

# KARKOO PISTOL CLUB Inc.

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## NEW MEMBER TRAINING PROGRAMME SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

### Part 1 Handling of Firearms

You can not be oversafe when it comes to handling a firearm. **Always** treat a gun as loaded until you have checked to make sure.

While this course is centred around hand guns the same principles apply to all firearms.

The correct procedure is as follows:-

Pick up the firearm and point in a safe direction.

Remove the source of supply. If the firearm has a magazine remove it or open it to dump the rounds from it.

Open the action and eject any round which may have been in the breech.

If it is a revolver, open the cylinder and dump the cartridges or rotate the cylinder and eject the cartridges.

Inspect the breech to make sure that it is empty.

If you are unfamiliar with the firearm, do not handle it, find someone who is familiar with it and get them to show you how to check it safely.

All Firearms, must at all time be kept in a safe condition.

When on the firing line they must always be pointed towards the backstops. They must never be loaded unless on the firing line and on the orders of the Range Officer.

At all times other than when on the firing line, pistols must be kept unloaded with the actions open, or unloaded in a holster or container, other firearms must be unloaded with magazines removed, the action open, the bolt removed if possible or the gun in an open condition.

### Part 2 Range Procedures

Red flags must be flown from the firing line and from the backstops for the duration of the shooting activities. A warning flag is to be placed by the access gate while a range practice is being conducted.

No shooting may be carried out at any time without the supervision of a Range Officer. In the absence of an official range officer, members shall appoint one.

The **Safe Area** is the only place where firearms can be handled other than on the firing line.

Hearing and eye protection must be worn by all competitors and spectators within the shooting sheds for ISSF events and for anyone on the range in use for IPSC events.

No competitor may uncase a firearm or take up a position to commence an event at the bench, in a booth or on the range until directed to do so by the Range Officer.

When the command **"Stop"** is given, competitors must immediately stop shooting, adopt a safe stance and await further instruction.

## Safety Precautions

On the command "**Unload**" they are to remove any magazines and rounds from the chamber or cylinder and wait for the Range Officer to clear the firearm.

**ISSF** competitors are to place the unloaded firearm on the bench with the action open and magazines empty beside it,

**IPSC** competitors are to hold the firearm with the action open, pointed down range. Once cleared firearms must be placed in a holster or container before leaving the firing line.

**One long whistle blast** coming from anywhere on the ranges means all firing will stop **immediately**. Competitors will adopt a safe position with the firearm pointed down range until further instructions.

The Range Officer may prohibit the use of any firearm if he /she considers it unsafe, inappropriate, excessively noisy or powerful and he/she may prohibit the use of certain types of ammunition for the same reasons. **Steel cored ammunition is banned** from use on the range at all times.

Smoking or naked flames are not permitted within **10 Metres** of the firing line when **Black Powder** is being used.

### Alcohol and other substances

- a. During shooting events no person, whether a member of the club or not, shall consume or cause to be consumed, any alcoholic liquor or be admitted to the range while that person is deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- b. At the end of the event/s, with the approval of the Range Captain or Committee Member, alcohol may be consumed when the Range Captain or Committee Member is completely satisfied that all firearms of members partaking are locked away securely.