

PRESTON & DISTRICT RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

RANGE STANDING ORDERS

RANGE OFFICERS COMMANDS (RANGE ORDERS)

See separate sheet for full details – it is displayed within the Range & Club Room
(Every shooter **MUST** be familiar with these commands)

RANGE CONDUCT

1. If you see anything that is dangerous or appears to be dangerous shout **STOP STOP STOP**.
2. The action of all weapons must be **OPEN AT ALL TIMES** when not actually in use.
3. **NEVER** give or receive a weapon with the action closed.
4. On the range **DO NOT TOUCH** a weapon at all when anyone is in front of the firing point.
5. Weapons on the firing point must **ALWAYS POINT DOWN THE RANGE**.
6. **PRE-LOADING IS NOT PERMITTED**. This includes Magazines, Tubular Magazines, and Cylinders.
7. Black Powder Loads to be **SUFFICIENT** to penetrate the antislash curtain, and to be proven to the Range Officer prior to commencement of shooting by test shoot or historical data.
8. In the event of a malfunction – **LAY THE WEAPON DOWN** and refer to the Range Officer.
9. **NEVER** turn around with the loaded weapon in your hand.
10. **ALWAYS** check for live cartridges or empty cases unseen in the chamber or magazine. In the case of lever action rifles always operate several times to prove that ammunition is not hidden beneath the load ramp. Insert a finger into the breech to make sure that it's empty.
11. **ALWAYS** follow the Range Officer's instructions.
12. **ALWAYS** position yourself in the middle of the firing point and make sure that your target is in line with the middle of the designated target area. Shoot down the white firing line.
13. **ONLY STANDING OR BENCH REST** shooting permitted. **PRONE** shooting is restricted and at the discretion of the Duty R.C.O. Subject to restricted and separate shooting details of a maximum of two prone shooters with sufficient separation (ie Lanes 2 & 4 may only be utilised and only prone shooters on the range).
14. When you have finished shooting **KEEP SILENT AND REMAIN IN POSITION** until everyone else has finished shooting. Do not remove hearing protection until permission given.
15. **IT IS MANDATORY TO WEAR EAR DEFENDERS** at all times when a firearms shooting detail is taking place.
16. Check and check again that the weapon is **EMPTY** before leaving the firing point.
17. Mobile phones must be **SWITCHED TO SILENT** in the range and used only in emergencies. Other items that may hinder safety such as MP3 players etc. must not be used in any circumstances.

IF YOU SEE ANYONE DOING ANYTHING WHICH CONTRAVENES THESE RULES

TELL THEM AND THE RANGE OFFICER OR OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE CLUB. SAFETY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE AND ALL MEMBERS OWE A DUTY OF CARE TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE CLUB

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EVERYONE ATTENDING THE RANGE MUST SIGN IN AT THE CLUBHOUSE

EVERYONE THEN MUST PRESENT THEMSELVES TO THE R.C.O/ R.S.O ON DUTY

ANY BREACH OF THESE CONDITIONS, THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL BE ORDERED OFF THE RANGE.

STRICTLY NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING INCLUDING PERSCRIPTION DRUGS THAT MAY HINDER YOUR ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE AND BE ALERT

WARNING – SAFE HANDLING AND USE OF A FIREARM IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES. FAILURE TO FOLLOW SAFE HANDLING RULES MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS

BEFORE HANDLING ANY FIREARMS UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATION AND NEVER ALLOW A FIREARM TO BE USED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS SAFE OPERATION

ALWAYS TREAT A FIREARM AS IT WAS LOADED AND MIGHT FIRE

REMEMBER KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL AIMING AND READY TO DISCHARGE THE FIREARM

DO NOT TAKE ANYONES WORD THAT A FIREARM IS UNLOADED –ALWAYS CHECK FOR YOURSELF. NEVER PASS A FIREARM TO ANOTHER PERSON UNTIL YOU HAVE ENSURED THAT THE CYLINDER OR ACTION IS OPEN AND YOU HAVE VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CHECKED THAT IT IS UNLOADED.

ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR THE PARTICULAR FIREARM

WARNING – ALWAYS BE AWARE OF OTHER PEOPLE. THE SHOOTER (AND ALL OTHERS IN THE SHOOTING AREA) MUST BE IN A POSITION THAT IS OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE AND DANGER AREA.