

SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc.

(ABN 41 757 152 369)

RIFLE SECTION Range Standing Orders

Approval Number 81001498-02

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 dial 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 types of matches which have been approved for the SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc. rifle 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. rifle range are as per the range approval.

- d. Prior approval from a range officer of SSAA Fraser Coast Branch Inc. is required before pistols can be fired on the rifle range

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

- f. Members must make themselves aware of the provisions of the Weapons Act 1990, Weapons Regulations and Weapons Amendments and comply at all times.
- 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. **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.**
- i. 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.
- j. The range area, and equipment used, will be maintained on a regular basis by the members attending regular, advertised working bees.
- k. 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.

Part 3.
Instructions for Range Officers.

- a. The range is approved for operation of two parts – the 100m range (right or west side) and the 500m range (left or east side) , but with a common firing line / common cease fires so that the two ranges must be opened and closed together and there must be nobody down range on one while the other is open for shooting.

The 100m range is limited to use with penetrable targets and target frames, except for air and rimfire silhouette matches with Category A and Category H firearms .

The raised section of the 500m firing line has two firing lines – one at the benches and one at the posts. Only one of those two firing lines can be in use at any one time and there must be no handling of firearms at the firing line which is not in use.

Although the 100m firing line aligns with the benches on the 500m line, the forward firing line at the posts on the 500m range is outside the danger template for the 100m range and can be used at the same time as the 100m range.

Although the shotgun container is forward of the firing line it is also outside the template and safe to use while firing is in progress. However care is required and access is not recommended while rifle or pistol firing is in progress on the 500m range. There must be a sign or barrier to prevent someone using the shotgun container from walking on to the template.

When Big Game Rifle Match is shot on the 100 metre part of the Range , the Pistol Range Complex to the immediate right of the 100 metre Range is NOT TO BE OCCUPIED BY ANY PERSONS .

Big Game Rifle sighting-in is to be conducted on the 500 metre Range and any Big Game Rifle Match competition conducted on the 100 metre Range will be done with strict compliance to these Standing Orders under competition conditions .

The 500m Range is able to have the use of hard and soft targets and target frames. Specific markers delineate where Centrefire Rifle Silhouette is allowable.

- b. On entering the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex, the red flag is to be raised and the branch Baton placed in the holder.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 branch, if the Pistol Section flag is already down, the flag at the SSAA main gate is to be removed and the gate is to be locked. If the Pistol Section Range is still in use and the flag at the Pistol gate is still raised, leave the SSAA main gate unlocked and the flag up.
- e. While shooting is in progress the red flag on the rifle firing line is to be down. When the range is safe the red flag on the rifle firing line is to be up.
- f. On leaving the complex, if no SSAA range is in use, 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. The rifle range usually requires more than one range officer in order to run it effectively. One of these range officers will be designated as the range officer in overall control. This range officer will handle any disagreements between range officers and will also request, accept or reject assistance from other range officers who are on the range but not rostered on duty. All range officers on duty must have their names on the blackboard/whiteboard, but the range officer in overall control will be listed first.
- h. On competition days, the range officer in overall control will be the discipline captain or the vice captain if the discipline captain is not present.
- i. For organised practice days the range officers rostered on 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.
- j. 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.
- k. Shooters are to obey the instructions of any range officer whose name appears on the board.

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.
- c. Unlicensed persons shall have photographic ID and shall complete the required form which will be endorsed by the range officer.
- d. 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
- e. Where possible firearms are to be taken to the firing line in cases or bags and only removed from the case or bag when the range officer has declared the range open and allowed uncasing of firearms.
- f. Shooters who do not have cases or bags that are removable from their vehicle may take the firearm uncased from their vehicle and carry it to the firing line with the barrel facing upwards and the action open. This is only allowed when the range officer has declared the range open. No firearms are to be handled while the range is safe (except in a designated safe area).
- g. Once on the firing line the muzzle of the firearm must be pointing in a safe direction (DOWN RANGE).
- h. When a detail is completed and the range officer is satisfied that all firearms are cleared, they may be placed in their bags or cases (if shooting is finished), or (if required for more shooting) they may be racked with the barrel facing upwards, or left on the firing line with the barrel facing down range, or racked on the hook provided at the post on the firing line with the barrel facing upwards. In all cases, for rifles or pistols, the action must be open. Shotguns must be carried with the action open but break action shotguns may be racked with the action closed.
If they need to be carried back to a car at the end of shooting this must be with the barrel facing upwards and the action open and must be completed before the range is declared safe.
- i. All shooters are to wear enclosed footwear.
- j. Wearing of eye and ear protection is strongly recommended.
- k. 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.
- l. 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.

- m. A designated Safety Officer will remain on the firing line to monitor security of firearms.
- n. 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 possible |
- o. 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.
- p. On Non-Match days when Members arrive at the Range for practice sessions, they must sign the Range Register which is kept under the shelter at the 100 metre range. Visitors to the Range must also complete the Visitor Declaration which is at the same location.
- q. On Match days, Members must sign the Range Register in the shelter 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.
- r. Competitors are asked to assist during matches in; scoring, patching and recovering fired cases, if required.
- s. At the completion of the matches competitors will assist in removing targets, removing rubbish and in tallying scores.
- t. Consumption of alcohol by participants is prohibited prior to and during shooting.
- u. 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.