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RANGE RULES**

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SHOOTERS,

It is vital to the continuous operation of this Range that all concerned observe the strictest safety precautions at all times.

THE RANGE OFFICER MUST BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES.

The safety of any Range is dependant on :-

- a. Its location, design and maintenance, and
- b. Range discipline.

The first, in some respects, is beyond your control, **but Range discipline requires the full involvement and co-operation of every person on the Range.**

Any person breaking the rules governing the operation of the Springvale Range may be held personally liable for any damage or injury to person or property which may result therefrom.

The rules in this leaflet are for your safety. Please observe them carefully and make sure that your friends obey them.

Discuss any problems you may have with the Range Officer on duty or any Springvale Range Management Committee Member.

No shooting may be conducted on a S.S.A.A. (Vic.) Range unless a qualified Range Officer is present and has given the appropriate command to commence firing. The Range Officer must be immediately identifiable to persons on the Range, preferably by a Range Officer jacket or similar.

1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 **Persons deemed to be affected by alcohol or drugs may be refused admission to the Range premises at the discretion of the Senior Range Officer on duty.**
- 1.2 Only **registered, legal** firearms may be used on the premises.
- 1.3 Firearms being carried into or on the Range **must** be visibly in a safe condition; ie. breech open and the muzzle pointed vertically upwards unless in a case.
- 1.4 No shooter is to take their place at the firing line, or handle firearms in the Range area, before they have attended at the Range Office, paid the requisite Range fee and recorded their name on the daily attendance sheet.
- 1.5 No visitor may proceed beyond the Range Office until their name is recorded on the daily attendance sheet.
- 1.6 By recording their name in the Range Register Members and Visitors certify that they are not **Prohibited Persons under the Firearms Act.**
- 1.7 No person is to load a firearm until the "**commence fire**" order has been given and will then do so only when in a safe position at the firing line and about to fire.
- 1.8 While loading and when loaded the firearm **must** be kept pointed at the stop butt immediately in front of the shooter.
- 1.9 **No firearm** is to be loaded or discharged unless it is held in such a position that there is a physical barrier (baffle etc) preventing any accidental shot escaping from the Range.
- 1.10 No persons are to shoot at anything other than their own authorised targets.
- 1.11 No shooter is to fire shots at a rate faster than one each four seconds except with the permission of a Range Officer or for specific Rapid Fire Competitions.



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- 1.12 When the firearm is not actually in use, the bolt or breech **must** be fully open and the magazine removed. Rifles which do not have a device for holding the breech open must have a piece of coloured plastic or a spent cartridge case inserted between the breech face and the chamber so that it will be obvious at a glance that the firearm is safe. Those having a "tube" magazine will have the tube removed completely and the magazine emptied. Loaded magazines must be under the control of the shooter during a ceasefire. Unloaded magazines may be left on the firing line adjacent to the firearm.
- 1.13 On the order "**cease fire**", shooting **must** stop and all firearms made safe as in rule 1.12 above and the shooter **must** move back from the firing line.
- 1.14 **No shooter will approach or handle a firearm at the firing line during a "cease fire" period.**
- 1.15 **No person**, other than a Range Officer may handle any firearm belonging to another shooter without the express permission of that shooter.
- 1.16 The Range Office and strongroom are "**out of bounds**" to all but Springvale Range Management Committee Members and Range Officials.
- 1.17 Entry to the Clubrooms and use of the facilities therein are restricted to Financial members of the Association and their guests. Members are at all times responsible for the behaviour of their guests.
- 1.18 **Alcoholic drinks are prohibited on the firing line.**

2. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION (Rifle)

- 2.1 Only rifles using .22 rimfire short, long or long rifle ammunition are permitted on the Springvale Range, unless specific authorisation has been given by the S.S.A.A. (Vic) Executive. This rule does not prohibit the use of air rifles or air pistols, but **DOES NOT PERMIT** the use of **.22 Rimfire Magnum** ammunition.

HIGH VELOCITY .22 RF LR ammunition is **NOT** to be used on the Range on Sundays or any evening after 8.00pm, except with the express permission of the Springvale Range Management Committee.

2.2 AMMUNITION (Pistol)

- 2.2.1 All centrefire projectiles must be either lead, or semi jacketed (jacketed soft nose or jacketed hollow point). **Fully Jacketed projectiles are expressly prohibited at all times on all ranges.**
- 2.2.2 No HIGH VELOCITY ammunition or MAGNUM LOADS to be used on this Range:
Centrefire ammunition must be of a Power Factor of less than 180,000 calculated by the formula;
Velocity (in Feet Per Second) x Weight of projectile (in Grains)
Eg: 180 grain projectile at 1000 Fps = 180000 Power Factor.



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3. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Ear protection (ear plugs or earmuffs) is recommended for any person using the rifle and air rifle sections of the Range. Ear protection is mandatory within the Pistol Ranges.
- 3.2 **Eye protection** (spectacles, either safety or ordinary) is recommended. Eye protection is **mandatory** within the Pistol Ranges.

4. HOLSTERS

- 4.1 Only **HOLSTER QUALIFIED MEMBERS** may draw & fire loaded firearms from the holster (with the RO's permission).
- 4.2 At all other times firearms **must** be cleared before being holstered.
- 4.3 Cleared and visibly 'safe' (magazines removed in semi automatics) firearms must be secured with a safety strap (or similar device) when moving between ranges or ranges and the latrine. Firearms must **NOT** be taken into the club rooms in visible holsters.
- 4.4 Firearms **must not** be withdrawn from the holster, unless on the firing line or at a safe area.

5. SAFE AREAS

- 5.1 **No ammunition** to be taken into designated Safe Area.
- 5.2 Other than the shooting bays the designated safe areas are the only areas firearms are to be handled.
- 5.3 Firearms **must** be cleared prior to being moved to the safety area by the on duty Range Officer.

6. MALFUNCTIONS

- 6.1 Malfunctions of club pistols **must** be reported to the RO.
- 6.2 **No attempt** to be made to clear a stuck live round on an SSAA range.

7. TARGETS

- 7.1 Only **approved targets** to be used on the range (the duty RO may approve the use of a non-standard target).
- 7.2 All targets to be mounted by an approved method and all firing to be confined to the safe area of the target bays. Excessively high or low shots and cross-range fire is not permitted.

8. GENERAL (OTHER)

- 8.1 All persons on the Range **must** wear ID (Club ID or Visitors' Pass).
- 8.2 Firearms to be **LOADED ONLY IN THE SHOOTING BAYS**.
- 8.3 **Always** point the firearm in a safe direction - **DOWN RANGE**.
- 8.4 Persons under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol **will not be permitted** on the Range.
- 8.5 Scheduled activities have priority on Range and Club firearm usage.
- 8.6 Report all safety or Range violations to the Range Officer.
- 8.7 Any shooting at target frames, frame supports, or other range fixtures, bottles and the like is prohibited.



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NOTE

In conclusion, following the general gun safety rules and the Club Range rules is the responsibility of each and every one of us. We have the responsibility for following them ourselves and also to see that others follow them. Also, be informed that violation of these safety and Range rules will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offender(s).

9. USING THE STATIC TARGET RANGES (Rifle)

- 9.1 Targets are to be fixed only to the frames provided and placed in position so that the timber frames will not be damaged by shots, ie within the white line boundary on the target frames.
- 9.2 No steel target frames may be used on the Springvale Range.
- 9.3 Firing at ranges LESS than total range distance (10m 25m 50m) is **strictly forbidden** unless target position ,type and distance are authorised by the Chief Range Officer
- 9.4 All shooting **must** be directly down range at 90 degrees to the firing line.
- 9.5 Shooting diagonally across the Range would constitute a dangerous breach of safety.
- 9.6 **Under no circumstances** may any shooter fire at anything on the Range other than an approved paper target placed IMMEDIATELY in front of the stop butt. (except that the Range Officer may vary this rule and others in the case of air rifles)
- 9.7 The upholstered shooting platforms are not to be stood or walked upon.
- 9.8 Before leaving the Range each shooter shall remove their shooting platform from the firing line and stack them neatly where indicated by the Range Officer. This will not be necessary if the shooting position is required immediately thereafter by another shooter.
- 9.9 Used targets, cartons, cans etc are to be placed in the receptacles provided.

10. RULES SPECIFIC TO THE MOVING TARGET RANGE (Rifle)

Please note that an extra fee is payable by shooters wishing to use the moving target facility. Ear protection - Recommended at all times whilst shooting.

A shooter less than 170 cm (5' 7") in height who is firing from a Moving Target Shooting Station must stand on a stable platform to raise their rifle to a safe height relative to the baffle on the front of the shooting station.

- 10.1 **RB1** to be used **EXCLUSIVELY** for moving target **ONLY except** where Youth training is being conducted or special permission is granted by the Duty range officer
- 10.2 **RB2 & 3** may also be used for Sitting Post, Standing Post and Offhand shooting at **FIXED STATIONARY TARGETS.**
- 10.3 Fixed stationary targets may only be attached to the rubber backing or frames at the rear of the moving target area.
(i.e. Not to the mover.)
- 10.4 Only one shooter to be on the platform at a time.
(Except when under instruction.)
- 10.5 Only one shooter to shoot at a time.
(e.g. Shooter A will shoot whilst shooter B operates mover.)
- 10.6 Offhand shooting must be performed with shooter standing fully upright and rifle butt against the shoulder. Sitting, resting the rifle, or resting one's elbows on the bench is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.**
- 10.7 Single shots only to be fired per target pass. Maximum of 30 shots per match (plus 4 sighters).



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- 10.8 Except for during a ceasefire, the target must be allowed to **COMPLETE ITS FULL TRAVEL!**
- 10.9 On completion of shoot,
ALL BOOTHS TO BE **SWEPT & TARGETS REMOVED.**

11. COMPANY FIREARMS

- 11.1 Use of Company firearms (rifles) is restricted to members of the Association or approved range members who are holders of a current shooters licence or who are under the supervision of a licenced shooter.
- 11.2 The use of Company firearms by Juniors with or without a Juniors shooters permit will only be acceptable where the parent or guardian or instructor is the holder of a current shooters licence, as is required under the Victorian State Legislation.
- 11.3 The user of the Company firearm (rifle) will leave their Firearms Licence or other acceptable identification in the custody of the Range Attendant or Range Officer whilst they use the Company firearm.

12. RULES SPECIFIC TO PISTOL SHOOTERS

Pistol Safety

- 12.1 All persons on the Range **must** wear eye and ear protection.
- 12.2 Enclosed footwear **must** be worn. **Thongs and sandals are not permitted.**
- 12.3 Excessively open neck tops are **not permitted.** (including singlets)
- 12.4 No CENTREFIRE firearms to be discharged AFTER 8:00 PM weeknights.

13. PISTOL RANGE 1

- 13.1 All lawful RO commands **must** be obeyed.
- 13.2 **All shooters must** report to the RO on arrival.
- 13.3 The duty RO **must** be notified prior to allowing Visitors to shoot.
- 13.4 Visitors **must** be accompanied by and are the responsibility of the inviting member.
- 13.5 Visitors (Non-licensed) can only shoot under the supervision of a licensed person (with the permission of the RO).

Range 1 RANGE OFFICER POLICY

All shooting on Range 1 must be under the control of a qualified Range Officer (RO).

14. PISTOL RANGE 2

- 14.1 Range 2 is unused at this time

15. PISTOL RANGE 3 – MOVER RANGE

This range is certified for Action Match competitions ONLY.

It has a very specific license approval from the Regulatory Services Branch and the conditions of use are:

- 15.1 The shooter **MUST** be **holster qualified** or under supervision for holster qualification.
- 15.2 Only **one** shooter at a time.
- 15.3 The shooter **must** be positioned in one of the designated boxes at 10, 15, 20 & 25 M.
- 15.4 The shooter **must** be in a standing position – **no sitting.**

The committee allows practice on this Range provided the above conditions are met.

This is not negotiable, so please adhere to these rules.

Chronographing on this range is permitted; again the above conditions must be met.

Range 3 RANGE OFFICER POLICY

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16. PISTOL RANGE 4

- 16.1 This is a Multi Purpose range .22 rifle up to .22 LR (No Magnum Loads)
- 16.2 All Handgun Calibres with Power Factor up to 180,000
- 16.3 Shooting is permitted from the 25m Bays or 20m, 15m, 10m & 7m firing lines.

No Shooting permitted at less than 7m.

Range 4 RANGE OFFICER POLICY

If a qualified RO is not present licensed members shall agree who is to act as Range Officer and assume those responsibilities. At all times this acting RO will defer to a qualified RO that assumes control of the range.

17. PISTOL RANGE 5

- 17.1 This is a Multi Purpose Range for all Handgun Calibres and Rifles shooting handgun cartridges with Power Factor up to 180,000.
- 17.2 Shotguns with "Stagecoach Loads" of a maximum of #4 Shot are permitted for "Single Action" matches and practice for those matches.

No Solids or SG Shotgun Loads are Permitted.

SHOOTING POSITIONS

- 17.3 All Shooting shall be from behind the fixed firing line under cover on the concrete hardstand.
- 17.4 No firearms shall be below or forward of the yellow line marked in each shooting bay (the allowable position template for the range).
- 17.5 All prone shooting shall be from the benches provided which shall be positioned at the firing line for the purpose. Shooting from sitting or kneeling positions shall be conducted from the benches unless the duty RO is satisfied that the allowable position template is not violated.
- 17.6 All shooting **must** be directly down range at 90 degrees to the firing line. Shooting diagonally across the Range would constitute a dangerous breach of safety.

DIRECTION OF FIRE

- 17.7 No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at the ground, the baffles or the range side walls. (Be aware of the potential for ricochet.)
- 17.8 Any targets and associated mounting frames that are placed at intermediate ranges shall be at the height required to direct the fire into the steel backstop at the far end of the range (50 metres).

TARGET & FRAME / MOUNTING MATERIALS

- 17.9 All target mounting frames / stands shall be of soft material such as pine or plastic. (Be aware of the potential for ricochet.)

Range 5 RANGE OFFICER POLICY

Range 5 is specifically a 50m range and is available to all licensed members who wish to practice for or participate in 50m events. Shooters wishing to practice as ranges less than 50m should use other ranges. Shooters shall 'agree' on who is to act as RO if a qualified RO is not present. At all times this acting RO will defer to a qualified RO that assumes control of the range. Licensed members may only permit visitors (with a Red Visitor Tag) to shoot on this range only once they have received the approval of a qualified RO.



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