



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS RIFLE CLUB

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RANGE SAFETY RULES

Range safety is one of the most important things stressed and expected of all people (members and visitors) on the range at all times.

Although there is no substitute for common sense, the club does have some basic rules that must be obeyed at all times at the range. These basic rules, as listed below, must be followed. The Range Captain will suspend from shooting for the rest of the day anyone who, in their opinion, breeches any one of them to a serious enough degree. For exceptionally serious breaches the incident will be considered by the committee and in the event of a registered match, the protest and appeals committee and appropriate action taken against the offender up to expulsion from the club and in the case of a registered match, disqualification of the entire event if deemed necessary. Suspension of shooting for the day does not carry any official stigma; it is only employed to impress on the offender the importance of safety and as an example to others.

1. All persons on a range must obey the instruction of the Range Captain immediately and without dispute.
2. Firearms must be handled with the utmost care and be stored or carried with the actions open at all times and muzzles in the vertical position.
3. Other shooters' firearms and ammunition or other equipment must not be handled without the owners express permission, except when the Range Captain or other responsible official considers that they have been left in a dangerous manner of position.
4. All firearms used on a range must be in good working order.
5. Firearms may be loaded only on the firing line under the Range Captain's instruction and every shooter must ensure that their muzzle is pointed down range when on the firing line.
6. Only the detail and/or persons authorised to practice or compete may be on the firing line and all must remain there until released by the Range Captain.
7. If a Range Officer or anyone else gives the command 'Cease Fire', all firing must cease immediately. All shooters must unload their firearms and leave all bolts/actions open and obey the Range Captains instructions.
8. Shooters must ensure that no cartridges are left in the firearm on completion of firing. A Range Officer must inspect each firearm to check complete unloading before releasing the details from their firing point.
9. Any breach of the safety rules or unsafe firearm condition must be reported to a Range Officer.
10. No shooter may fire or handle a firearm on the range or range property while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
11. Eye and ear protection should be worn during all shooting and ear protection is compulsory during centrefire shooting. Both eye and ear protection are compulsory and must be worn during Handgun and Single Action matches (this includes spectators).
12. Visitors and minors must be closely supervised on ranges.
13. Enclosed footwear must be worn on the firing line.
14. Any rifles kept on benches in the spectators area must have bolts removed.