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RANGE STANDING ORDERS

Introduction

1. As outlined by the Victorian Rifle Association (VRA) all affiliated Rifle clubs should have an up to date set of Range Standing Orders. The intent of these orders are to ensure the safe participation in the sport of target shooting to ensure maximum safety and enjoyment for its members and also the general public.

Aim

2. The aim of these orders is to highlight the requirements of the Grantville Rifle Range to conduct rifle shooting within the rifle range boundaries.

Code of Conduct

3. A detailed Code of conduct can be found at Enclosure 1

Visitors and Prohibited Persons

4. A detailed Visitor information guide outlining a Prohibited Person can be found at Enclosure 2.

Range access and signage

5. A detailed Site plan can be found at Enclosure 3.

6. Access to the Range is via the Main Gate via the Bass Highway. A red flag indicating that firing is taking place must be flown at the front gate. No person is to move forward of the firing mound unless instructed to do so by the RO/SO.

7. The Range operating hours are every Saturday from 0900h to 1700h. The president of the Committee reserves the right to open the range outside of these hours.

8. A Red Flag indicating that the range is live must be flown from the top centre of the Stop Butt. The top left corner of the Stop Butt is the extreme Left of Arc (LoA) and the right corner of the Stop Butt is the Right of Arc. **Firers are not to shoot outside of the LoA and RoA.**

9. The Range is located at 1815 Bass Highway Grantville Victoria and the direction of firing is always towards the East. Safety Officers and Firers are to pay particular attention to the tree line along the North of

the range as it has been identified that there are numerous walking tracks. Individuals entering the range from this direction is assessed as very low.

Routine Administration

10. **Safety.** All individuals are responsible for the safe handling of firearms whilst within the range facility both on and off the firing mounds. It is a responsibility of the individual to transport their firearm to and from the rifle range in accordance with current Victorian Firearm legislation. The range does not have a facility to securely store Firearms on the premises.
11. **Safety Procedures** specific to the Grantville Rifle Range as endorsed by the FCGRC can be found at Enclosure 4.
12. **Register.** All visitors and Club members must sign onto the range. The Sign on Register can be found on the firing mound in the vicinity of the scores. **Members and visitors are to sign onto the range as directed by the VRA.**
13. **Range fees.** Range fees are to be paid by all individuals who shoot on the day regardless whether they are using their own equipment or another individual's equipment. Any member who wishes to pay electronically is able to Bpay utilising the Clubs bank details. Range fees are an administration fee and all fees are channelled back into the club.
14. **First Aid Equipment.** Located behind the scorers at the firing mound.
15. **Fire Fighting equipment.** Located behind the firing mound with additional equipment located in the Storage container at the club house.
16. **Hearing Protection.** Hearing protection that meets Australian Standards are to worn at all time when on the firing mound and also when scoring. It is the individual's responsibility to provide and wear their hearing protection.

Alcohol and Drugs. Firearm Act 1996.- S. 132 - Offences about the carriage and the use of firearms

1. A person must not carry or use a firearm if that person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a drug.

The FCGRC committee recommend that alcohol is not consumed prior or during any shooting related activities on the Grantville Rifle Range.

Once any shooting related activities are concluded, persons can consume alcohol responsibly.

17. **Incident reporting.** An incident/emergency proforma can be found at Enclosure 5.
18. **Safety Officers.** The procedure to be followed by individuals who are identified as being a Safety Officer can be found at Enclosure 6.
19. **Range Officers (RO).** All shooting by members of civilian clubs on NRAA ranges must be controlled by a RO who is qualified by the NRAA. The Committee is responsible for the nomination of potential Range Officers. The Range Officers Pam v1 Chapter 1page 6 highlights the minimal standards for those to attend a NRAA range Officers Course.

Firearms and Shooting

20. **Individuals** are responsible for the serviceability of any firearm bought onto the range. New member's firearms or aging firearms are to be inspected by a qualified Range Officer. This includes the Bolt, Breach and Barrel along with any ammunition particularly if the ammunition is classified as a "Reload". This applies to all firearms not previously fired on the range.
21. **Commencement of Firing.** Commencement of firing is only to comment once the Range Officer confirms that all individuals are clear of all Danger Areas. All firing practices are to commence in accordance with the procedures outlined by the NRAA. The Range Officer will indicate to all firers that they are able to place their firearms on the firing mound.
22. **Loaded Firearm.** A Firearm is considered loaded if there is a cartridge in the chamber and the bolt is not necessarily closed. The firer is behind the firearm and has control over the firearm.
23. **Ready to fire.** A Firearm is considered ready to be fired when there is a cartridge in the chamber and the bolt is closed. The firing pin is rearward and pressure on the trigger will ignite the cartridge.
24. **Unloaded Firearm.** A firearm is considered unloaded when there is no cartridge in the chamber, the bolt is rearward and magazine removed (SHC) with the firer behind the firearm.
25. **Made Safe.** A Firearm is considered Safe when there is no cartridge in the chamber, the bolt and magazine has been removed and the firearm has been cleared by a second person usually the scorer with the chamber flag inserted.
26. **FCGRC Policy.** Club policy dictates that no firearm with a bolt or magazine (SHC) in the vicinity is to be left on the firing mound unattended by the firer. It is advisable that the firer carries the rifle bolt on their person at all times when not in the firearm.
27. **Cease firing.** Any individual on the range can call a "CEASEFIRE" if they observe an unsafe practice, and/or personnel/Wildlife enter the Danger Template. They must shout "CEASEFIRE" in loud and clear voice and inform the Safety Officer and Range Officer.

Ammunition and accessories

28. **Factory Ammunition.** All factory produced ammunition is accepted for use on the range. Sporting ammunition whilst considered factory ammunition is not suitable for the types of shooting conducted at the range.
29. **Military Ammunition.** Military ammunition whilst not widely available is able to be used but must be identified by the individual as suitable for their firearm and inspected as any other type of ammunition. This mainly applies to .303cal ammunition which may be classified as aging. This may include 30cal, 6,5 Mauser, or any other calibre that is considered unique.
30. **Reloads.** The individual shooter is responsible for the state of their reloaded ammunition and this applies to every member of the Rifle Club. The individual is responsible for the condition of the Brass Case, the Grain of the Projectile, the amount of powder used and the seating position of the Primer Cap. This applies to the level of experience of the individual. Individuals are encouraged to seek advice if they are unsure of the condition of their ammunition.
31. **Shot not on Target.** The VRA policy on Shots not on Target is that the bolt must be removed and the Chamber/Barrel inspected to ensure that the projectile has exited the firearm. The Scorer must inform the firer that they have a shot not on target and ensure a chamber inspection is carried out. A spotter with a telescope may assist the firer to get onto target when required.

32. **Mis-Fires.** The standard procedure for ammunition which when pressure is applied to the trigger mechanism the chambered cartridge does not fire is to wait one minute before unloading the cartridge and recommencing the practice.
33. **Cartridge unable to be chambered.** A cartridge that is unable to chamber resulting in the bolt being unable to close full must **not be forced** and is to be removed from the chamber.
34. **Maximum Calibre Ammunition.** All ammunition up to 8mm is accepted as suitable to be used at the range.
35. **Muzzle Brakes.** Are not permitted
36. **Shotguns.** Are not permitted
37. **Handguns.** Are not permitted
38. **Targets.** The only targets that are to be used are targets approved by the NRAA and are deemed suitable for the range practice. Cans, Bottles or homemade targets are not to be used.
39. **Butts.** Electronic targets are the preferred system in use at the Grantville Range. When individuals are working in the Butts a red Mantlet flag is to be flown from the mantlet. The last individual to leave the Butts prior to shooting is to lower the mantlet flag and inform the safety officer that the Butts are clear. When manual Target systems are in use two way communications must be used.
40. **Chamber flags.** It is NRAA policy that all firearms when not in use must have the bolt removed and a chamber flag inserted to indicate that the firearm has been made safe.

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Enclosures:

1. Code of Conduct
2. Visitors Form/Prohibited Person
3. Range Site Plan
4. Safety Procedures FCGRC
5. Incident Reporting Proforma
6. Safety Officers Procedure

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