

## Western Sydney Rifle Club Range Rules

All members and visitors are to comply with all and any instruction from the Range Officer (RO) on duty. Any member or visitor who chooses not to comply with an instruction from the Range Officer will be directed to stop shooting.

Range Officers are to ensure that all Range Rules are complied with in the interest of safety and smooth running of details for the benefit of all.

Firearms may be removed from vehicles and carried onto the range but may not be removed from their case/bag until:

1. The member/visitor has signed the attendance book.
2. All shooters licences have been checked by the Range Officer.
3. The Range Officer (RO) calls for firearms to be placed on the shooting bench.

As in accordance with the range approval certificate, shooting of small bore calibre rifles and **standard velocity rimfire ammunition only** is permitted at the Hyland, Road Shooting Complex.

Red warning flags or lights must be in position before shooting commences. (ie main entrance gate)

Gates leading to the butts (target area) are to be closed while shooting is in progress.

Benches are to be set out consecutively from the number 1 position with no large gaps between benches or shooters in order to facilitate safe control of the range by the RO.

**There is to be no talk or noise on or near the firing line while shooting is in progress.**

Any person instructing/coaching another shooter on the firing line should also keep their talk as quiet as possible so as not to disturb or distract shooters on the line.

Any shooter not on the line and ready to go at the start of a detail must wait for the next detail. The ready detail should not have to wait for a late shooter.

A late shooter is to set up his gear only between details not during a detail.

Pets are not allowed on the range.

Dress on the range for ALL members/visitors is: Enclosed footwear to be worn at all times. Sleeved shirts only to be worn. No singlets.

Before starting the first detail on any shooting day/night, the RO is to ensure that all shooters have signed the attendance book. The RO is to visually inspect every shooter's Firearms Licence to ensure it is current and valid.

Range Officer then calls shooters to the line.

All rifles must be carried with the muzzle pointing up at 45 to 90 degrees, the bolt must be removed, the action must be facing outward and be clearly visible. The rifle must be placed on the bench with the muzzle pointing at the target area.

When shooters are seated at their benches the RO then begins to read the rules and procedure to the detail, (refer to Appendix 2) allowing the detail some final preparation and settling in time before shooting begins.

Rifles are not to be loaded until the RO gives the command "YOUR TIME STARTS NOW".

When the detail has finished, the RO will clear each individual firearm to ensure they are safe.

The RO will then give the order to remove firearms from the bench. Shooters are not to go forward of the firing line until instructed to do so by the Range Officer.

When the RO is satisfied that the range is clear and safe then the order to move forward and change targets is given.

The RO stays on the firing line to ensure that no firearms are handled while shooters are forward and changing targets.

The RO's duties are not complete until the RO is satisfied that all shooters have returned from the target change and that the range is clear for the next detail to proceed.

## Shooting Detail Rules and Procedure

Before starting the first detail on any shooting day/night, the Range Officer (RO) is to ensure that all shooters have signed the attendance book. The RO is also to visually inspect every shooter's Firearms Licence to ensure it is current and valid.

Range Officer calls: SHOOTERS IN THIS DETAIL - RIFLES ON THE BENCH

All rifles must be carried with the muzzle pointing up at 45 to 90 degrees, the bolt must be removed, the action must be facing outward and be clearly visible. The rifle must be placed on the bench with the muzzle pointing at the target area.

The Range Officer is to wait until all shooters are seated at their benches before beginning to read out the following shooting detail rules and procedure in full at the start of every detail.

Rifles are not to be loaded until the RO gives the command "YOUR TIME STARTS NOW".

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Shooters in this detail, you will have 25 minutes to fire 20 scoring shots and unlimited sighters.

Single loading only, no magazines to be used.

Time call will be given as:

10 minutes to go,

5 minutes to go,

Cease fire.

Report any problems, crossfires or irregularities to the range officer.

When you have finished shooting remove your bolt.

You may leave the range providing you do so quietly taking care not to disturb other shooters.

**There is to be no talking or noise on or near the firing line while shooting is in progress.**

You must leave your rifle and gear at the firing point until the detail has finished.

Is there any shooter not ready?

Bolts in

Hearing protection if you wish.

Your time starts now

10 minute call,

5 minute call,

Cease fire, remove your bolt.

Range officer then physically checks that all bolts are removed and firearms are clear and safe.

The Range Officer then instructs that all firearms be removed from the benches.

When all firearms are removed from benches the Range Officer then declares the range clear and instructs shooters that no firearms are to be handled or carried during the target change.

The Range Officer then instructs shooters to proceed with target change. Shooters are not to go forward of the firing line until instructed to do so by the Range Officer.

The Range Officer is to remain on the firing line during the target change to ensure that no firearms are handled while shooters are forward.

When target change is complete the Range Officer is to check that all shooters have returned from the target change and that the range is clear and safe to proceed with shooting the next detail.