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North Walsham Rifle and pistol club

Range Orders

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Signed :.....
North Walsham rifle and pistol
club committee

- **REFERENCES:**

- **PREAMBLE.**

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

- **OBJECTIVE**

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

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- **CLUB RULES**

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

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

Monday - 10.00am to 1.00pm

to Friday - 10.00am to 9.00pm

Saturday - 10.00am to 6.00pm

Sundays - 10.00am to 3.00pm .

Everyone visiting or using the range must by law complete and sign the attendance register kept in the clubhouse. Guests must be signed in by a full member accompanying them who will fully complete the Guest Register in the clubhouse in addition to the attendance register, even if attending an open meeting. Members and guests must conform to all the legal requirements regarding firearms and air guns.

Guests must be accompanied 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 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 members

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 on the Range

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

- **FIRING POINT and RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICERS (RCO) Range Officers (RO) RULES**

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 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 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 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. 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

It is MANDATORY that the RCO/RO stays on the firing point to guard all firearms and ammunition and control 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 rifle/pistols will only take place with 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 RCO/RO must confirm that all weapons are proven unloaded and safe BEFORE storing and leaving the range.

- **Ranges**
- **Range 1**

65yard FIELD TARGET RANGE

Firearms of any type or FAC Rated air weapons are not permitted on this range

The following Air rifles Air pistol and Archery bows are permitted on this range

Air rifles with maximum permitted muzzle energy (ME) 12 ft lbs (16 joules)

Air pistols with a maximum permitted muzzle energy (ME) 6ft lbs (8 joules)

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 rangeLimitations•

Recognised knock down and paper targets are permitted, providing the RCO/RO has approved them before use.

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”.....”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, 50metre, 100 yard

The following Firearms types are permitted on this range:air pistol, Air Rifles (inc FAC rated) and .22 calibre rim fire Rifles.

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 RCO/RO.

Members returning from range 3 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

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 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 RCO/ROs attention by a single long blast on the emergency air horns provided. In this situation the rifle 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.

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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 & 8 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 ME is 480 joules (350ftlbs). Maximum permitted 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**

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

Limitations.Standing, Kneeling and bench supported firing positions.

No centre fire Nitro or Black powder full bore firearm.•The down loading of full bore ammunition to meet range muzzle energy and velocity is not permitted.

Maximum permitted MEis 2030 joules (1495ftlbs). Maximum MVis 655mps (2145 fps).

Miniature Cannon Limitations fired from a bench at 20 metres and 25 yards. Calibre not to exceed .75inches(19mm) Maximum Barrel Length: Smooth bore 32 inches (800mm) Rifled 16 inches (400mm).

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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 RCO/RO.by using the clubs communications systems, all shooters on the rifle range must not handle any Firearm whilst members exit the pistol gallery for the clubhouse.

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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 to 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.

Other types of target must be approved by the RO/RCO.

Patterning of Shotguns is permitted, all shot must strike the bullet catcher.

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