

NORTH WALSHAM RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

Happisburgh Road, North Walsham, Norfolk

Home Office Approved Small Bore Rifle; Full Bore Rifle and Muzzle Loading Pistol Club. No: CFP/10.1.7.4.1.2.1.2.3.362
Affiliated to the National Small-Bore Rifle Association, Muzzle Loading Association of Great Britain, Norfolk County Rifle Association

RANGE RULES

1.) CLUB RULES

Everyone visiting the club, or using any range facilities are bound by these Range Rules.

The following shooting times apply to all three ranges, Shooting is permitted only at these times

- Monday to Friday 10.00am to 9.00 pm
- **Saturday** 10.00am to **6.00 pm**
- **Sundays** 10.00am to **3.00 pm**

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

Guests must be accompanied by a full member who will sign them in by fully completing the guest register in the club house, even if attending an open meeting. Guests must be supervised at all times on the range by their host. Guests are not allowed to handle or shoot any firearm unless they are either attending an official open day, hold an FAC or an RFD. Guest may only attend for a maximum of three occasions, after which they are required to apply for membership. Members and guests must conform to all the legal requirements regarding firearms and air guns. **All members including Probationaries must carry and be able to produce a valid membership card when on the range.**

2.) 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 age 21 years or over** whilst on the firing point. A parent or responsible guardian over the age of 21 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/Pistols only. The minimum age considered suitable by the committee for shooting firearms at the club is 12 years.

3.) RANGE CONDUCT

It is the responsibility of all shooters to give safety their highest priority, and ensure that all their guns 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 the 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. All guns must be cased or covered when transiting the ranges and never left unattended.

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 is taking place. 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 club member they must print and sign their name and address in the attendance register, and state "Safety Person To....." in the shooting column. The safety person must be over 21 years old and must be fully briefed on the importance of the role and its purpose. of the safety person

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.

After agreeing a cease fire by using the clubs communications system all shooters on the rifle range must not handle any rifles whilst members exit the pistol gallery for the clubhouse. **Contd:**

In an emergency, access across the rifle range can be obtained by attracting the rifle RCOs attention by a single long blast on the emergency air horns provided. In this situation the rifle RCO or anyone hearing must stop the detail immediately; ensuring rifles 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.

Everyone must be aware of the clubs fenced boundaries, if persons are seen straying inside these all shooting must stop, until it is declared safe to continue.

4.) FIRING POINT and RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICERS (RCOs) & RANGE OFFICERS (R/O) Officers RULES

Only qualified RCO's or those appointed by the committee may conduct formal shooting sessions or competitions. RCO/RO's are the sole authority, to organise details, are responsible ensuring that shooting is conducted safely and in accordance with club rules

All ROC's and temporary RO's must wear armbands or a recognisable tabard to identify themselves to shooters. The RCO/RO's duties must not be compromised and therefore they must not shoot.

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 action has been removed. All firearms and Air rifle/pistols uncased on any of the firing points are to be kept pointing down range. **Only one uncovered firearm, Air Rifle/pistol is permitted on any firing position, all others must remain cased or sleeved.** 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 Weapons, this is strongly recommended for all shooters. The RCO 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 authorise anyone to go forward to change, inspect or retrieve targets.

No one 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.

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

On the command "**Stop, Stop, Stop**" all shooting must stop immediately and await further instructions. The capping, loading of firearms or air weapons will only take place with RCO/RO's permission.

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

Due consideration must be given to 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 RCO/RO must confirm that all weapons are proven unloaded and safe **BEFORE** storing and leaving the range.

NWR&PC Committee

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Note On range Supervision

- **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 or over**
- **A Range Conducting Officer (RCO) is any person holding a current qualification issued by a relevant National Governing Body of Shooting**
- **A Safety Person is a non-member age 21 years or over who has been briefed by the shooter for whom they are acting**

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