

North Walsham Rifle and Pistol club

Range Orders

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This document is provided as a single source point, for reference by all members and visitors to the club.

This document sets out the intent and methodology by which the club will operate.

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For, and on behalf of, North Walsham rifle and pistol club Committee

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References and Abbreviations:

- RCO – Range Conduction Officer
- RO – Range Officer

- Range 1 – Air Range
- Range 2 – Rifle Range
- Range 3 – Pistol Gallery

CLUB RULES

Everyone visiting the club or using any range facilities are bound by these rules.

SHOOTING TIMES

The following shooting times apply to all three ranges, shooting is permitted only during these times:

- Monday - 10.00am to 1.00pm
- Tuesday - 10.00am to 9.00pm
- Wednesday - 10.00am to 9.00pm
- Thursday - 10.00am to 9.00pm
- Friday - 10.00am to 9.00pm
- Saturday - 10.00am to 6.00pm
- Sunday - 10.00am to 3.00pm

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Everyone visiting or using the range must, by law, complete and sign the attendance register kept in the clubhouse.

All Members including prospective members and probationers must be able to produce, on demand by a club representative, a valid membership card at all times whilst at the club.

GUEST ATTENDANCE

Guests must be entered in the attendance register (see above) by a full member of the club, their host, who will also fully complete the Guest Register in addition to the attendance register.

Guests must be accompanied at all times whilst on the range by their host, even if attending an open meeting.

Members and guests must conform to all the legal requirements regarding firearms and air guns.

Guests are not allowed to handle or shoot any firearm unless they are either attending an official open day, hold an FAC or are an RFD.

Guest may only attend for a maximum of three occasions, after which they are required to apply for membership.

Guests are limited to 1 guest per full member.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS, JUNIOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Probationary members and juniors must be supervised by a nationally qualified Range Conducting Officer (RCO), coach or a full member aged 21 years or over whilst on the firing point.

A parent or a responsible guardian aged 21 years or over must accompany any member or guest under the age of 18 years.

Juniors under the age of 12 years considered for membership will be restricted to the use of Air Rifle/Pistol only.

The minimum age considered suitable by the committee for shooting firearms at the club is 12 years.

RANGE SUPERVISION

- A Range Conducting Officer (RCO) is any person holding a qualification issued by a relevant National Governing Body of Shooting
- A Range Officer (RO) Is a person in charge of a range or part of a range and can be any competent full member of the club age 21 years and over.
- A Safety Person is a non-member age 21 years and over who has been briefed by the shooter for whom they are acting.

RULES FOR RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICERS (RCO) & RANGE OFFICERS (RO)

Only qualified RCO's or those appointed by the committee may conduct formal shooting sessions and competitions.

RCO/RO's are the sole authority to organise details and are responsible for ensuring that shooting is conducted safely and in accordance with club rules.

All RCO/RO's must wear armbands or a recognisable tabard to identify themselves to shooters.

The RCO/RO's duties should not be compromised and therefore it is recommended that they do not shoot whilst performing their duties as RCO/RO.

Before and at cease shooting, all firearms uncased on the range or in the clubhouse must be seen to be demonstrably safe by use of a breech flag, the official recognised equivalent for the firearm type, or that the action has been removed.

All firearms and air rifle/pistols uncased on any of the firing points are to be kept pointing down range.

Whilst shooting is in progress hearing protection is compulsory for everyone on the firing point.

Eye protection is mandatory for all persons shooting Muzzle and Cap & Breech loading Firearms, this is also strongly recommended for all shooters.

The RCO/RO will tell shooters when to shoot and when to stop.

Only when firing has stopped, and all firearms and ranges are proven to be safe, will the RCO/RO authorise anyone to go forward to change, inspect or retrieve targets.

No one is to be forward of the firing point without the RCO/RO's authority.

No one may handle any firearms or air rifle/pistol when persons are forward of the firing point.

RANGE CONDUCT

It is the responsibility of all shooters to give safety their highest priority and to ensure that all Firearms and Air Rifles/Pistols are safe, comply with the law and are used in a legal, safe, and competent manner.

A red warning flag is to be flown at all times when shooting is in progress and must be taken down and stowed in the clubhouse when shooting has ceased.

The last person to leave the premises must ensure the generator is switched off, all windows and doors are secure and locked, and the road gate is closed behind them.

When the rifle range is in use a warning notice must be positioned in front of the side gate, access to the pistol Gallery will be through the clubhouse with agreement of the Rifle RCO/RO.

On returning you must report to the Rifle RCO/RO and exit through the clubhouse.

Members wishing to shoot must firstly make themselves known to the RCO/RO in charge of that particular range.

It is MANDATORY that the RCO/RO keeps an eye on all firearms and ammunition and controls entry to the firing point when shooters are changing targets.

On the command "STOP, STOP, STOP." all shooting must stop immediately, shooters should then await further instructions further instruction from the RCO/RO.

The capping, loading of firearms or air rifle/pistols will only take place with the RCO/RO's permission.

Black/shooters powder flasks or receptacles should not be left exposed on benches whilst shooting is in progress.

Misfires and malfunctions must only be cleared with the RCO/RO's permissions.

Due consideration must be given to all shooters firing, they may be shooting in a vital

competition and need to concentrate, disturbance by spectators or shooters who have finished, talking loudly or walking about will not be tolerated.

The owner or user of any gun should ensure that it is unloaded before storing the weapon and leaving the range, a check by another member or the RCO/RO is recommended.

Guns and ammunition must not be left unattended.

All guns must be cased or covered in the car park and when transiting the between the ranges, firing points or the club house.

The practice of rapid and/or volley fire is forbidden, the maximum speed for competition purposes is 5 shots in 10 seconds.

RANGES

Range 1 – Air Range

65-yard FIELD TARGET RANGE

Only the following Air rifles Air pistol and Archery bows are permitted on this range:

- Air rifles with maximum muzzle energy (ME) of 12 ft lbs (16 joules) or less
- Air pistols with a maximum muzzle energy (ME) of 6ft lbs (8 joules) of less

of any recognised calibre.

Range 1 Rules

All shooting must take place down range, parallel with the range.

No loaded air gun is to be raised above the backstop or outside the range width markers.

Archery bows, proper stand up targets and frames are to be used with archery the arrows must not leave the boundaries of the range.

Limitations

Only club supplied knock down and paper targets are permitted.

Members wishing to shoot must firstly make themselves known to the RCO/RO in charge.

Two people must be present on the firing point when shooting takes place, the preference is for the second person to be a National Qualified RCO or a competent full member (aged 21 years or over) acting as an RO, if the second person is not a member of the club they must print and sign their name and address in the attendance register and state “safety person to <member>” in the shooting column, they must be 21 years of age or over and must be fully briefed by the shooter on the importance and purpose of the role of a safety person.

Range 2 – Rifle Range

25-yard, 50-metre, 100-yard RIFLE RANGE

The following Firearms types are permitted on this range:

- Air Pistol
- Air Rifle - any calibre sub 12ft/lbs
- Air Rifle - FAC rated .22 only.
- .22 calibre rim fire Rifles. (NOT WMR)

Range 2 Rules

When the rifle range is in use a warning notice must be positioned in front of the side gate, access to the Pistol Gallery will be through the clubhouse with agreement of the Rifle Range RCO/RO.

Members returning from the Pistol Gallery must report to the Rifle Range RCO/RO and exit through the clubhouse.

Members wishing to shoot must firstly make themselves known to the RCO/RO in charge.

The Rifle Range RCO/RO must inform the Pistol Gallery RCO/RO when shooting starts and stops so that shooters may transit safely to and from the clubhouse.

After agreeing a cease fire by using the range communications systems, all shooters on the rifle range must not handle any Firearm whilst members exit the Pistol Gallery for the clubhouse.

In an emergency, access across the rifle range can be obtained by attracting the Rifle Range RCO/ROs attention by a single long blast on the emergency air horns provided. In this situation the Rifle Range RCO/RO or anyone hearing the horn must stop the detail immediately; ensuring Firearms are safe or unloaded and inform the Pistol Gallery all is safe.

Under NO circumstances will anyone on the pistol gallery proceed without this authority.

Two people must be present on the firing point when shooting takes place, the preference is for the second person to be a National Qualified RCO or a competent full member (aged 21 years or over) acting as an RO, if the second person is not a member of the club they must print and sign their name and address in the attendance register and state “safety person to <member>” in the shooting column, they must be 21 years of age or over and must be fully briefed by the shooter on the importance and purpose of the role of a safety person.

Range 2 - Firing Points

- Prone firing positions are the ground level clubhouse firing points 1 to 8
- Standing positions are 2.3.4.5 6 &.7.
- Sitting and bench support firing positions are the raised dedicated clubhouse firing points 1.2,3 &.4 and also positions 5,6 & 7 with suitable tables.
- Kneeling positions are 5&6.

When shooting, members must ensure they use the appropriate target frame for the discipline and distance.

Maximum permitted Muzzle Energy (ME) is 480 joules (350ftlbs).

Maximum permitted Muzzle Velocity (MV) is 610mps (2000fps).

All shooting must take place down range, parallel with the range, using appropriate target frames and paper targets.

No loaded firearm is to be raised or pointed above the bullet catcher or outside of the range width markers.

All shots must safely hit the bullet catcher, no bullet should strike the ground, flags, range markers or target frames between the firing point and the bullet catcher.

With the length of the range, it is important to line your targets up to alleviate cross shooting.

Range 3 -Pistol Gallery

25-yard PISTOL GALLERY

The following Firearms types are permitted on this range:

- Air pistol,
- Air rifle (inc FAC rated)
- .22 calibre rifle
- Shotgun
- Crossbow
- Front loading revolver
- Muzzle loading pistol
- Muzzle and Cap & breech loading carbine and musket

There is no restriction on calibre for muzzle and cap & breech loading black powder rifle/carbine, musket or pistol.

Gallery rifle (centre fire carbines) Rook & Rabbit rifles, centre and rim fire long barrel pistols and revolver are limited up to and including .445 calibre and must chamber a recognised pistol cartridge as listed in "Cartridges of the world".

Supplemental chamber and bore inserts are allowed

[Range 3 Rules](#)

Standing, Kneeling and bench supported firing positions.

No centre fire Nitro or Black powder full bore firearms.

The down-loading of full bore ammunition to meet range muzzle energy and velocity is not permitted.

[Limitations:](#)

Maximum permitted Muzzle Energy (ME) is 2030 joules (1495ftlbs).

Maximum permitted Muzzle Velocity (MV) is 655mps (2145 fps).

[Miniature Cannon Limitations](#)

Fired from a bench at 20 and 25 yards.

Calibre not to exceed .75inches(19mm)

Maximum Barrel Length:

- Smooth bore 32 inches (800mm)
- Rifled 16 inches (400mm).

When Range 2, the rifle range, is in use a warning notice will be positioned in front of the side gate, access to the Pistol Gallery will be through the clubhouse with agreement of the Rifle Range RCO/RO.

Members returning from range 3 report to the Rifle RCO/RO and exit through the clubhouse.

Members wishing to shoot must firstly make themselves known to the RCO/RO in charge

The Rifle Range RCO/RO must inform the Pistol Gallery RCO/RO when shooting starts and stops so that shooters may transit safely to the clubhouse.

No one is to enter the rifle range from the pistol gallery without first agreeing a cease-fire with the Rifle Range RCO/RO by using the club's communications systems, all shooters on the rifle range must not handle any Firearm whilst members exit the pistol gallery for the clubhouse.

In an emergency, access across the rifle range can be obtained by attracting the Rifle Range RCO/ROs attention by a single long blast on the emergency air horns provided. In this situation the Rifle Range RCO/RO or anyone hearing must stop the detail immediately; ensuring Firearms are safe or unloaded and inform the pistol gallery all is safe. Under NO circumstances will anyone on the pistol gallery proceed without this authority.

Two people must be present on the firing point when shooting takes place, the preference is for the second person to be a National Qualified RCO or a competent full member (aged 21 years or over) acting as an RO, if the second person is not a member of the club they must print and sign their name and address in the attendance register and state "safety person to <member>" in the shooting column, they must be 21 years of age or over and must be fully briefed by the shooter on the importance and purpose of the role of a safety person.

All shooting must take place down range, parallel with the range.

No loaded firearm to be raised or pointed above the bullet catcher or outside the range width markers.

All shots must safely hit the bullet catcher, no shot to strike the ground, flags, range markers and target supports between the firing point and bullet catcher.

Target Frames must be located in the spigot holes provided.

All shooting must be at paper, chalk, clay (Skittles permitted on agreed days under the control of an RCO/RO) targets to be held securely in proper frames.

Patterning of Shotguns is permitted, all shot must strike the bullet catcher and you must supply your own target frame or holder and not use a club provided ones.

Additional rules for firing of miniature cannon are posted in the Gallery Range and clubhouse information folder they do not override current range rules, they supplement them.

Risk assessments
Range 1 PCP air guns
Range 2
Range 3

Incident register
Book is located
Any injury or safety incident must be entered into the register detailing:- the time and date
The nature of the incident
the names of the people involved

Emergency procedures
TO BE INSERTED