

Adelaide Pistol & Shooting Club Inc. Range Conduct Safety Code

All persons, whether shooters or spectators must obey the commands of the Range Officer at all times. Safety on the ranges demands attention and self discipline in handling firearms and in moving about the range area. Where such self discipline is lacking, it is the duty of the Range Officer to enforce discipline and of competitors to assist in enforcement.

INTERFERENCE The firing points must be kept clear at all times, except for competitors and such range personnel as may be necessary. Any person interfering with or annoying competitors will be warned to desist and if he/she fails to do so will be ordered out of the range area. Talking should be kept to a minimum and limited to official business. Loud or abusive language will not be tolerated.

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE RANGE

All firearms, whether loaded or not, must be handled with the greatest care. It is forbidden to handle another competitor's firearm without his/her express permission. The Range Officer may do so when necessary on the firing line.

No shots will be fired except on the firing line and only after the appropriate commands by the Range Officer. Aiming exercises and trigger pulls are only allowed with permission from the Range Officer and in a suitable location. If it is necessary to fire a shot to check functioning, it may be performed by the Range Officer or with his/her express permission in a suitable and safe location.

Loading of firearms, including magazines, is not permitted except at the firing line as required by the competition and after the appropriate command by the Range Officer. No more than five (5) rounds may be loaded, except when specifically required by the match.

At the completion of each series, or on the command "cease fire" being given for any reason, all shooters will immediately cease firing, unload their firearms and place them upon the bench in a cleared condition pointing downrange. Black powder shooters will cease fire and place their firearms on the bench pointing downrange until instructed to clear firearms.

No firearm may be removed from the firing line until cleared by the Range Officer and with his/her permission.

Firearms removed from the firing line should be cased or in a gun box. If not, it must only be carried in a safe condition, i.e.: with breech open, magazine removed, cylinder swung out or loading gate open.

Holsters may only be used when shooters are under the direct control of a Range Officer and in matches where use is permitted or customary, and nowhere else on the range. Holsters must be removed as soon as practicable after completion of the match.

High velocity ammunition, magnum loads and heavy, jacketed loads may only be used with the permission of the Range Officer, and is restricted to specific areas.

Any unsafe behaviour or intentional damage to range equipment will result in suspension, fine or expulsion.

Range Commands

"Shooters to the line": Shooters may approach the bench and set up equipment.

"Details of the match, the number of shots and time": immediately followed by:

"Load": Shooters may proceed to load firearms (not more than five rounds at a time, unless specifically required by the match)

"Are you ready": If not ready, an immediate response is necessary, otherwise after three seconds the next command will be given. If "not ready" is called by a competitor, the Range Officer will wait fifteen seconds, again call "are you ready" then proceed to the next command without further delay.

"Fire": Shooters may then commence firing.

"Cease Fire": May be given at expiry of time allowed, or for any other reason. Immediately cease fire, unload firearm, place on bench in safe condition, pointing downrange and step back from the bench.

The Range Officer will inspect firearms and magazines to ensure they have been properly cleared and may then give permission for the firearms to be removed from the firing line by those shooters who have completed their matches.

Once this has been done, the next command will be "Back from the bench" when complied with, "Change targets" or similar instructions relating to scoring or patching of targets in appropriate matches.

Shooters may then move forward to the target line and change or patch targets. Persons may not approach the firing line while any person is forward of the line.

At all other times they may only approach the line following appropriate commands from the Range Officer.

Range Safety

While on the firing line, firearms must always be pointing downrange.

If any persons are forward of the firing line:

- ⊕ No person may approach the firing line.
- ⊕ No handling of firearms, even if "cleared"
- ⊕ No magazines may be loaded or left loaded.

Firearms left on benches must be visibly clear:

- ⊕ Chamber empty.
- ⊕ Breech open.
- ⊕ Slide open.
- ⊕ Magazine empty.
- ⊕ Cylinder swung out, or
- ⊕ Loading gate open.

No firearm may be put away until cleared. The breech may be closed and action eased for putting away, but magazines must be left out of auto loaders.

Firearms should be cased or put in gun box, otherwise they may be carried only in opened and clear condition.

No handling in closed condition is permitted away from the line except for essential testing procedures. For testing trigger pull weight with the club weights, the breech may be closed, empty magazine inserted and the action cocked, but only after being cleared by the Weighing Officer or other responsible Officer.

No dry firing plugs or dummy rounds are permitted on the range.

Probationary shooters may not use auto loaders or revolvers except when under the direct control of the instructors during their initial training.

Shooters who have not previously shot in a particular match must report to the Range Officer or an Instructor and may be required to receive instructions and/or shoot under supervision until considered competent to shoot in that match.

Persons must sign in the members attendance register in the clubhouse foyer immediately upon arrival and prior to entering the range. (To comply with all insurance and other regulations)

At any time when no official Range Officer is present, the senior shooter on the range will be responsible for maintaining the proper safety requirements.

RANGE OFFICERS will be appointed by the Board of Management on the endorsement of the Captain and may be required to pass a suitable test.