all instances described in clauses 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14 above leading to dismissal, such dismissal shall be communicated to the Commissioner of Police. Members shall have the right of redress from such a Committee decision. This will take the form of recourse to the arbitration as described in clause 6 above. A member who contests Committee's decision by appealing to arbitration shall be considered as being suspended until such time as the arbitration is resolved.
16. Members are expected to be knowledgeable on the Maltese Firearms Act, Maltese Law which pertains to firearms, and on proper and safe conduct on a shooting range and/or when handling firearms for any reason.
17. In particular the following range safety rules shall be observed, in addition to any other rules imposed by any respective range operator:
 - a. Only licenced and insured persons, or those otherwise legally allowed to shoot, are allowed to shoot on the range. Shooters are allowed to bring non-licensed and non-insured guests to the range at the discretion of the RCO.
 - b. All shooters and any guests are to obey all instructions issued by the Range Conducting Officer (RCO) or the Range Safety Staff (RSS) without question.
 - c. Shooters are to make available their AMACS Club Membership Card, Insurance Policy and Gun licence(s) to the attending RCO or RSS for review upon request. Above-mentioned documents should always be brought to the range.
 - d. New or inexperienced shooters are to inform the RCO and/or RSS about their status immediately on arrival at the range.
 - e. Firearms used must be those listed on the shooter's "Target A" license. Those on the "Collector A" license are only allowed for those holding both licenses. Schedule 1 firearms cannot be brought to the range. Firearms which cannot be shot at particular ranges (for example a rifle at a shotgun range, or a 9mm pistol at a .22 range) cannot be brought to that range.
 - f. All ammunition is to be surrendered as soon as the shooters arrive on the range and placed in the appropriate location as directed by the RCO or RSS.



- g. Appropriate safety and protective equipment, including, as a minimum, safety glasses and hearing protection, are mandatory.
- h. Targets are to be EXCLUSIVELY those appropriate for official shooting disciplines supported by AMACS. Targets used in police, military or self-defence training are illegal, and as such strictly off-limits for AMACS members.
- i. Firearms in cases must always be pointing in a safe direction when the case is opened at the Normal Safety Procedure (NSP) point, safety area or firing line.
- j. Firearms can only be handled at the NSP point, firing line and safety area as directed by the RCO. Firearms in a holster are not exceptions to this rule.
- k. Firearms must be transferred from the safety area or NSP point to the firing line, and back, in their case.
- l. Firearms on the firing line must ALWAYS be pointing towards the targets or backstop, even when proven safe and being transferred to and from the case.
- m. Firearms in the NSP or safe area must be pointing in a safe direction AT ALL TIMES.
- n. Firearms are absolutely not to be handled before each session briefing, and when the range is “cold”, such as when targets are being changed.
- o. The shooter’s finger must be off the trigger until the order to shoot is given by the RCO, and then only on the trigger when the firearm is ready and on target.
- p. Shooters shall avoid distracting other shooters or the RCO or RSS, and shall avoid talking unnecessarily and/or using a mobile phone.
- q. Shouting, foul language, inappropriate attitude to safety and/or other offensive behaviour shall not be tolerated, and may lead to the RCO requiring the shooter to leave the range.
- r. There is to be no smoking except in the authorised area.
- s. All members should dress decently. Camouflage, military or police uniforms may only be worn by members of the appropriate service.
- t. All shooters must make every effort to arrive at the appointed time.
- u. All shooters must take care to dispose of any litter in an appropriate fashion.
- v. All shooters are to assist RSS in erecting/dismantling all range equipment.
- w. After a detail is completed, shooters are to replace targets in preparation for those who will follow them.
- x. All shooters shall help collect all used brass – including steel and .22lr cases. Shooters must never take their colleague’s spent brass unless expressly allowed to do so.
- y. Gross misconduct, unsafe firearm handling or any failure to abide by any of the above rules or any other range rules will not be tolerated, and may lead to immediate dismissal from the range. Each incident should be reported by the



RCO to the AMACS Committee. Repeated misconduct will lead to disciplinary action by the AMACS Committee.

18. AMACS members who hold a target shooting licence are expected to practice the relevant target shooting discipline *at least* twice a year. They are to document their attendance on the range for such shooting activities in the relevant range records *as well as* in their own personal records. Such records may be inspected to verify attendance on application for annual membership renewal.
19. AMACS members who hold a collector licence are expected to attend AMACS events for collectors, such as lectures, seminars, meetings, courses or exhibitions. Members are expected to show keen interest in firearms collecting and to participate actively in relevant discussions between AMACS members.
20. AMACS members are expected to attend the AMACS club premises at least twice a year, attending lectures, seminars, meetings, courses or informal social gatherings. Members shall sign the attendance record at the club on each and every occasion that they attend. Such records may be inspected to verify attendance on application for membership or annual membership renewal.



AMACS Code of Ethics

1. AMACS members are expected to behave in a manner appropriate for members of society who have been entrusted by the Malta Police and by AMACS to responsibly own firearms for target shooting disciplines, historical re-enactment and/or for collection purposes. As such AMACS members are to conduct themselves in private, in public, on shooting ranges and at the AMACS premises in an appropriate manner.
2. Members who do not conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in public, including on-line comments on Facebook and other public websites, or on shooting ranges or on AMACS premises may be cautioned by the AMACS Committee. Repeated misconduct may lead to dismissal from AMACS. Gross misconduct may lead to immediate dismissal from AMACS without prior warning.
3. The following are considered inappropriate behaviour, but these should not in any way be considered an exclusive list:
 - a. Insensitive language or behaviour which may offend others (including religious, racial, cultural, or political intolerance, and/or sexist, vulgar or obscene behaviour or language)
 - b. Violence or aggressive behaviour
 - c. Inappropriate use or abuse of alcoholic beverages, prescription drugs, or the use of illegal drugs
 - d. Dishonesty or fraud
4. AMACS members are additionally expected to hold in high regard all shooting disciplines promoted by AMACS, and to support the development of all such shooting disciplines.
5. AMACS members are expected to actively participate in relevant AMACS activities and events, and contribute to the growth and development of target shooting disciplines and/or firearms collecting.