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Support our sport

Questionnaire to all Irish Political Parties

The **National Target Shooting Association** wants to know your party's position towards our sport, Olympic Target Shooting, and the issues that affect our athletes. The questions attached outline the key issues of concern to us. We would appreciate if you could please answer all questions. If you wish to leave spaces blank, we will assume your party does not support the issue.

If you would like to explain or qualify any response, please use the space provided. Full background information and rationale on all proposals is included. If you have any queries about this questionnaire or the sport in general, please feel free to contact us:

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All responses will be posted on our website <http://www.targetshootingireland.org> which will enable the voters who hold the approximately 220,000 firearms licence in this country to know the position of candidates on the issues that matter to them.

Yours in Sport

Mark Dennehy
Secretary, NTSA



Questionnaire

Party Name

What is your Party position regarding Olympic Target Shooting?

- We support Olympic Target Shooting
- We oppose Olympic Target Shooting
- Other

If other, please specify:

Does your party support the proposed 51% per-annum increase in the firearms license fee?

- We support the increase
- We oppose the increase
- Other

If other, please specify:



Questionnaire

Does your party support the NTSA proposal for a licensing system which licenses the *person*, not the firearm, with a proper photo ID document which is valid for five years from the date of issue?

- We support the proposal
- We oppose the proposal
- Other

If other, please specify:

How old does your party believe someone should be before they start in a target shooting sport?

- 8
- 10
- 12
- 14
- 16
- 18
- 21
- Other

If other, please specify:

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Questionnaire

What is your party position on proficiency certification for firearms licensing, and who does your party believe should be responsible for proficiency testing?

Does your party support the NTSA's proposal for a free Temporary Visitor's Permit for target shooters to attend Irish target shooting competitions instead of the current requirement for them to obtain full annual Irish licences?

- We support the proposal
- We oppose the proposal
- Other

If other, please specify:

Does your party support the NTSA proposal for Training Licences to be issued at no cost or as low a cost as is possible for trainee target shooters?

- We support the proposal
- We oppose the proposal
- Other

If other, please specify:



Questionnaire

If your party supports some or all of the previous proposals, are they willing to put these forward in a new Firearms Act as part of their programme for government if elected?

- Yes
- No
- Other

If other, please specify:



Questionnaire

Does your party have a policy which relates to Target Shooting?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please attach a copy.

If your party does not have a policy relating to Target Shooting, would you be willing to meet with representatives from the NTSA in order to draft one?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please nominate a contact:

Are any of your members involved in the shooting sports?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please specify:
