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The British Association for Shooting & Conservation

The advantages of affiliation
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Best in the Field



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BASC represents and cares for the interests of members of affiliated clubs and syndicates.

Continuing your BASC affiliation brings great advantages to both your club or syndicate and individual members. The exclusive membership package that we have developed offers exceptional value for money.

All members receive a package of services and benefits that includes:

- insurance to protect them wherever they go shooting;
- six issues a year of our members' magazine, *Shooting and Conservation*; and
- access to GoShooting – a service for clubs and syndicates that offers free advertising to help them attract new members.



Insurance protection

As a 'first resort' insurance policy, the BASC policy takes on a claim regardless of any other insurance you may have. Cheaper options offered by others will not typically respond until you can prove no other policy will cover the claim.

- Up to £10 million third-party liability cover.
- Up to £10 million employers' liability cover.
- Up to £10 million product liability cover.
- Up to £50,000 personal accident cover.
- Only affiliated clubs and syndicate members have the additional 'guest insurance', providing that the guests do not exceed 50 per cent of the party.
- Only affiliated clubs and syndicates can take advantage of the additional public liability related to fundraising or education and awareness raising events. For example, if you wanted to put on a clay shoot and raise awareness and funds, as long as you notify BASC that the club and syndicate is undertaking the event then this element of the insurance will cover you.
- Only affiliated clubs and syndicate members have access to the additional dog injury protection. If a working dog is injured as a result of your club's or syndicate's negligence, then the cover will respond up to a cost of £2,500 per incident.
- By having club and syndicate insurance you always know that everyone in the club or syndicate is insured. If an incident occurs and you cannot identify exactly who caused it, then the insurance will still respond as everyone is covered. For example, you are unsure which Gun shot the bird that landed on a vehicle or property and caused damage.

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BASC insurance for dogs has two parts

- Liability cover – this covers you for an accident or injury your dog causes while picking up or working during a BASC recognised activity, e.g. driven shooting, wildfowling etc.
- Limited cover for injury to dogs – they are only covered if the injury is due to the negligent actions of members of a BASC-affiliated shoot; cover is limited to £2,500 per incident.

Therefore, the injury/illness to the dog needs to have been caused by negligence and the person/club causing the negligence needs to be a BASC member for the BASC insurance to provide cover.

Unbeatable legal, practical and technical advice

BASC's firearms team is staffed by seven full-time employees. It includes four ex-police personnel (including a firearms licensing manager) and a former gunsmith. It is headed by Bill Harriman, one of the UK's leading forensic ballistics experts and a published authority on the application of firearms law. The costs of firearms licensing and the efficiency of the licensing process are key areas of focus for this team.



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A political and media campaign focused on shooting

BASC staff make sure the voice of shooting is heard by politicians, the press, and the general public. They ensure that there is balanced comment in the media and all-party political backing for shooting. BASC's expert and highly trained communications and public affairs team is always on hand to react to any threat to shooting.

Helping you to keep your membership list full

If you need any help getting more members, you can use the FREE service on offer from GoShooting. You can promote any vacancies to BASC members or the wider shooting public – it's up to you. Helping your shoot keep a healthy membership is important to us.

Expert help with leases and shooting agreements

We have a team of full-time staff on hand to help you secure your shooting rights. They will give you clear guidance on any lease or shooting agreement needed to make sure your shoot is safe and secure.

Developing and improving your shoot

You have access to our conservation, land management and game and wildlife management teams. Together, they can help you identify new land for shooting and provide expert help with improving your shoot, not only for conservation but also to encourage and maintain a healthy quarry population. They can also direct you to any funding that can help your shoot.



Membership grades

(minimum of six members)

Price*

Club/syndicate member	£82
Club/syndicate gamekeeper	£82
Club/syndicate junior (under 21)	£33
Gamekeeper student (under 21)	£33

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*Of which £10 is the approximate cost of insurance cover and includes insurance premium tax



Duplicate subscription refund rates

Members with duplicate memberships and six months or more left on their original membership will receive a pro-rata refund on their original membership subscription (terms and conditions apply).

If you have any questions about the package that we offer, or you need to discuss your renewal in detail, please call our membership department on 01244 573 030.

Club rules

BASC requires all affiliated clubs and syndicates to have a set of robust rules to protect the members and officers, and assist in the smooth running of the shoot. These rules should cover:

- the objectives of the shoot;
- how you become a member;
- how you leave membership – through resignation, failure to pay the subscription, etc.;
- rules of what members are expected to do and not to do;
- how disciplinary issues are dealt with and members' rights of appeal;
- how officers are elected;
- the roles and responsibilities of the officers;
- rules around AGMs; and
- how money is handled and distributed.

All shoots are different, and the rules in place should meet individual needs and circumstances. BASC has produced a set of draft rules that can be edited to suit your shoot. You can download them as a Word document: basc.org.uk/join-basc/clubs-and-syndicates



Donations

It is only through voluntary donations that we are able to fund some of the important work we do to promote and protect shooting. We are therefore greatly indebted to the generosity of our donors. Generally, we use these gifts where they are most needed; however, we do ring-fence gifts for particular projects in accordance with the wishes of donors. Two examples include:

The Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust

A charity which supports gamekeepers and their dependants in times of need.

Our work with the next generation

BASC provides young people with advice, training, events, competitions and shooting opportunities. We work in partnership with many schools, colleges and universities around the country, as well as the Scouts, Girl Guides and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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All new members of your shoot will automatically be sent full details of the insurance policy with their membership card. By law, we have to write to ALL existing members of your shoot individually, giving them a copy of the IPID document.

Pro-rata payments

Subscriptions payable by members joining a BASC-affiliated club or syndicate part-way through the club's subscription year are calculated on a monthly basis.

Below is a summary of our subscription rates and the pro-rata cost applicable to new members joining a club mid-year and before the annual club subscription is due.

The pro-rata subscription to be applied will depend on the date BASC receives notification of the applicant's wish to join your club/syndicate.

NOTE: The insurance cover does not apply until your payment has been received by BASC.

Subscription rates	Club/ syndicate (min of six)	Game- keeper	Senior citizen	Club junior
Annual	£82	£82	£82	£33
11 months	£76	£76	£76	£31
10 months	£70	£70	£70	£28
9 months	£63	£63	£63	£26
8 months	£57	£57	£57	£23
7 months	£50	£50	£50	£21
6 months	£44	£44	£44	£18
5 months	£38	£38	£38	£15
4 months	£31	£31	£31	£13
3 months	£25	£25	£25	£9
2 months	£18	£18	£18	£7
1 month	£12	£12	£12	£4