

At the AGM last November, the Committee proposed a new rule regarding the number of marshals required to run an open shoot. The matter was discussed during the AGM and it was decided that the wording of the original proposal needed amending. The Committee agreed to discuss and agreed the correct wording that is required to give the clarity and, as it is a safety related matter, are bringing in this rule immediately by standing order.

36. Following the completion of a risk assessment, the shoot organiser must ensure that there are sufficient marshals at an open or championship shoot to respond to any emergency or accident. The number of marshals will depend on the size and complexity of the course but a minimum of three marshals. The shoot organiser may also marshal an open or championship shoot.

37. Every marshal is required to wear a high visibility vest or similar item of high visibility clothing. It is the responsibility of the shoot organiser to ensure the availability of such clothing and the responsibility of every marshal to wear such an item of high visibility clothing.

The Committee also discussed the role of marshals at open shoots and have put together requirements that must be met by those undertaking marshalling.

Shoot Marshals Role and Function

- 1) To assist safe running of a shoot and give general and safety instructions as needed.
- 2) Respond to complaints about behaviour or witnessed breeches of the rules.
- 3) Each Marshall must be familiar with the venue, course and safe exit routes.
- 4) All Marshals must have an up-to-date copy of the NFAS Shooting Handbook.
- 5) Each Marshall shall carry a means of contacting the event organiser e.g. by walkie talkie or mobile phone.
- 6) Each Marshall shall carry a whistle and wear a Hi Viz vest or jacket.
- 7) Marshals shall be aware of the club's emergency procedure.
- 8) Marshals must stop groups shooting in the event of an emergency.
- 9) In the event of an accident or incident during a shoot, Marshals must:
 - a) Provide a focal point and safety instructions to participants; and
 - b) Assist emergency services onto or off site and to the location of any incident/injured person; and
 - c) Assist with co-ordinating evidence and witnesses.

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