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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Reclassification of the Olympic.380 BBM imitation handgun

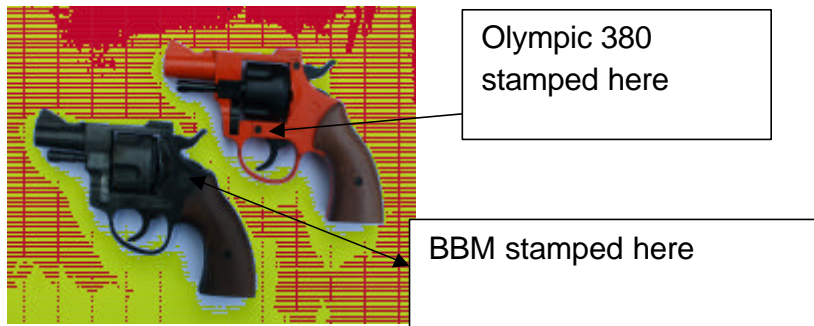
On the 16 April 2010 the Association of Chief Police Officers announced that the Olympic 380 BBM imitation handgun had been reclassified as a prohibited weapon and it was illegal to possess one of these handguns. Despite this being the most commonly used handgun in athletics utilised by starters, clubs and schools UKA were not involved in any discussion on the impact this decision will have on our sport.

A public amnesty will take place until the 4th June 2010 thereafter anyone in possession of one of these handguns will be liable to prosecution under the firearms legislation. **There is no public funding to recompense those who surrender the hand guns.**

We are committed to ensuring that no one in athletics falls foul of this new law and we will circulate the information as widely as possible.

UKA have been requested to act as the official receiver of all such weapons currently in the hands of athletics starters and athletics clubs across the country. We will then arrange destruction via Greater Manchester Police.

UKA senior management have given an undertaking that anyone who returns their handgun to UKA with a letter supported by your last year's worksheet or letter from your club stating that they are still active will be provided with a suitable alternative free of charge. It is therefore very important that any Olympic handguns are handed into UKA so that we can record your details.



The process is being managed by David Brown from the UKA office in Manchester, address shown in full below, who should be contacted if you have any difficulty in arranging to surrender your handguns to a UKA representative.

UKA have agreed with a number of officials placed across the country to accept the guns from you. Please make an initial contact with the person who is nearest to your address so that personal arrangements can be made for you to meet up and hand the items over. The details of these UKA representative are shown on a separate sheet.

In the event that you have any difficulty the items can be parcel posted to UKA's Manchester office at the address shown below recorded delivery and marked for the attention of David Brown. **Under no circumstances should ammunition be included in the package.**

If you wish to discuss any issues regarding the surrender of these handguns then please do not hesitate to contact David Brown who has been in direct dialogue with the police , the gun trade and the Home Office over this issue.

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Yours sincerely



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UKA representatives authorised under our Registered Firearms Dealership to accept Olympic 380 BBM handguns from the athletics public.

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