

SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc.

(ABN 41 757 152 369)

PISTOL SECTION Range Standing Orders

Approval Number 81001497-02

Part 1.

Workplace Health and Safety Issues.

- a. **Ambulance phone numbers:-**
dial **000** (or **112** on a mobile).

- b. **Police phone numbers:-**
In an **Emergency** situation dial **000**.

In a **Non-Emergency** situation –

Police Link 131444

for Maryborough Police Station dial 4128 8111
for Hervey Bay Police Station dial 4128 5333

- c. **Nearest Hospital with emergency facilities is:-**
Hervey Bay Hospital
Corner Nissen Street & Urraween Road
Pialba
Ph: 4325 6666

- d. **Emergency Phone number for -**

Fire Brigade	is 000
Police	is 000
Ambulance	is 000

Part 2.

Range Rules and procedures.

- a. The type of matches which have been approved for the SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc. Pistol Range by the Authorised Officer are as per the range approval which is posted on the range.
In all cases the matches to be shot must have an approved rule book.

- b. The types of ammunition and muzzle velocities are as per the range approval.

- c. The categories of firearms permitted to be used on the SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc. pistol range are as per the range approval.

- d. Prior approval from a range officer of SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc. is required before rifles or shotguns can be fired on the pistol section range.

- e. Members must make themselves aware of the provisions of the Weapons Act 1990, Weapons Regulations and Weapons Amendments and comply at all times.

- f. These standing orders are to be read in conjunction with the SSAA Qld range rules which are displayed on the range.

- g. Visitors are allowed on the branch premises only at the discretion of the President or Committee, Branch Captain, or Range Officer. (Conditions apply)
- h. Shooters who do not have a concealable licence may compete in matches under the direct supervision of a range officer.
- i. **A system of mandatory suspension has been adopted by the Branch for any person , if found guilty of breaching safety rules . The offender will be subject to disciplinary action for a period not less than one month , as decided by the Management Committee**
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 - j. A copy of the branch constitution is available from the branch secretary on request.
All members must abide by the range standing orders and constitution of the branch at all times.
 - k. The range area, and equipment used, will be maintained on a regular basis by the members attending regular, advertised working bees.
 - l. SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc. is registered with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy under Licence Number 0410123 to sell ammunition and propellant powders.
 - m. Pistol acquisition forms will be endorsed only for holders of concealable licences or persons who have applied for a concealable licence. .
 - n. The branch recognises that members hold various weapons licences. If regular attendance at the branch for participation in the sport of target shooting is a condition of the licence a club member holds, the branch requires the member to attend the minimum required competition match days each year.

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Part 3.
Instructions for Range Officers

- a. On entering the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex, the red flag is to be raised and the branch baton placed in the holder.
- b. On entering the SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc. rifle range area the flag for the SSAA Range is to be raised at the SSAA gate.
- c. The flag at the pistol section gate is to be raised before proceeding from the rifle range to the pistol section range.
- d. At the SSAA Pistol Section Range, the range register is to be signed before shooting commences, and a range officer is to be in charge with his/her name placed on the **appropriate** black board. On leaving the pistol range, the flag at the pistol section gate is to be removed and the gate is to be locked.
- e. While shooting is in progress the red flag on the pistol firing line is to be down. When the range is safe the red flag on the pistol firing line is to be up.
- f. On leaving the complex the branch baton is to be removed and stored at the entrance to the complex. If no one else is shooting, the flag is to be removed and the main gate is to be locked.
- g. On competition days range officer in overall control will be the discipline captain or the vice captain if the discipline captain is not present.

- h. For organised practice days the range officers present should agree amongst themselves who is to be in overall control. However if one range officer arrives first and opens the range then he or she would be in overall control unless he or she agrees to hand over such control to someone else.
- i. The use of the range at other times will be by prior arrangement with a branch recognised range officer, who must put his or her name on the board. If there are multiple range officers running the range then they must all have their names on the board and they must agree amongst themselves who is the range officer in overall control.
- j. Shooters are to obey the instructions of any range officer whose name appears on the board.
- k. The section of the pistol range with turning targets is to be used only with the turning target frames at either 25 or 50 metres. No other targets of any kind are to be used on this range. This is to reduce damage to target infrastructure.

Part 4. **Instructions for Shooters**

- a. All firearms must be carried to and from the range in accordance with the Weapons Act and Regulations.
- b. Persons in possession of firearms on the range shall have the relevant licenses and membership cards and present same to the designated range officer.

Unlicensed persons shall have photographic ID and shall complete the required form which will be endorsed by the range officer.

- c. The powers of the Range Officer/Match Captain/Safety Officer are absolute and are not subject to question or discussion, other than reporting any concern to the Management Committee for discussion at a General Meeting.
- d. Competitors must have a holster proficiency endorsement to compete in any match using a holster with a loaded pistol.
- e. In matches using holsters, the pistol may be removed from the carry case, and holstered, or removed from the holster and returned to the carry case only in the designated **SAFE GUN** areas, or at the firing line under the direction of the range officer.

In all other matches, pistols must be taken to and from the firing line in a secure case / container and may only be removed from the case when directed by the range officer. Any pistol may be cleaned or adjusted in the **SAFE GUN** areas.

NO LIVE AMMUNITION IS PERMITTED IN THE SAFE GUN AREAS.

- f. Once on the firing line the muzzle of the firearm must be pointing in a safe direction (**DOWN RANGE**)
- g. All shooters are to wear enclosed footwear .
- h. Wearing of eye and ear protection is strongly recommended .
- i. In the case of a malfunction or a dropped firearm, the range officer must be called immediately. The range officer's directions on the matter are final.

- j. SSAA National Stuck Live Round Mandatory Rule -
If a malfunction results in a stuck live round which cannot be simply removed from the breech end of the barrel, the firearm is to be made safe and removed from the Range to a competent person. Under no circumstances is an attempt to be made to remove the round by insertion of a cleaning rod or similar, from the muzzle or front of the cylinder.
- k. In all competition and practice events, shooters must not leave the firing line until all firearms have been cleared by the range officer and the range has been declared SAFE. A designated safety officer will remain at the firing line to monitor security of firearms.
- l. The safe mode for pistols, rifles, shotguns when not being actually fired is:
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| (a) Double action revolvers | Cylinder Open |
| (b) Single action revolvers | Loading Gate Open and/or the hammer on half cock if possible |
| (c) Semi Auto Pistols | Magazine removed, Slide Locked Open |
| (d) Black Powder Revolvers | Are to be capped only on the firing line
No powder flasks on the firing line |
| (e) Action Matches | Cleared and holstered on the firing line |
| (f) Rifles | Bolt or action open |
| (g) Shotguns | Breech/action open, magazines removed where applicable |
- m. The range officer in charge of the firing line may direct that all shooters are to insert an empty chamber indicator into the firearm before it is declared safe.
- n. On Non-Match days when members arrive at the range for practice sessions, they must sign the range register which is kept in the shed. Visitors to the range must also complete the visitor declaration which is at the same location.
- o. On match days, members must sign the range register in the shed area on arrival and pay the match nomination fee(s) **to the appropriate range officer or match captain** who will then allocate a shooting position. The competitor is then responsible for assisting in preparation for the match, such as, setting up targets or preparing score sheets.
- p. Competitors are asked to assist during matches in; scoring, patching and recovering fired cases, if required.
- q. At the completion of the matches competitors will assist in removing targets, removing rubbish and in tallying scores etc.
- r. Consumption of alcohol by match participants is prohibited prior to and during shooting.
- s. The range precincts are to be kept clean and tidy at all times and all rubbish should be put into the rubbish bins and containers provided.