



SOMERSET WEST PISTOL CLUB

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Read and understand the conditions for use of the range facilities:

Issued with; keys, targets, indemnity form, cloths pegs, red flags

For the purpose of any persons (minimum two people) or group wishing to use the range facility in any way or form, a designated person shall be assigned and accept the responsibility of Range Office. That person shall henceforth be named the Range Officer as referred to in the document below.

The Range Officer shall collect and return all items supplied to him/her and accept by written confirmation, these rules and any other particular to the day/s. This will ensure the safe and controlled use of the range at all time. The Range Officer will read and accept, by signature, the conditions below for the period as agreed in writing.

It is important to that the Range Officer have a good attitude, be knowledgeable and show objectivity, he/she must always have a good attitude, be calm, courteous and ensure safety as the main priority. The Range Officer must have an above average knowledge of the range rules and safety procedures.

No loaded firearms are allowed on the range unless done so by the designated Range Officer and/or Assistant Range Officer. Firearms may only be loaded on instruction of the Range Officer.

The purpose of the abovementioned rules and those regarding firearms being stowed away in bags/cases/holsters is to ensure that firearms are handled only on instruction and under the supervision of a Range Officer. It limits any unauthorised handling of firearms on the shooting range inasmuch as:

- A shooter/s arrives at the firing point with a firearm in a bag/ case or holster and leaves the firing point, after the completion of an exercise, again with a firearm in a bag/ case or holster. The firearm will have been inspected and certified safe by a Range Officer both at the start and the end of a shooting exercise;
- It is a universal practice followed world-wide;
- The practice creates an atmosphere of safety for all participants on the shooting range.

SHOOTING RANGE SAFETY RULES

1. The Range Officer has the final authority on the shooting range and has the right to act against unsafe and disobedient participants.
2. The instructions of the Range Officer must be executed unconditionally and immediately.
3. Participants are subject to the relevant shooting range's rules and must sign the Range Register and Indemnity form.
4. No person under the influence of alcohol or narcotics may enter the shooting range.
5. No alcohol may be consumed during the shooting exercise or on the shooting range.
6. Firearms should arrive at the shooting range complex unloaded in a purpose-built bag, case or holster.
7. Firearms may only be removed from their bag, case, holster at the direct command of the Range Officer, at the firing line and must always be pointed in a safe direction, i.e. down range.
8. Firearms may not be handled on the firing line while any person is in front of the firing line.
9. Participants who are carrying a side arm must declare it to the Range Officer, make it safe under the supervision of the Range Officer and place the side arm back in its holster/bag. The weapon may only be loaded again after the participant has left the shooting range and is busy leaving the shooting range complex.
10. Declared safe firearms must be in bags, cases or holsters during movement between shooting points.
11. Hearing and eye protection is mandatory.
12. Spectators and participants awaiting their turns should remain at least 6 meters behind the firing line or behind the Range Officer. They should also wear hearing and eye protection.

STANDARD COMMANDS ON THE SHOOTING RANGE

No shooter/s may move to, or equipment may be taken to the firing line before the Range Officer gives the relevant command:

1. "Shooter/s to the firing line". Firearms to remain bagged, cased or holster until further Commands are given.
2. "The range is closed/hot".
3. The Range Officer will visit each shooter individually and order "Unbag and show me a safe gun".
4. The Range Officer explains the shooting exercise and allocates a target to each shooter.
5. "Take up your shooting position and adjust your sights/scopes".
6. "Eye and ear protection on".
7. "Load and make ready" (load magazine/chamber of firearm, bolt stays open).
8. "Is everybody ready?" – any shooter who are not ready to indicate.
9. "The detail is not ready" – if appropriate.
10. "Everybody is ready – close bolts and stand by" – trigger finger to remain outside the trigger guard.
11. "Blow whistle" or give command "fire"
12. After the time is up: Blow whistle or give command "stop/cease fire"
13. "Unload and make safe" - After the process of unloading and making safe, the shooter/s may put his firearm down with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, but he/she must remain with the firearm and wait for inspection.
14. In the case of the exercise requiring a change in position while the shooter/s remains at the same firing point, the commands are repeated from point 4.
15. Before there may be moved to the next firing point, the Range Officer must move to each individual shooter in his area and command; "show safe/ show me a safe firearm". After inspection, the Range Officer will then give the command: "You may bag your firearm". The firearm may then be stowed in the bag, case or holster and/or with a safety flag inserted.
16. After all the firearms have been inspected, the Range Officer declares: "The range is safe/clear, pick up cases"
17. After completion of the shooting exercise, all firearms must be safely stowed away in bags or cases, before moving away from the firing line.

Notes:

1. In case of emergency – "CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE!" or a long whistle blast

Included to the above rules:

No person allowed in front of a loaded firearm

- 1) Muzzle to be in a safe direction at all times. Beware the backstop height and do not point the muzzle above it, at any time.
- 2) Know your target and what is beyond it
- 3) Red flags must be on display
- 4) Indemnity forms must be completed by any/all people on the range
- 5) Only provided or approved paper and steel targets may be used. No glass, tins, bricks, etc.
- 6) Keys remain the property of SWPC (NO copies may be made).

Any deviation from these rules, as deemed so by the Somerset West Pistol Cub Committee, shall result in the immediate suspension of a member/s and the ban of non-members from the facility. Please remove: everything you bring with you and only what you bring.

I, Identity numberherby accept
all the above conditions on this day,for the period/day
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