



STANDARD RULES FOR SAFETY AND CONDUCT ON THE PISTOL RANGE

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1. Immediately upon entering the Range:
 - (a) Every person shall sign the Range Register
 - (b) Every shooter shall sign the Register of Attendance
 - (c) Every shooter shall present their SSAA or APA card
 - (d) Every shooter shall present their Category H Firearms Licence
2. Every Club Member if shooting or officiating in any capacity must wear their club membership card so that it is clearly visible.
3. Every Guest Shooter must wear the Guest Shooter card that will be provided to them upon signing in.
4. Every person entering the Range, whether Member, Guest Shooter or Visitor, places him or herself under the control of the Range Officer or his assistants, and must at all times comply with their lawful directions and instruction and these Rules for Safety and Conduct.
5. **APARREL:** All Shooters must wear adequate clothing and footwear while on the shooting line (open-toed footwear is not permitted). All shooters, guests and visitors must present themselves in a tidy and inoffensive manner otherwise they may be asked to leave the Range.
6. **REFUSAL TO OBEY:** No person shall refuse to obey the instructions of the Range Officer or any other Official in the proper conduct of the affairs of the office.
7. No person shall enter or leave the Range with a loaded pistol.
8. **LOADED PISTOLS:** No pistol will be loaded until the Competitor is in his place at the shooting line and the command "LOAD" has been given by the Range Officer. At all times, while loaded, the pistol shall point in the direction of the Target or Impact Area.
9. **UNLOADED PISTOL:** When not at the shooting line, a pistol shall be unloaded at all times. Cylinders will be open, or slides back and magazines out, unless the pistol is cased.
10. **REMOVAL OF PISTOLS:** No pistol shall be removed from the shooting line until it and the magazines have been checked as "CLEAR" by the Range Officer.
11. No person shall touch the pistol of another person without the Owners permission. In the case of the Club Pistols, permission must be obtained from the Range Officer.
12. **FIRING POINT COMMANDS:**

"LOAD" means to insert the loaded magazine or to load the revolver cylinder.

"ARE YOU READY" is a preparatory command. If you are not ready you must immediately signal this to the Range Officer by raising your hand.

"ATTENTION", "INSTANT" or "STAND BY" are preparatory commands, which one is used depending upon the match being shot. On these commands the pistol is made ready to fire with the slide or cylinder closed and a round chambered.

"START" or "FIRE" is the commencement command which may be signalled verbally or by a whistle or other signalling device.

"STOP" or "CEASE FIRE" means to STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY, and to open the action of the pistol.. Failure to obey immediately the command "STOP" or "CEASE FIRE" is one of the worst infractions of Range discipline as it could result in the wounding or death of some person who has wandered into the line of fire.

On this command all pistols shall be unloaded and placed on the shooting stand until the next command from the Range Officer. The STOP or CEASE FIRE command may be signalled verbally, by a long whistle or by some other signalling device.

"RANGE OPEN" indicates that shooting may commence and nobody is to move forward of the firing line under any circumstances.

"RANGE CLOSED" (often in conjunction with a flashing light and/or siren) indicates that shooting has stopped. No person may touch a pistol and persons may move forward of the firing line at the discretion of the Range Officer.
13. No person on the shooting line shall touch a pistol while any other person is forward of the shooting line.
14. **DISCIPLINE:** The Safety of Competitors, Range Personnel and Spectators requires continual attention by all to the careful handling of pistols, and caution in moving about the Range. Self-discipline is necessary on the part of all Competitors, Range Personnel and Spectators. Where such self-control is lacking, it is the duty of the Range Officer to enforce it, and the duty of the Competitors to assist in such enforcement.
15. **SPOTTING SCOPES:** The use of a telescope by Competitors is permitted in most events for the spotting of shots. No part of the telescope or stand may touch any part of the shooters clothing or person.
16. **SHOOTING KITS:** Shooting Kits may be taken to the shooting line when they are of such size and construction that they will not interfere with the shooters at the adjacent firing positions.
17. **HOLSTERS:** Pistols are only to be worn in Holsters when on the firing line during the course of a Competition. Only shooters who possess a valid holster accreditation for the type of Competition and type of Pistol they are using will be permitted to use a holster.
18. **FIRING POSITIONS:** Competitors shall take their positions as indicated by the Range Officer. No portion of the shooters body may rest upon or touch the ground in front of the shooting line.
19. **INTERFERENCE:** The shooting line will be kept clear at all times, except for Competitors actually firing, and such Range Personnel as may be necessary. Any person, Competitor or otherwise, who interferes with or annoys a competitor in any way, shall be warned to desist, and upon failure to comply shall be ordered off the Range.
20. **POLICING THE RANGE:** It is the duty of the Competitors to clean up the shooting line at the completion of the Match. The Range Officer will supervise.
21. **COMPETITORS WILL SCORE:** Competitors or any other capable persons will act as Scorers, Register Keepers and Patchers when requested by the Range Officer.
22. **OFFICIALS:** The shooting line is under the control of the Range Officer and such assistants as may be required. The Range Officer is responsible for the Safety and Discipline of the Range Personnel, Competitors and Spectators. It is his duty to be completely familiar with the program and all applicable Competition Rules. He will comply to the best of his ability with all instructions issued by the Captain and will render all possible cooperation to the other Officials. He must be constantly alert, impartial in his handling of Competitors, and courteous but firm.
23. **INTOXICANTS:**
 - (a) No intoxicant of any form shall be permitted at the shooting line or within the Range at any time.
 - (b) Shooters may consume intoxicating liquor in the Club Rooms only after they have finished shooting for the day. Any other intoxicant is not permitted under any circumstances.
 - (c) No shooter, having consumed an intoxicant, shall return to the shooting line.
 - (d) The term shooter used in (a), (b) and (c) above includes Range Officers, Scorers, Register Keepers and Patchers or any other Club Official on duty.
 - (e) No person shall be admitted to the range of the Club whilst apparently under the influence of an intoxicant.
 - (f) Any person found apparently under the influence of an intoxicant on the Range shall be REMOVED FORTHWITH and if such a person is a member of the Club, shall be liable for expulsion.
 - (g) Any person violating sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) if a Member of the Club, shall be liable for expulsion, or if a Guest Shooter shall be reported in writing to their own Club. If a Competition is in progress, the offender will also be Disqualified from the Competition.
 - (h) An Intoxicant includes any substance or medical condition likely to impair a shooters normal capacity to act competently and safely.