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The British Association for Shooting & Conservation

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Clubs and syndicates are the backbone of BASC. Each affiliating club and syndicate fuels our fight to protect the shooting and practical conservation you care about. Your support bolsters our authority to challenge misinformed policies and to guide decision-makers in their roles that directly govern the countryside. For every affiliated club and syndicate, BASC's voice is amplified, allowing the benefits of shooting to be communicated in every region of the UK. With your affiliation, we will continue to ensure our community is represented with confidence and influence.

The affiliation also enables your club or syndicate to gain access to a comprehensive membership package that delivers exceptional value, including:

- **specialist support** – expert advice on firearms, conservation, legal matters, and club management;
- **exclusive insurance cover** – tailored protection for your shooting activities;
- **training and development** – invitations to BASC networking events, training days, and exclusive member-only opportunities;
- **community and collaboration** – opportunities to engage with other clubs, syndicates and industry professionals;
- **advocacy and representation** – a strong voice for shooting sports at both local and national levels; and
- **exclusive discounts** – discounted membership rates for club and syndicate members as well as savings on vehicles, courses and equipment.

## BASC insurance for clubs and syndicate members

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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. As a BASC club/syndicate affiliated member, you will have access to:

- up to £10 million third-party liability cover;
- up to £10 million employers' liability cover;
- up to £10 million product liability cover; and
- up to £50,000 personal accident cover.

Only affiliated clubs and syndicates receive additional 'guest cover,' tailored to their specific shooting discipline. For example, affiliated game syndicates benefit from guest cover for up to 50 per cent of the party on any given day, with affiliated wildfowling and deer stalking syndicates able to host guests at a 1:2 member-to-guest ratio. Full details are available on our website [basc.org.uk/clubs-and-syndicates/](http://basc.org.uk/clubs-and-syndicates/)

Only affiliated clubs and syndicates can take advantage of the additional public liability cover for events that are held for fundraising, education or raising awareness. As long as you notify BASC that the club/syndicate is hosting the event then you will be covered.

Club and syndicate members also have access to additional dog injury protection. The BASC insurance protection for dogs of an affiliated club or syndicate 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** – this covers you if the injury is due to the negligent actions of members of a BASC-affiliated shoot; cover is limited to £2,500 per accident.

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 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 and caused damage.

Further details on our insurance policies can be found at [basc.org.uk/basc-members-insurance/](http://basc.org.uk/basc-members-insurance/)

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## Expert advice from dedicated teams

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As an affiliated club or syndicate, you have direct access to BASC's country, regional, and conservation teams, who provide expert guidance on a wide range of topics, including legislation, best practices, governance, and sustainability. Whether you need support with local representation, shoot visits, or tailored in-person briefings covering best practice and legal compliance, our teams are here to help.

Club and syndicate members also benefit from specialist expertise in evidence and environmental law, biodiversity, land management and consenting, game and wildlife management, wildfowl and wetlands, deer and woodland management, and the uplands.

Additionally, we offer an extensive programme of events and training opportunities, as well as access to BASC templates and guidance on health and safety, biosecurity, and shoot management plans—ensuring you stay informed, compliant, and fully supported in securing the long-term future of sustainable shooting.



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## Access to exclusive member benefits

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All club and syndicate members will be individual BASC members in their own right and will subsequently benefit from all of the standard BASC member benefits like access to our firearms team that provides unbeatable legal, practical and technical advice , discounts on leading vehicle brands and complimentary access to The Game Fair. The latest information on our member benefits can be found on our website.



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## Club rules

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BASC strongly advises that all affiliated clubs and syndicates should have a robust set of rules to protect 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 by visiting our website [basc.org.uk/clubs-and-syndicates](http://basc.org.uk/clubs-and-syndicates)

## Supporting the future of shooting through BASC funds

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The vital work BASC undertakes to promote and protect shooting is made possible through the generosity of our donors. Voluntary contributions enable us to fund key initiatives, ensuring we can continue to safeguard the future of shooting and conservation. While donations are generally used where they are most needed, we also honour the wishes of donors by ring-fencing funds for specific projects.

BASC manages several dedicated funds to support shooting and conservation efforts, including:

- **The Fighting Fund** – providing essential resources to defend shooting against legal, political, and media challenges.
- **The Legacy Fund** – supporting long-term projects that promote sustainable shooting and conservation, made possible by the generosity of those who leave a gift in their will.
- **The BASC Wildlife Fund (BWF)** – funding conservation projects that enhance biodiversity and support sustainable land management.

Additionally, BASC collaborates with and supports initiatives such as:

- **The Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust** – a charity providing financial and practical assistance to gamekeepers and their families in times of need.
- **Inspiring the Next Generation** – BASC delivers training, events, competitions, and shooting opportunities for young people, working closely with schools, colleges, universities, the Scouts, Girl Guides, and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Through these funds and initiatives, BASC remains committed to preserving shooting and conservation for future generations. If you would like to make a donation you can do this by visiting our website.



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## Hassle-free membership support

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Our dedicated membership team is here to make the sign-up and renewal process as seamless and straightforward as possible. Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your affiliation, we are committed to providing clear guidance and support every step of the way.

For full details on membership options, including grades and rates, pro-rata payments, and duplicate subscriptions, please visit [basc.org.uk/join/clubs-and-syndicates](https://basc.org.uk/join/clubs-and-syndicates) or scan the QR code below.

## 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 must write to ALL existing members of your shoot individually, giving them a copy of the IPID document.

**Further details on the rules of affiliation can be found on our website [basc.org.uk/join/clubs-and-syndicates](https://basc.org.uk/join/clubs-and-syndicates).**

