

Sneedhams Green 50 metre Outdoor Range

Range Orders

1) Permitted Firearms:

The range is certified for air rifles, .22RF rifles, centre fire rifles and black powder rifles to .44 calibre subject to conditions and range limitations.

The use of chamber inserts in “fullbore rifles” (e.g. .32 ACP in .303) is permitted.

The use of pistols (other than air pistols) is prohibited.

2) Range limitations:

Maximum Muzzle Velocity – 655m/s (2145fps)

Maximum Muzzle Energy – 2030 joules (1495FtLbs)

3) Ammunition:

Muzzle velocity must not exceed 655m/s (2145fps) and muzzle energy must not exceed 2030 joules (1495FtLbs).

It is prohibited to “Download” a high velocity or high energy cartridge to meet the range muzzle velocity or energy limits.

The use of jacketed bullets in magnum rounds is prohibited.

NB: The Range Officer may request proof at any time that the firearm and ammunition being used does not infringe the conditions of the Safety Certificate nor of the Range Orders. In the event that a shooter cannot provide proof of compliance the Range Officer may require the shooter to cease firing and leave the range.

4) Range Opening Times:

0800-2100 subject to there being sufficient light to enable targets and the boundaries of the range to be clearly visible.

5) Firing Point:

All firing is to take place from the firing point. Fire with movement is prohibited. All firing is to be undertaken from a supported position.

6) Maintaining a Safe Cone of Fire:

Loaded and cocked rifles are not to be brought above the horizontal prior to target acquisition and firing.

7) Zeroing:

To maximise margins of safety, all zeroing should be from number 9 firing point with the rifle benched, and with the support of a spotter to observe the fall of the initial shots.

8) Open ('iron') Sights:

Shooters using iron sights must use a spotting scope to observe the fall of shot

9) Targetry:

Targets for live firing firearms are to be set at 20 yards, 25 yards and 50 metres using the correct target frame for the distance/discipline being shot.

Only targets that are fully penetrable and of non-ricochet inducing material may be used.

Metallic or clay-based targets are not to be used (metallic targets may be used for non-FAC air rifles).

Targets must be set at the appropriate height for the firing position/range as shown on the target frames.

10) Fall of Shot:

All shot (except in the case of non-FAC air rifles) must fall in the sand as near as possible to mid-way between the lines indicated by the orange markers affixed to the flank walls.

11) Mixed Position and/or Mixed Calibre Shooting:

Mixed position and mixed calibre shooting is permitted but all reasonable efforts should be made to keep prone, kneeling and standing positions in separate areas of the firing point to avoid trip hazards and maintain a clear shooting area around each shooter.

12) Trigger Weight:

Triggers fitted to lightweight sport rifles, semi-automatic sport rifles and rifles other than dedicated target rifles shall be capable of supporting a minimum of 500g.

13) Range Officer:

A suitably experienced person is to be nominated as Range Officer (RO) for each shooting session (see duties).

14) First Aid:

Wherever possible a suitably qualified first aid person should be available on site during shooting sessions. Clubs should ensure that they provide a first aid kit.

The nearest hospital with accident and emergency facilities is:

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Great Western Road
Gloucester
GL1 3NN

Tel: 0300 422 2222 (dial number in full).

15) Communication:

A suitable means of communication should be available during shooting sessions (e.g. mobile phones).

Emergency contact numbers:

Fire/Police/Ambulance	999
NSRA	01483 485522
HSE	0151 922 9235

Duties of the Range Officer

The person appointed as RO is responsible for the safe running of the range.

Before shooting commences the RO will:

- 1) Carry out an inspection to ensure that the range is safe to use and sign the range log to that effect noting any damage.
- 2) The RO will ensure that the red flag is raised at the butt wall and the firing point flag is displayed.
- 3) Carry out a safety briefing for all shooters.
- 4) Lower the red flag at the firing point.

After each detail the RO will:

- 1) Check that all firearms on the firing point are clear.
- 2) Ensure that the red flag is displayed at the firing point before anyone is allowed forward of the firing point.

Before the next detail the RO will:

- 1) Ensure that all shooters are behind the firing point.
- 2) Lower the red flag at the firing point.

At the finish of shooting the RO will:

- 1) Ensure that the range is left clean and tidy.
- 2) Lower the red flag at the butt wall.
- 3) Carry out a range inspection and sign the range log noting any new damage found.

Firearms

- 1) The movement of firearms on to and from the firing point will be controlled by the RO.
- 2) Firearms must be kept pointing down range at all times on the firing point.
- 3) All firearms must comply with current legislation and be in proof.

Dangerous Incidents

Any incident which could or does result in injury to a shooter or a member of the public shall be deemed a Dangerous Incident and will be dealt with initially by the RO as follows:

- 1) In the event of a dangerous incident shooting is to be stopped immediately and all firearms unloaded and proved clear.
- 2) The scene of the incident is to be left exactly as it was when the incident occurred.
- 3) If an injury has been sustained the emergency services are to be called immediately. The H.S.E and N.S.R.A are to be informed at the earliest opportunity.
- 4) The RO is to detail someone to take the names and addresses of all persons present at the time of the incident as they may be required to give statements.
- 5) If a camera is available the incident site should be photographed.
- 6) If no injuries are sustained the RO will investigate the occurrence and submit a report to the Secretary of the County Association. At the discretion of the RO shooting may then be resumed.

Range Discipline

In order to run a safe range environment all shooters are expected to exercise good self-discipline. Anyone found to be acting in a dangerous manner or abusing the range facilities will be expelled from the range and reported to the County Committee and the persons own Club Committee for disciplinary action.