



**Range Rules  
for  
RIFLE & SHOTGUN RANGES**

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These Range Rules have been written to ensure all club members and users are aware of the rules and safety procedures that apply to the New Zealand Handloaders Association Inc (NZHA) ranges.

Safety **MUST** be your prime consideration when using the NZHA Ranges.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

All persons who enter the property administered by the NZHA are subject to these Rules.

Any breaches of these rules could result in expulsion from the club and, in some instances, this could be effective immediately upon discovery of the breach.

- a. Every member of the NZHA must read and understand the Range Rules.
  - 1) If any member is unclear of any rule process it is that member's responsibility to seek clarification from either a Range Officer, Range Convener or Committee Member before using the range.
  - 2) If a member discovers another member breaking the rules, then it is that member's responsibility to inform the Committee of the event and any relevant details (i.e. date and time etc) to assist in identifying the breach.
- b. These orders are to be distributed to all NZHA members and all other clubs, groups or organisations that use our facilities.
- c. It is the responsibility of the executives of these clubs/organisations and/or the person/s running the event at the time, to ensure that all their members and guests who are using our facilities are aware of, and familiar with, these rules.
- d. Permission to use the facilities may be withdrawn if they do not adhere to these rules.
- e. Copies of the Range Rules are located on the NZHA website, and on the club room and rifle range notice boards.

## 2. LOCATION & CONTACT DETAILS

Location: 597 Mcleans Island Road, Christchurch

Telephone: 03 359 8832 (Tuesday evenings only)

Web Site: [www.nzha.co.nz](http://www.nzha.co.nz)

## 3. GENERAL

All facilities are administered and maintained by club members of the NZHA, with the NZHA Committee having primary responsibility for the property and all ranges.

It is the club's intent that we help foster safe shooting and reloading practices for all club members and guests.

To that end the club runs an open night every Tuesday where we offer a safe environment for the public on our:

**100m Rifle Range:** To sight in, improve skills and practice shooting their rifles, while being assisted and supervised by experienced NZHA Range Officers.

**Shotgun Ranges:** To learn and or practice Clay-bird, Skeet and Down-the-line shooting while being assisted and supervised by experienced NZHA Range Officers.

There are associated user charges for guest shooting on both the Shotgun and Rifle Ranges and additional costs over and above the annual membership fee for members shooting on the Shotgun Range.

Members have access to the above ranges and if certified and paid in full the appropriate annual fees the 200 Yard Rifle Range.

## 4. MEDICAL

There are first aid kits located in clubrooms and the 100m rifle range shed.

A defibrillator is in the 100m rifle range Portacom.

## 5. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

All reasonable precautions must be taken against fire and all fires are to be extinguished as quickly as possible.

If a fire cannot be extinguished call 111 and advise the President or another club executive as soon as practicable.

## 6. AIR DANGER HEIGHT

An air danger height of 300 metres applies to the NZHA range complex.

If aircraft are seen to be approaching the club in a manner that may see them fly directly over the club property whilst live firing is in progress, the on-duty Range Officer or individual must immediately call for a stop to all shooting until the aircraft clears the area.

## **7. AMENDMENTS**

Any revisions or amendments to the Range Rules by the NZHA Committee shall be displayed on the club notice boards and notified to all members via email and/or post.

## **8. BUILDINGS**

The complex comprises of several buildings & facilities including:

- a. A concrete block clubroom and toilet block.
- b. A timber & concrete block shooting station with a relocatable building plus associated bullet catchers on the 100-yard rifle range.
- c. Timber shooting positions, and metal bullet catchers on the 200-yard rifle range
- d. Concrete towers and bunker holding clay pigeon throwing equipment on the shotgun range.
- e. Containers used as target and equipment sheds.

## **9. ACCESS RECORDS & SECURITY CAMERAS**

Security cameras and an access control system have been installed for the safety of the club and its members.

Both may be used to identify and confirm the identity and/or actions of the general public, members and/or their guests who have been highlighted to the Committee.

The site has a single, electronically controlled electric gate and fully deer fenced perimeter - to help keep the public from accessing dangerous parts of the property, while also protecting against vandalism and theft.

An IP security camera system covers the driveway, car park, clubrooms, shotgun and rifle ranges.

An electronic access control system is used to manage members access, control doors and the gates around the property.

The above equipment may be used (but not be limited to) tracking down lost equipment, damage to the property and reviewing possible breaches of the rules by members (or their guests) and could be used in clarifying if any disciplinary action is required.

If requested, this information may also be passed on to the appropriate authorities.

## **10. GENERAL SAFETY RULES**

The following rules are to be emphasised at all times:

- a. No one shall use the range while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- b. All persons must obey the instructions of the Range Officer immediately and without dispute.
- c. In a case of disagreement with an issued instruction, the disagreement does not justify a failure to obey.
- d. Firearms must be handled with the utmost care & carried with actions open, bolts removed and safety flags in place.
- e. All firearms must be unloaded unless shooting.
- f. Firearms must always be pointed in a safe direction. (i.e. shotgun = muzzle down, rifle = muzzle up 100m range, muzzle down 200 yard range)
- g. When picking up or receiving a firearm, the receiver must verify that it is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction.
- h. All firearms must be in good mechanical condition and adjusted to function safely.
- i. Any person who is aware of any misbehaviour, firearm, or cartridge condition likely to cause danger or damage, must call the Range Officer immediately or advise a Committee member as soon as possible.
- j. Individual shooters not participating in a match or organised event are to act as their own Range Officer.
- k. All shooters are to behave in an appropriate and considerate manner.
- l. Hearing protection must be worn.
- m. Eye protection and suitable footwear is recommended.

## **11. RANGE FLAGS/RED LIGHTS/WARNING SIGNS**

Range flags/red lights/signs are positioned at the following points and must be hoisted or turned on prior to the commencement of any live firing:

- a. Inside the main gate - red flag/red light.
- b. 100m Rifle Range - red flag/red light at the range entrance.
  - A "stop shooting" sign is in each bay when people are down range changing targets or when range is closed.
- c. 200 Yard Rifle Range - red flag at the range gate.

- The baffle plates are down when people are down range changing targets etc or when range is closed.
- d. Shotgun Range – red flag at the left skeet tower.
  - A “stop shooting” sign is on the “down the line” bunker & used when clays are being reloaded or range is closed.
- e. Black Powder Range.
  - The red flag/lights at the main gate.
- f. Perimeter fence - appropriate warning signage re live firing in progress are displayed.

## 12. ACCIDENT PROCEDURES

Following an accident, the procedure is to:

- a. Cease firing immediately and show firearms clear.
- b. Render first aid, evacuate the injured person to the nearest medical facility or call for an ambulance.
- c. Seal off the area.
- d. Take the details of all people present.
- e. Where possible take photographs of area involved and note location of people at that time.
- f. The firearm is the responsibility of the Range Officer pending a Police inspection in the case of injury.
- g. **DO NOT** touch or move the firearm. Leave it where it was found. No attempt is to be made to strip the firearm.
- h. Advise the Police if the harm has been caused and
- i. Contact the Club President or a member of the Executive as soon as practical.

## 13. SIGNING INTO THE RANGES

All users of the rifle and shotgun ranges must sign in through the electronic tablets provided at the rifle range and in the clubrooms.

- The signing in on the tablet signifies the user has read & understood the range rules.
- It is the user’s responsibility to comply with the range rules.
- Members are responsible for guests signing in on the tablets and supplying accurate details.
- Name tag stickers printed after signing in on the tablet are to be worn by all club attendees.

## 14. RANGE CLEARANCE

- a. All users are to ensure that any rubbish on the range, including targets, shells, cases etc are removed from the range and disposed of.
- b. Rubbish bins and a skip are provided.

## 15. SITE SECURITY

- a. All members are to ensure the main gate is closed after entry into, or departure from the NZHA facility.
- b. The weekly Tuesday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday public session or working bee allow for the gate to remain open.
- c. Any approved organisation or club using the shotgun or rifle range, with an NZHA Range Officer taking responsibility for the event, may leave the gate open for the duration of the event.
- d. In all other cases any member, club or organisation using the NZHA facility must ensure the main gate is closed after any person enters or leaves.

NO ANIMALS ARE TO BE SHOT ON NZHA PROPERTY WITHOUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.

## 16. 100 Metre RIFLE RANGE

### i) 100m - DETAILS

- a. 100m out-door range.
- b. This range is fully baffled and has four defined shooting distances of 25, 50, 75, and 100 metres.
- c. Only one distance can be used at a time from anyone firing position.
- d. Shooting may be conducted any time of the day or night as this is a 24-hour range.
- e. There is no activity permitted in the danger area forward of the shooting bays.
- f. The fall of shot must not occur beyond the range boundaries
- g. A Range Officer is not required for members and their guests to shoot.
- h. Members are 100% responsible and liable for themselves and their guest’s supervision and actions.

- i. Guests 18 years of age and over are required to pay for use of the range.
- j. As much as it is a member's right to shoot on a Tuesday night, you will have to queue up with the guests.
- k. It is the Committee's request that members refrain from shooting during the open nights.

## ii) 100m - PERMITTED CALIBRES

The following firearms may be used on this range:

- ✓ Rifles (including Air rifles) up to and including 338 Lapua Magnum or those generating no more than 6000ft/lb or energy.
- ✓ Black Powder Rifles up to and including .77 Calibre
- ✓ Shotguns up to and including 10-gauge firing a singular projectile e.g. slugs.

Prior approval from the Executive Committee is required to use a calibre outside those listed above.

## iii) 100m - PROHIBITED FIREARMS

The following firearms must NOT be used on this range:

- ✗ Fully automatic weapons.
- ✗ Shotguns using shot of any kind.
- ✗ Handguns/pistols.
- ✗ Rifles with a calibre over 338 Lapua Magnum or those generating MORE than 6000ft/lb of energy.
- ✗ Black powder rifles over .77 Calibre.

## iv) 100m - PROHIBITED AMMUNITION

The following ammunition must NOT be used on this range:

- ✗ Tracer ammunition.
- ✗ Armour piercing ammunition.
- ✗ Incendiary ammunition.
- ✗ Shot or buckshot

## v) 100m - TARGETS

- ✓ Only flat paper or cardboard targets are to be used in the rifle range.

Alternatives listed below require the approval of the NZHA Committee before use.

- ✗ Novelty targets.
- ✗ Any object made of metal, wood, paper, or vegetable matter that will not cause rebounds when shot.
- ✗ Any metal/steel plate that will not cause rebounds when shot, appropriate for the discipline being shot.

## vi) 100m - VISITORS/GUESTS (Pay and Display)

- a. When a member has a guest, then that member is responsible and liable for the safety and shooting practices of the guest.
- b. Up to 4 guests may be supervised by a member.
- c. Any number greater than this requires a 2nd member to be present to assist, or prior approval of an Executive Committee Member.
- d. Guests shooting on the rifle range who are 18 years of age and over are required to pay a visitor/guest fee.
- e. Guests shooting on the rifle range who are 17 years of age and under shoot for free.
- f. A Working Bee coupon can be used to pay for a guest shooter.
- g. The Guest Fee:
  - Is set by the Committee.
  - Is displayed in club notices and on the bright yellow rifle range drop-box.
  - Is ultimately the responsibility and liability of the member.
  - Must be paid BEFORE the guest starts shooting.

## h. ALL Guest Shooters:

- MUST, for CASH payment, display a Visitor Sticker on their person with all the details completed. MUST for EFTPOS payment retain receipt for proof of purchase to be present upon request from any member.
- MUST, for CASH payment, attach the second part of the completed sticker to an envelope with the payment inserted and then deposit it into the yellow pay and display drop-box.
- 17 or younger should insert "Under 18" into the PAID section and finish as you would with a paying guest with no payment in the envelope.
- Where a Working Bee Coupon is being used, insert "Working Bee" into the PAID section and finish as you would with a paying guest but insert the coupon into the envelope as payment.
- Members caught bringing guests onto the 100m range to shoot without prepaying will have their property access suspended for a period as decided by the management committee. (Amended) They will also be presented to the committee for membership review that could include membership cancellation.

PAID: _____
VISITORS NAME: _____
MEMBERS NAME: _____
DATE: _____

## **vii) 100m - PAY AND DISPLAY GENERAL NOTE**

Please remember every dollar we earn through visitor/guest shooters helps keep your membership fees down.

And the more income we have, the more we can improve and grow the facilities for you to use.

Balancing this, we also know how many of you work at getting your friends & workmates to become fully paid up members of the club. Bring them out to “have a try” while you are testing a load or punching paper is a great way to do this.

We have had quite a lot of feedback on this topic. With this in mind please use the following is a general guide.

Comment: I like to bring my wife/daughter out once or twice a year to let her have a couple of shots with my rifle.

Reply: Consider making them a family member – it is around the cost of one visit.

Comment: I have a good friend that hunts with me a lot and I would like him/her to have a couple of shots with my new rifle since they have come out to spot for me. (“a couple of shots” in this context is 1 to 3 shots)

Reply: Text one of the Club Executive advising of this **BEFORE** you shoot.

Comment: My Boss is a keen hunter and he suspects his/her rifle is not shooting straight after a fall and you have offered to bring them out to the range to help sight in their rifle.

Reply: This is a Visitor/Guest Fee situation. Tell them upfront what the fee is or bring the cash yourself.

## **viii) RANGE SECURITY**

All members must ensure the exterior gates to the rifle range are closed at all times.

### **ix) RIFLE BAYS**

- All firing must take place from within any one of the 4 rifle bays.
- Each bay is designed for one shooter at a time.
- All persons not shooting are to remain behind viewing wall unless they are spotting for the shooter, coaching, supervising or a Range Officer.
- Actions are only to be closed and/or cocked when the firearm is pointed directly at the backstop/bullet catcher and firing is about to commence.
- Do not touch the trigger until sights are on target and you are ready to fire.
- Any adjustments to the rifle or scope is to be done with the action open and the chamber empty of live rounds.
- On the command “Cease Fire” or “Stop Shooting”:
  - 1) All firing must stop immediately!
  - 2) You must make your rifle safe.
  - 3) Shooting may not be started again until advised that it is safe to do so.

Before anyone moves down range to change targets etc:

- The range must be closed.
- The acting Range Officer, or the person “closing the range”, must check all firearms are clear/safe.
- If you are on your own, or the range is not being supervised, then you need to secure all rifles in one of the range safes.

It is recommended that at least one adult stay behind the barrier wall while people are down range to protect against people entering the shooting position (shooting bays) and/or interfering with equipment in the bays or within the range area. While the range is closed:

- The shooting bays must remain empty!
- No one is allowed into the bays while people are down range, or the range is closed!

### **x) FIREARM SECURITY**

All firearms not about to be fired are to have:

- Bolts removed or actions locked open
- Chamber flag inserted into the chamber
- Detachable magazine removed
- Magazine empty

You may not touch or handle other people’s firearms or equipment without that person’s permission.

Every member or guest who is in possession of a firearm must secure all firearms they are not in direct supervision of in a range safe.

### **xi) GUN SAFES**

When firearms are not in your direct and immediate possession (unsupervised), they are to be locked in one of the four gun safes located in the main range area.

- Unsupervised means when you are, shooting another rifle, downrange, in the toilet, outside having a smoke or talking on the phone.
- Please use the safe with the corresponding bay number you are occupying.
- You can agree with other shooters/members at the time to keep an eye on each other’s rifles. However, if the other party enters the bay to shoot and leaves your rifles unattended on the bench – it is your problem.

- Do not assume because there is another shooter in the range that they will look after your rifle.
- You MUST always keep the key to the gun safe storing your rifles on your person!

Please make sure you leave the gun safe empty, open, and the key in the door when you are finished.

Lost keys will be charged for @ \$100.

#### **xii) TARGET PLACEMENT**

Under no circumstances, shall anything be placed on the range floor, walls, or backstop.

Nothing outside the bullet catchers is to be shot at!

All targets must be at the set range marks only.

- For the 100m mark, targets must be above the retaining wall and within the confines of the target area marker posts.
- Targets must be affixed centrally on the target board to as to avoid fall of shot damaging the target frame material.
- For the 25, 50, 75 metre marks, targets must be within the confines of the bullet catchers and the bullet catchers are to be in line with the shooting bay being used.
- Shooters are responsible for ensuring projectiles land within the confines of the bullet catchers.
- If you cannot confirm your strike location you are to stop shooting, check your equipment, bore sight and return to the 25m range to prove your accuracy.
- Members may use their own targets however nothing should be used that could cause offence.

#### **xiii) MISFIRES OR MALFUNCTIONS**

In the event of a misfire or malfunction:

- Do not open the firearm for a period of time in case of a delayed ignition.
- Make sure you leave the firearm pointing down range until it has been cleared.
- Call the Range Officer if one is present.
- Ask for assistance/advice from others at the range.
- You can deposit the problem round in the safety box mounted on the viewing wall.

## **17. 200-YARD RIFLE RANGE**

### **i) 200-YARD - DETAILS**

200-yard outdoor range.

There is an additional annual fee to be a 200-yard range user.

This range is singularly baffled and has one shooting distance of 200 yards only.

Shooting may only be conducted within daylight<sup>1</sup> hours on this range.

- The 200-yard range may only be used by certified<sup>2</sup> & fully paid up members of the NZHA!
- Under no circumstances are visitors or any unqualified shooters allowed to use this range!
- A Range Officer is not required for certified<sup>2</sup> members to shoot.
- (Remove) Members are 100% responsible for themselves their Partner/Spouses, children and their actions.
- Certified members cannot let non-certified members shoot.
- There are currently 2 bullet catchers and 2 shooting benches for use.
- The 200-yard range gate must be closed at all times.
- There is no activity permitted in the danger area forward of the shooting bays while rifles are being handled.
- This range is adjacent to commercial activity. If people, aircraft or vehicles become visible at the sides or far end of the boundary, shooting must stop until they clear the area.
- If the command "Cease Fire" or "Stop Shooting" is used: All firing must stop immediately! You must make your rifle safe. Shooting may not be started again until you have been advised and you have checked that it is safe to do so.

### **ii) 200-YARD - PERMITTED CALIBRES**

The following firearms may be used on this range (with the appropriate rifle scopes of 9x magnification or larger):

- ✓ Centrefire & Rimfire rifles with a muzzle velocity of 2000fps or higher.
- ✓ Rifles up to and including 338 Lapua Magnum.

Prior approval from the Executive Committee is required to use a calibre outside of these listed.

### **iii) 200-YARD - PROHIBITED CALIBRES**

The following firearms must NOT be used on this range:

- ✗ No Centrefire or Rimfire ammunition with a muzzle velocity under 2000fps.
- ✗ No fully automatic weapons.
- ✗ No shotguns.
- ✗ No handguns/pistols.
- ✗ No rifle calibre over 338 Lapua or generating more than 6000ft/lb or energy.

- X No black powder rifles.

#### iv) 200-YARD - PROHIBITED AMMUNITION

The following ammunition must NOT be used on this range:

- X No centre or rimfire ammunition with a muzzle velocity under 2000fps.
- X No tracer ammunition.
- X No armour piercing ammunition.
- X No incendiary ammunition.
- X No sub-sonic, shorts or low velocity ammunition.

#### v) 200-YARD - PERMITTED TARGETS

The following targets may be used on this range:

- ✓ Only flat paper or flat cardboard targets and must be mounted inside the bullet catchers on the foam.
- ✓ Only approved<sup>3</sup> steel plate gongs and they are to be hung from the rear holes provided and designed for the calibre being shot. Foams are to be replaced after gongs have been used.

#### vi) 200-YARD - PROHIBITED TARGETS

The following targets must NOT be used on this range:

- X No Novelty targets.
- X No object made of wood or vegetable matter etc.
- X No unapproved steel plate target.
- X No targets located outside the bullet catchers.

#### vii) SHOOTING BENCHES

For every visit to the 200-yard range **every rifle**, without exception, is to be zeroed on the 100m range to ensure the projectiles are landing where expected.

All firing must take place from one of the 2 shooting benches:

- Each bench is designed for one shooter at a time.
- No shooting to be done from any position other than on the provided shooting benches.
- Currently, prone or free-standing shooting is not permitted.
- A dependable shooting rest is required; be it a club rest, your own rest, bipod or backpack – but it must be an effective and steady rest.
- Shooting MUST be done under the steel baffle provided.
- Baffle height must be adjusted to ensure the shooter can only see the bottom half of the rear bank when in the shooting position. If you can see the sky under the baffle DO NOT SHOOT!

## 18. 200-YARD RIFLE RANGE - USER PROCEDURE

*The fall of shot **must not** land outside the Bullet Catcher for your shooting position.*

#### viii) ARRIVAL

- a. At the 100m range:
  - (1) Sign-in the Range Register.
  - (2) Sight your rifle in on the 100-yard range.
- b. Access the 200-yard range:
  - (1) Unlock the range gate with your card.
  - (2) Bring your vehicle onto the concrete pad.
  - (3) Lock the gate behind you.
  - (4) Raise the Gate Flag.

***Your rifle is the **LAST** thing to be taken to the bench and the **FIRST** thing to be taken from the bench.***

#### ix) DOWN RANGE

- a. Before anyone moves down range to change targets etc:
  - (1) Communicate with any other members on site when is most suitable for you to go forward.
  - (2) Formally close the range.

For clarity:

1. Daylight is considered half an hour after sunrise and half an hour before sunset, based on the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand sunrise and sunset tables for Christchurch.
2. Certified means the member has attended and passed the 200-yard training sessions and been signed off by a 200-yard Range Training Officer.
3. Approval from a committee meeting or directly from an executive of the committee before use and in writing, email, message or text with photo.



- (3) The acting Range Officer or the person "closing the range" must check all firearms are clear/safe.
- (4) Close the baffles - if not already closed.
- (5) Take your rifle down range with you or secure all firearms in a vehicle.
- (6) Head downrange and pin up your targets.

b. While the range is closed:

- (1) The shooting benches must remain unoccupied!
- (2) Both Baffles must stay shut!
- (3) No one is allowed near the benches while people are down range, or while the range is closed!
- (4) It is recommended that at least one adult stay in charge of the benches while people are down range, to protect against people entering the shooting position (shooting benches) or interfering with equipment.

**x) TARGET PLACEMENT**

a. All targets must be placed inside the 200-yard catchers.

- (1) Targets must be affixed centrally on the target board to avoid fall of shot leaving the catcher.
- (2) Members may use their own targets; however, nothing should be used that could cause offence.
- (3) In no circumstances, shall anything be placed on the range floor, sides, or backstop.

**xi) PREPARING TO SHOOT**

a. Setting up your equipment:

- (1) Open the baffles to a safe height.
- (2) Organise your bench rests, spotting scope, chronograph, camera, note pad and ammunition onto benches.
- (3) Now you can - retrieve your rifle and place it on the shooting rests, sighting along the axis of the barrel and adjust the baffle height if necessary. (the shooter must ensure the target is visible, but the skyline is not).
- (4) Sit at the shooting bench, remove the chamber flag, insert your bolt and load your rifle.
  - Actions are only to be closed and/or cocked when the firearm is; at the shooters shoulder, pointed directly at the bullet catcher and firing is about to commence.
  - Any adjustments to the rifle or scope are to be done with the action open and rifle empty of live rounds.
- (5) Close the bolt (or cock the action) when you are ready, and it is safe to fire.
- (6) It is now safe to fire - Only touch the trigger when your crosshairs are on the target.
- (7) Shooters are responsible for ensuring projectiles hit their target:
  - (i) If you cannot confirm your strike location, you are to stop shooting immediately!
  - (ii) Hearing the round strike steel is not enough, you need to go down range and check the point of impact.
  - (iii) Return to the 100m range and re sight your rifle.
  - (iv) If a round escapes the range you must stop shooting and inform the Executive immediately.

**xii) RANGE DEPARTURE**

a. When shooting is finished:

- (1) The range is to be left tidy, i.e. leave no brass, no targets, no rubbish of any kind, baffle closed.
- (2) Departure from the range is a reverse of the above procedure.

**xiii) FIREARM SECURITY**

a. All firearms not about to be fired are to have:

- (1) Bolts removed or actions locked open.
- (2) Chamber flag inserted into the action & chamber – especially when moving the rifle from the shooting bench.
- (3) Detachable magazine removed and/or magazine emptied.

b. All firearms must be secured if they are not under direct supervision – Take them with you when you go down range or use your vehicle to store them. If you have multiple firearms with you - please ensure the vehicle it is locked.

c. You may not touch or handle other people's firearms or equipment without that person's permission.

**xiv) MISFIRES OR MALFUNCTIONS**

a. In the event of a misfire or malfunction:

- (1) Do not open the firearm for a length of time in case of a delayed ignition.
- (2) Make sure you leave the firearm pointing down range until it has been cleared.
- (3) Call the Range Officer if one is present or
- (4) Ask for assistance/advice from others at the range.
- (5) You can deposit the problem round in the safety box mounted on the viewing wall of the 100-yard range.

## 19. SHOTGUN RANGE

### i) SHOTGUN - DETAILS

Outdoor bunded safety range.

For Down the Line, Skeet, Rabbit and single portable trap.

- Range Officer supervised shooting may be conducted at any time of the day or night.
- Tuesday night and every second Sunday are a public event. Thursday night are members only.
- A Range Officer or trained and sanctioned member must be present for any activity on the shotgun range.
- Hand throwers and unsanctioned use is NOT permitted
- There are costs associated with shooting on the Shotgun Range.

### ii) SHOTGUN - PERMITTED CALIBRES

The following firearms may be used on this range:

- ✓ All shotguns up to and including 10-gauge.
- ✓ Clay target loads only.
- ✓ Shot size #5 (2.8mm diameter) and smaller. Standard clay target shot sizes include #7.5 (2.3mm), #8 (2.2mm) and #9 (2.0mm).

### iii) SHOTGUN - PROHIBITED FIREARMS

The following firearms must NOT be used on this range:

- ✗ No fully automatic weapons.
- ✗ No handguns/pistols.
- ✗ No centre fire or rim fire rifles without committee consent.
- ✗ No black powder rifles over .77 Calibre.

### iv) SHOTGUN - PROHIBITED AMMUNITION

The following ammunition must NOT be used on this range:

- ✗ No tracer ammunition.
- ✗ No armour piercing ammunition.
- ✗ No incendiary ammunition.
- ✗ No field loads other than as used on the pattern board.
- ✗ No slugs, buckshot.

### v) SHOTGUN - SAFETY

Rules specific to the shotgun range are:

- The Range Officer and or the person pushing the launch button is in charge at all times!
- No shooting will be permitted whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- All shooters to behave in an appropriate good sporting manner. \*
- Unlicensed and or New shooters require a Range officer or a person with a current firearm licenced who understands these Standing orders to assist them while shooting. Range officers will hold ammunition for unlicensed shooters issuing cartridges when only the shooter ready to load.
- When the "NO SHOOTING" sign is posted on the trap house ALL guns must be unloaded. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- Shotguns must be unloaded when moving from station 5 to station 1. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Targets will be called BREAK, LOST or NO BIRD (No Bird called - means DO NOT shoot at the clay).
- Semi Auto and pump action shotguns must have their chamber and magazine empty and action open at all times unless about to shoot.
- Break open shotguns to be open at all times unless about to shoot. (except in gun rack).
- Only when the person shooting has either opened their gun/or fully unloaded their gun (semi auto and pump actions) may the next shooter load and close their shotgun.
- When closing a loaded break open gun or loading a semi auto / pump action gun make sure it is pointed in at the range backstop/bund (don't point the loaded gun at your feet or the concrete).
- NO shooting at high targets where shot will not be captured by the backstop/bund. If the target has a sky background, DO NOT SHOOT. Watch wind conditions as changes in gusts impact the trajectory of the target.
- No shotgun may contain more than the approved number of cartridges at any time. \*
- If you have a misfire - Keep the muzzle pointing down range and DO NOT open the gun. Call for assistance.
- It is your personal responsibility to ensure that your own gun is in correct and safe working order. \*
- **No Steel shot or Field Loads.** Clay target loads only with a maximum payload of 28 gram/1 ounce of shot. Acceptable shot sizes are **English 6.5 through 9** (2.51mm through 2.03mm). Except for use on the pattern board. (Steel shot is a fire risk.) Size 7.5 is the standard clay target shot. \*
- No Sling maybe fitted to any shotgun when shooting.
- All shooters must wear hearing protection and sturdy foot wear. Eye protection required for all incoming targets. \*
- No shooting when an aeroplane is overhead. \*

- Even if the gun is empty of ammunition, treat it as if loaded at all times. It is your personal responsibility to ensure that your gun is pointed in a safe direction at all times preferably down range.

\* = at Range Officer and or Shot Gun Convenor Discretion

## **20. SHOTGUN PATTERN BOARD**

This outdoor range is located against the shotgun bund.

- It can be used by any member to test the pattern of their shotgun.
- Field loads of shot size diameter larger than #5 (2.8mm) are permitted. No buck shot or slugs.
- Do not use this as a rapid-fire target that will destroy the target mount and frame.
- No shooting at pattern board is to be conducted closer than 16 yards (the closest paving stone).

## **21. BLACK POWDER**

This outdoor range is setup against the shotgun bund.

- It is setup and run by the Range Officer of the day.
- Monthly meetings are held for any members to join in, please see the website for times.

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