

NZDA NORTH CANTERBURY BRANCH RIFLE RANGE

RANGE STANDING ORDERS

Range Standing Orders are written to ensure all **Club Members and All Range Users are aware** of the conditions that apply to these ranges.

Safety MUST be your prime consideration when using the NZDA Rifle Range

All persons not involved in the match being shot are to remain at least 3 m behind the shooting line or starting position and must remain quiet so as not to interfere with the giving of instructions by any Range Officers.

1: Introduction

- a) This document has been raised pursuant to the requirements of Range Approval.
- b) These orders are applicable to **ALL PERSONS** who enter the property administered by the North Canterbury Branch, NZDA. These orders are to be promulgated to all North Canterbury NZDA Branch Members and all other user organizations. A copy of these Range Standing orders must be displayed on the Branch Notice Board.

2: General

The NZDA North Canterbury Branch NZDA Committee is responsible for the control and maintenance of the range complex. All users of the ranges are to read these Orders in conjunction with the above references.

3: Range Safety.

- a) Safety on the range is the responsibility of all range users.
- b) The Range Officer is responsible for ensuring that the range is safe prior to use.
 - 1. That the bullet catchers are in good repair.
 - 2. That the targets to be used are approved for use on the range.
 - 3. Ammunition restrictions are adhered to.
 - 4. That all range users wear hearing and eye protection.
 - 5. That ALL Range restrictions listed herein are adhered to.

4: Location

The range complex is located at NZMS 260 M35 Grid reference E5748770 N2469838 McLeans Island Road, Harewood, Christchurch.

This Range complex has 3 individual ranges.

Range 1. Outdoor, 50 Metre (fully baffled No Danger Area Range).

Range 2. Outdoor, 100 Metre (fully baffled No Danger Area Range).

Range 3. Outdoor, 200 Metre. (fully baffled No Danger Area Range).

5: Restrictions.

The Ranges are restricted **to** the following.

Range 1. Rifles up to and including, .458 calibre.

Black Powder Rifles up to .58 Calibre

- ★ All firing must be from the designated firing point.
- ★ Targets placed in approved configuration and placed in approved target holders.
- ★ All targets are to be placed as close to the bullet catcher as possible.
- ★ Duty Range/Safety Officer to approve final target placement prior to commencement of shooting.

Range 2. Rifles up to and including, 458 calibre.

Black Powder Rifles up to .58 Calibre

- ★ All firing must be from the designated firing point.
- ★ Targets placed in approved configuration and placed in approved target holders.
- ★ All targets are to be placed as close to the bullet catcher as possible.
- ★ Duty Range/Safety Officer to approve final target placement prior to commencement of shooting.

Range 3. Rifles up to and including, 458 calibre, with the exclusion of rifles chambered for *pistol cartridges*

- ★ All firing must be from the designated firing point.
- ★ Targets placed in approved configuration and placed in approved target holders.
- ★ All targets are to be placed as close to the bullet catcher as possible.
- ★ Duty Range/Safety Officer to approve final target placement prior to commencement of shooting.

- ✘ **All Targets must be placed directly at the backstop only.**
- ✘ **No Firearms held against a “C” category licence may be used on these Ranges.**
- ✘ **No Firearms that have alterations that render them unsafe or illegal may be used on these Ranges.**
- ✘ **Only targets approved by the Club Range / Safety Officer may be used on these Ranges.**
- ✘ **No Steel Targets or re-active targets to be used**

6: Priority of Use.

The following is the order of priority for the use of the NZDA North Canterbury Branch ranges.

- a) NZDA North Canterbury Branch Members
- b) Members of the public at organized shoots

7: Red Flags and Signs.

The **Red Range Flags Must Be Flown** at the following locations prior to commencement of any live firing.

- 1: At the road gate, at the entrance to the complex.
- 2: On the flag pole at the entrance to the range
- 3: Warning signs to be placed along the boundary fence at regular intervals and must be able to be seen at all times the range is in use.

8: Appointments.

The following persons will be required at any live shoot.

- a) A suitably qualified range officer for every range in use.
- b) Any other safety officers as required by the rules of the match being fired.
- c) A qualified First Aid Officer for ALL major events.

9: Safety Rules.

THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE EMPHASISED.

- When any of the ranges are in use they shall at all times be under the control of a Range Officer, whose authority is absolute and all persons present shall act under their directions.
- The Range Officer shall be responsible for the observance of these Standing Orders and for the reporting of any breach to the Branch committee immediately.
- No shooting shall take place without the appointment of a suitably qualified Range Officer.
- All loaded firearms must be pointed down range at all times, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- No firearms or ammunition to be left unattended.
- No firearms are to be handled without the owners consent.
- No firearms are to be loaded without the Range Officers permission.
- No firearms are to be handled behind other persons on the range.
- No firearm may be removed from the firing line until verified clear by the Range Officer,
- All shooters without the necessary licence for the firearm being used **MUST** be under the direct control of a suitably qualified person (one on one).
- All members and visitors to these Ranges are required to wear eye and hearing protection at all times.
- Where a safe handling zone has been established, firearms may be cleaned, repaired or checked. **NO AMMUNITION, INCLUDING DUMMY ROUNDS, ARE TO HANDLED IN THIS AREA.**
- All targets are to be placed as close to the backstop as possible.

10: Application of Range Instructions.

- All users of the NZDA North Canterbury Branch ranges are subject to these Range Standing Orders. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Those permitted to use these facilities will have their use approval revoked if they do not adhere to these Range Standing Orders.
- It is the responsibility of the Branch committee to ensure that all users of the range complex are familiar with these Range Standing Orders.

11: Individual Discipline Safety Rules.

- Individual Safety Rules for each discipline/event are to be complied with in conjunction with existing rules for the operation of the ranges.

12: Ammunition Restrictions.

The following ammunition **MUST NOT** be used on any range administered by the NZDA North Canterbury Branch Ranges as certified by Range Development Associates Ltd.

- a) Tracer Ammunition.
- b) Incendiary Ammunition.
- c) Armour Piercing Ammunition.
- d) Explosive Ammunition.
- e) Frangible Ammunition.
- f) Ammunition with a steel penetrator.

13: Inability to Contain Shots Within Cone of Fire.

If for any reason any shots fired fall outside the Cone of Fire the following procedure is to occur. The Range Officer is to:

- a) Halt all firing and identify the shooter responsible.
- b) Observe that shooters next shot and if it falls within the Cone of Fire allow that shooter to continue firing.
- c) If the observed shot does not fall within the Cone of Fire, the shooter is to be provided with a suitable coach with the intention of bringing the spread of the next five shots to within the Cone of Fire.
- d) Shooters who are unable to achieve the Cone of Fire within the five shots are to be prevented from further firing. Shooters prevented from firing in this way may resume firing following the completion of a club approved training program with the firearm.

14: Accident Procedures.

In the event of an injury accident, the following procedure is to occur.

- a) Cease all firing.
- b) Render First Aid – if necessary / possible evacuate the person to medical facilities.
- c) Seal off the area.
- d) Make no attempt to remove or strip the firearm.
- e) Advise the police.
- f) Advise the club executive.

It is important that all range users are aware of this section and fully comply with it in the event of an accident involving a firearm.

15: First Aid.

- a) First Aid kits are to be available on the range during all live firing
- b) *For serious injuries ring 111.*

16: Fire Precautions.

- a) All precautions are to be taken to reduce the possibility of fire in buildings and surrounding grounds.
- b) No fires are to be lit without prior committee and local authority approval.
- c) **In the case of fire Dial 111 and ask for Fire Brigade assistance.**

17: Range Clearance.

- a) All users are to ensure that all range rubbish, including targets, ammunition boxes etc is removed from the range and placed in the appropriate container.
- b) No rubbish is to be left on the range complex.
- c) Upon completion of the days shooting the Range Danger Flag is to be removed and stored.
- d) Any damage is to be reported to the Club Committee.

18: Hours of operation.

As defined by the Branch Executive

19: Unauthorised Use of Range Complex.

- a) Any individual or organisation given use of the range complex will have been provided with written authority by the Branch Executive . Any individual or organisation unable to provide this approval **MUST BE ASKED TO VACATE THE PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY.**
- b) Any refusal to leave is to be reported to the Police as soon as possible.
- c) Any unauthorised use of the Range Complex is to be reported to the Branch executive. .

23: Domestic Animals.

Domestic animals are NOT to roam free anywhere on the complex whilst any of the ranges are in use.

24: Children.

All children are to be under the supervision of an adult at all times.

25: Amendments.

Any amendments made and approved by the NZDA North Canterbury Branch to these Range Standing Orders shall once approved by Range Development Associates Ltd, be promulgated on the Range notice board and forwarded to all NZDA Branch members

26: Distribution List.

- 1) All Club members.
- 2) Posted on Range Notice Board.

Signed:
Branch President

Date