

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TARGET SHOOTING SPORTS

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The Steering Group of the National Association of Target Shooting Sports (NATSS – promoted and sponsored by the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, the National Small Bore Rifle Association and the National Rifle Association) has met recently to consider the results of a Survey of UK Target Shooters having received over 2,200 full responses and the results of 9 Workshops, held UK wide, with representatives of all sectors of target shooting sport.

The predominant response (88% of the internet survey), fully endorsed at the Workshops, has been for a desire for the formation of an entirely New Body to govern UK Target Shooting Sport. Members considered that such an amalgamated Body could provide improved strategic vision and direction. Further it would enhance opportunities for the sport of Target Shooting to improve protection of the sport, to enable the enhancement of media relations and increase membership with more being done in schools and in the National Curriculum. The following have emerged as overriding features:

1. The preservation of the heritage of the existing Governing Bodies
2. To maintain a role for Home Country associations.
3. Governance by a Board which is primarily skills - based, but which will delegate most shooting matters and organisation to a Shooting Council along shooting sector/discipline lines.
4. Freedom within a constitutional framework for all sectors and aspiring sectors of UK Target Shooting sport to participate in their chosen shooting disciplines under the aegis of the new Governing Body – subject to paramount adherence to Standards of Conduct.

The Steering Group is now engaged with its sports advisers, 'Performance Matters' to develop a draft constitution and financial model to consider with the Boards of the 3 promoters enabling the management boards of over 40 UK shooting discipline sector bodies to contribute to the final proposals to be put to their Members in due course.

Note: Detailed reports of progress of NATSS are published regularly and can be accessed via the websites of any of:

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