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The Wondai Rifle Club as the lease holders of the South Burnett Shooting Complex require that these Range Standing Orders be followed

The South Burnett Branch of the Queensland Shooters Union is a lessee of the Wondai Rifle Club and shall also conform to these Range Standing Orders.

Companies/Organisations/Individuals, who hire/lease the range for use, must also conform to these Range Standing Orders.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Executive Authority

The Committee of the Wondai Rifle Club Incorporated (WRC), as the Executive Authority of the South Burnett Shooting Complex (SBSC) expect all users of the SBSC to have read these Range Standing Orders and to fully comply with the rules and guidance provided within this document.

The Committee of the WRC reserves the right, as necessary, to enforce these rules or where appropriate to exclude personnel from using the SBSC where they have been found to have breached the rules contained within this document.

The Complex has been approved as a Range under the Weapons Act 1990 by the Queensland Police Service dated 2nd of July 2019; a copy of this approval is at Enclosure 1.

1.2 Location and Description of the SBSC

The SBSC is a multi-user multi discipline range to the South East of the Wondai Township; the range is situated on Rifle Range Road. The entire SBSC area is leased from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Authority. A map identifying the SBSC lease boundary is at Enclosure 5. The South Burnett Shooting Complex (SBSC) consists of four ranges. A Map of the Ranges is shown at enclosure 2. They are described as follows:

1.2.1 Range One Black Powder Range

- Location To the East of Range Two, refer to our site plan
- Description Black Powder Range
- No of Firing Points 8
- Firing Distances 15 to 50 yards
- Approved Firearms Black powder cartridge and Muzzle loading firearms
- Approved Ammunition 25.4mm/1 inch
- Approved Targets Paper and Metal Silhouette targets.

1.2.2 Range Two Pistol Range

- Location On the Eastern side of the main range, refer to site plan
- Description 50m limited danger area handgun range
- No of Firing Points 10
- Firing Distances 25, 50 and 100 yards
- Approved Firearms Rim Fire and Centre Fire Handguns
- Max Approved Calibre Up to .45
- Approved Targets Paper Targets and Steel Reactive/Falling Targets.

Special Considerations

Range Two is a “Limited Danger Area Range.” This means that the range relies on the construction mounds, walls and baffles to stop projectiles departing the range.

It is essential that an extremely high standard of shooter discipline be maintained. Shooters must take all possible care to eliminate errant shots, including high shots and ricochets. Evidence of projectiles leaving the property will result in the closure of the range.

1.2.3 Range Three Centre Fire Main Range

- Location Main Central Range refer to site plan
- Description 900 yard Full Bore Center Fire rifle range
- No of Firing Points 10
- Firing Distances 900, 800, 700, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200 and 100 yards
- Approved Firearms Centre Fire Rifles up to a calibre of 8mm
- Approved Targets Electronic and Paper Targets
- Approved Ammunition No Ball or Full Metal Jacket is permitted on the range however Full Metal Jacket is approved for Military/Historical Events.
- Approved Muzzle Velocity 4100ft/sec (1250m/sec)
- Approved Muzzle Energy 4100ft/lbs (5675 joules)

1.2.4 Range Four Centre fire Zero and Smallbore .22 Range

- Location Southern End of the Clubhouse in line with the Full Bore Safety Zone
- **Description One** Four Lane Centre fire Bench rest Zero Range
- Firing Distance 100 yards
- Approved Firearms Centre Fire rifles up to calibre of 8mm
- Approved Ammunition As for Range Three
- Approved targets Paper Targets only (It is envisioned that electronic targets may be acquired for this range, if so they also would be approved for use)
- **Description Two** Eight Lane .22 Rim Fire Silhouette low velocity range
- No of Firing Points 8 – Under Cover
- Firing Distances 35 yards to 100 yards
- Approved Firearms .22 Rim Fire Rifles
- **Approved Ammunition** ***Low Velocity Ammunition ONLY. No high velocity .22 ammunition is to be used on this range***
- Approved Targets Steel Silhouette and Paper targets.

The WRC operates and maintains the 10 lane 900 yd full bore range, Range Three. The range is contained within the main area of the SBSC and consists of mounds at 100yd intervals from 100yds to 900yds. No Ball or Full Metal Jacket is permitted to be used on the SBSC with the exception noted for Range Three in regard to Military/Historical events.

1.3 Document Structure

These Range Standing Orders for the South Burnett Shooting Complex are divided into the following seven parts:

- Part 1 – Introduction
- Part 2 – All User Requirements.
- Part 3 – 900 yd Range Three User Requirements.
- Part 4 – Zero Range Four User Requirements.
- Part 5 – Pistol Range Two User Requirements.
- Part 6 – Small-bore Range Four User Requirements
- Part 7 – Black Powder Range One User Requirements
- Part 8 – Enclosures.

1.4 Hierarchy of Applicable Law and Policy

Users must understand that these Range Standing Orders are a key risk mitigation strategy in that they identify **individual responsibilities** when using the South Burnett Shooting Complex Rifle Range and **collective responsibilities**.

Not knowing or understanding what is expected is not an excuse.

Every South Burnett Shooters Complex range user has the right to stop unsafe practices and SHOULD DO SO.

1.5 Abbreviations

- SBBQSU - South Burnett Branch of the Queensland Shooters Union
- QPS - Queensland Police Service
- WRC – Wondai Rifle Club Incorporated
- ISSF – International Shooting Sports Federation
- QRA – Queensland Rifle Association
- RSO Range Standing Orders
- SSAA – Sporting Shooters Association of Australia.

- SSR's – Standing Shooters Rules as promulgated by the National Rifle Association of Australia Limited
- QPWS – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.
- TRA - Target Rifle Australia Limited – the Peak body for Small-bore and Air Rifle Target Shooting in Australia

2. All User Requirements

This part of the Range Standing Orders (RSOs) describes the common responsibilities for all users of the South Burnett Shooting Complex (SBSC) regardless of the Club or Third Party to which they might belong, regardless of the range they use.

The Wondai Rifle Club Incorporated (WRC) as the lease holder and operator of the SBSC has the legal right to insist upon the correct and safe behaviour of all personnel on the SBSC. Consequently, all SBSC users are to be aware of these requirements as well as the requirements particular to the specific range that they are using, which are set out in other Parts of these RSOs.

2.1 Legal Responsibility of Clubs and Third Parties

A legal responsibility for ensuring the correct and safe behaviour of range users sits with a Club or a Third Party that has been granted permission to use a specific range within the SBSC for any period of time.

2.2 Access and Timings

Access to the SBSC is controlled. Only members of the WRC, the SBBQSU or approved third parties (QPS) are to have keys and these keys are not to be copied or loaned. Keys that are held by personnel should be returned on request of a club committee and/or when the membership has ceased. A register of all keys is to be maintained. All keys issued to members of the WRC or the SBBQSU or third party is to be signed for in the key register

The Small-bore Range may be used for live firing on any Saturday with exception of the First Saturday of the month which is used for Training purposes. Use of the Small-bore Range will be subject to approval by the WRC in accordance with its Rules and By-laws and a Management Agreement signed off by the WRC. Normal club shooting times on the Small-bore Range are Saturday mornings and afternoons.

The 900 yd Range may only be used for live firing during the period from 0800h to 1700 on any Sunday **or on Saturdays with prior fair notice given to the Committee of the SBBQSU**. Normal club shooting times on the 900 yd Range are Sundays only (or on Saturdays by arrangement with the SBBQSU) and on other days with prior arrangement with the QPWS.

2.3 SBSC Management

The Committee of the WRC, which generally meets bi-monthly, will manage the SBSC with other user clubs. The Committee of the WRC will:

- Coordinate competition dates and yearly calendars
- Determine priorities where there is a conflict in SBSC bookings
- Authorise SBSC development works
- Scope and prioritise the expenditure of SBSC user fee funding for general upgrades to the SBSC

2.4 SBSC Approvals

The Complex has been approved as a Range under the Weapons Act 1990 by the Queensland Police Service dated 2nd of July 2019; a copy of this approval is at Enclosure 1.

2.5 SBSC Closures

The Committee of the WRC may decide to close any or all ranges on the SBSC for any reason. Typically, the reason will be actual or forecast extreme weather or extreme fire danger or where the use of vehicles or the conduct of events may cause excessive damage.

If the Committee of the WRC directs the closure of the Small-bore Range, the Secretary of the SBBQSU shall be advised.

Where possible, SBSC closure periods will be notified on the WRC Website at <https://www.wondairifleclub.org/>

2.6 No Shooting Alone

Under no circumstances will a shooter be allowed to use the SBSC alone. Where only two shooters are present, one person must be an accredited Range Officer. The Pistol Range has stricter rules which are outlined in Part 5 of these RSOs.

No shooting on the SBSC Ranges shall be undertaken unless a Qualified Range Officer is present.

2.7 Supervision of Safety - Responsible Person

The responsibility for supervision of safety remains with the duly appointed and accredited Range Officer. The Range Officer is the person appointed by the controlling body to take

control of a shoot from the firing point. Range officers are to be visible/easily identified (i.e. wear a high visibility vest) and remain at the firing point.

All Third-Party users that have been granted or assumed control of a specific range within the SBSC are legally responsible for both the appointment of a Range Officer(s) who is appropriately qualified for the courses of fire that are to be undertaken, and the performance of that Range Officer(s).

2.8 Range Officer Duties

All live firing is to be controlled by the Range Officer. The Range Officer is responsible for the safe conduct of the shoot and the actions of personnel whilst on the range. The Range Officer is to ensure compliance with these RSOs. ***Live firing is not to commence until authorised by the Range Officer.***

The Range Officer is to ensure the following actions have occurred prior to the commencement of live firing:

- The Range Officer shall ensure that all members have presented to him/her their Shooters Licence or Form 33.
- The Range Officer must ascertain if new shooters have experience with longer range shooting and whether or not their rifles have been zeroed for long range firing.
- The Range Officer is to ensure that the new shooters rifle/ammunition does not exceed range muzzle velocity/energy or calibre limits.
- The Range Officer has sighted any new shooters or new members appropriate Licence or Identification and for Unlicensed Shooters that the appropriate Form 33's have been completed. Junior shooters without photo ID will need to have a Birth Certificate produced to the Range Officer prior to shooting.
- That the appropriate danger flags and/or signs/barricades are in place.
- That the appropriate first aid kits are in place at the firing point, and also in the butts if personnel are to remain there during the shoot.
- That the range forward of the firing point is not occupied and that the observable danger area is clear of personnel.

The Range Officer is to ensure the following at the conclusion of live firing:

- That all targets have been put away.
- That all rubbish has been collected and correctly disposed of.
- That all stores and equipment have been returned to the nominated storage location.

- That all signs, flags and barriers have been removed and returned to the nominated storage location.

Other Parts of these RSOs shall specify additional duties for a Range Officer that is to be observed on the relevant range.

The WRC will usually appoint a QRA/NRAA accredited Range Officer as the Range Officer for the Full-bore Range. Other accreditations may be acceptable on a case by case basis.

The SBBQSU will usually appoint a Target Rifle Australia Limited (TRA) accredited Range Officer as the Range Officer for the Small-bore Range. Other accreditations may be acceptable on a case by case basis.

Third Party Bookings are required to provide their own range officer as defined by their range usage requirements.

2.8.1 Unsafe or Defective Firearms

- If in the opinion of the Range Officer a firearm, cartridge or any other item being used is unsafe then the Range Officer has the authority to order that it no longer be used until it has been made safe to the satisfaction of the Range Officer.
- All shooters are to advise the Range Officer immediately if they suspect that a fellow shooter is using a Defective/Malfunctioning or Unsafe Firearm.
- If any shooter believes that the firearm being used is unsafe they should immediately cause a ceasefire to be enabled by shouting cease fire or stop, stop, stop.
- The Range Officer on receipt of such advice of a malfunctioning or defective firearm shall inspect such firearm and ascertain if its use is to be continued on the range. If the firearm, in the opinion of the range officer, is likely to continue to malfunction or is defective the shooter shall be advised to cease using the firearm.
- If adjudged to be unsafe the firearm must immediately cease being used. Be unloaded and removed from the mound following the standard shooting rules for safety.
- In the case of a malfunctioning, defective or unsafe firearm being observed on the range the Range Officer for the shoot will complete a report setting out the circumstances which shall be presented to the Range Operator the WRC.
- On receipt of this report the WRC may choose to require the shooter to have the subject firearm examined by a Licensed Gunsmith or Armourer to ensure that the firearm can be operated in a safe manner in the future.

- If the firearm which is the subject of the report is not inspected and a report compiled from a Licensed Gunsmith or Armourer stating that the firearm is now safe to use, the firearms future use may not be permitted on the SBSC area.

2.9 Clearance of Firearms and Magazines

Before retiring from a firing point each firer must go through the unloading motions with the muzzle pointing towards the target and then remove the bolt from the rifle, or where approved, leave the action in an open position and insert a breach flag.

For Full-bore shooters, before the shooter retires from the firing point he/she shall present the breech of the rifle to the scorer and check scorer where applicable so that they can verify that the chamber of the rifle is empty looking through the chamber and down the barrel.

The bolt is not to be re-inserted in the firearm after the breech has been cleared.

If using an external magazine on the SBSC, the magazine is to be removed from the firearm and the ammunition is to be removed. As the shooter retires from the firing point the shooter shall satisfy the person clearing the firearm that the magazine is also empty.

Alternatives to the following default procedures for clearing firearms and magazines as specified in the current Standard Shooting Rules (SSRs) for the 900yd Range or the current Target Rifle Australia Limited (TRA) Supplementary Rules for the Small-bore Range may be adopted in their entirety.

2.10 Warning Signs to be In Place

Before the Centre-fire Range Three is opened for live firing a warning sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the main Range must show that live firing is in progress.

Before the Zero Range is opened for live firing a warning sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Small-bore Range must show that live firing is in progress.

Before the Small-bore Range is opened for live firing a warning sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Small-bore Range must show that live firing is in progress.

Before the Pistol Range is opened for live firing a warning sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Small-bore Range must show that live firing is in progress.

Before the Black Powder Range is opened for live firing a warning sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Small-bore Range must show that live firing is in progress.

In the case of either range being open the appropriate red flags are to be displayed at the top of the road on Rifle Range Road, at the Entrance to the Range and on the mound of the range in use.

2.11 Specific Range Restrictions

In addition to standard safety procedures, the following restrictions apply to the SBSC:

- ***All persons must sign in on arrival at the SBSC in both the Attendance Register and the Range Register***
- New Members must show their Shooters Licence to the Range Officer before shooting
- Only the Range Officer can OPEN or CLOSE the Range in use.
- In the event of a conflict the Range Officers decision is FINAL.
- Only Range Safety Officers are to instruct juniors and new members.
- Range Officers may inspect any firearm or ammunition used on any range on the SBSC
- New members must inform the Range Officer of their experience with firearms
- The use of shotguns is not permitted. (See Below)
- Firearms must comply fully with the Queensland Weapons Act.
- Automatic fire is not permitted.
- Pyrotechnics and tracer ammunition are not permitted.
- Full Metal Jacket or Ball projectiles are not permitted with the exception of Military/Historical events
- Internal Magazines can only be used for Military or Historical shoots
- External magazines may be used for the discipline of Sporting and Hunting class or for Military rifles engaged in Historical events only.
- Shooters engaged in any discipline other than Sporting/Hunter class or Military Historical shoots are to use single round loads only.
- No Domestic Animals are allowed on the South Burnett Shooting Complex.
- No open footwear is to be worn on any range in the SBSC
- All QPWS Regulations must be adhered to completely.

Exemptions for the use of shotguns may be received with the express written approval of the WRC Committee.

2.12 Alcohol, Drugs and Responsible Control over a Firearm

Section 59 (2) of the Queensland Weapons Act 1990 (Page 92) prohibits a person possessing, carrying or using a firearm while the person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It also imposes penalties on the Range Operator who does not take all reasonable steps to ensure that a person believed to be under the influence of alcohol or any other drug does not take part in a shooting activity at a shooting range. Section 108 (4) applies in this instance.

Personnel are not authorised to shoot on the SBSC if under the influence of alcohol or any other drug, or if for any reason they are unable to exercise responsible control over a firearm.

The Range Officer has the authority to refuse an individual access to the firing point if they believe that individual is under the influence of alcohol or any other drug, or if for any reason they believe that individual is unable to exercise responsible control over a firearm. The onus of proving innocence rests with the individual and not the Range Officer.

Under no circumstances may personnel consume alcohol on the SBSC whilst firing or before firing. Alcohol may only be consumed by personnel on the SBSC once they have finished shooting for the day and only then in the designated area.

2.13 Shooter Safety Responsibilities

Shooters have the responsibility to comply with the following rules:

- The Sections in Part 2 of these RSO's specifically relating to No Shooting Alone, Clearance of Firearms and Alcohol, Drugs and Responsible Control over a Firearm apply to all users with no exceptions.
- Firearms must be handled with the utmost care and carried with actions open and/or the bolt removed.
- The Firearm Action can only be closed and or cocked only when the firearm is pointed direction at the target/butts from the firing mound/point.
- When picking up or receiving a firearm, the receiver must point the firearm in a safe direction and immediately verify that it is unloaded.
- All shots are to be fired so that projectiles are safely captured by the relevant stop butt.
- No firearm is to be removed from the firing point unless it has been inspected and cleared.
- On the command CEASE FIRE or STOP, STOP, STOP all firing must stop immediately, all cartridges extracted from the breech and all actions must be left open.
- All personnel will follow the directions of the range officer.

- All firearms on the SBSC must be in good mechanical condition and adjusted to function safely.
- Any person who is aware of any misconduct or a firearm or cartridge condition likely to cause danger or damage must notify the Range Officer Immediately.
- In the event of a misfire or malfunction call the Range Officer immediately. Do not open the firearm or attempt to remedy the problem. Keep the firearm addressing the target and/or stop butt.
- All personnel must secure their firearms against theft while they are on the SBSC. Your firearm is your responsibility
- Other person's firearms or equipment are not to be touched without the owner's permission.

2.14 General Health and Safety Principles

The following Principles are to be adhered to by all Range users:

- All Users should be conscious of the heat extremes at the Range, consequently, all personnel should ensure that they bring water, sun block and appropriate sun protection.
- All Users should be vigilant for signs of snakes.
- Machinery is to be checked prior to use to ensure that it is in safe working order. Any machinery faults are to be reported immediately to the responsible Club Official. All machinery must be maintained in safe working order.
- Before use of any of the club mowers the oil and hydraulic fluid levels are to be checked and topped up if necessary
- Machinery is not to be used in proximity to firing mounds when the range is in use.

All users of the SBSC are encouraged to report any dangers that are perceived to present a risk to life and limb to the promoting body senior office-bearer (or nominated deputy), and to do so as soon as practicable.

2.15 Protection of Hearing / Eyesight

All shooters and spectators, including club officials in the vicinity of any firing point of the SBSC must wear ear plugs, ear muffs, or similar hearing protection. All shooters are encouraged to wear shatterproof shooting glasses or similar eye protection whilst shooting. **The WRC accepts no responsibility for persons who choose not to wear the appropriate hearing or eye protection.**

2.16 Range Etiquette

All range users are to be aware of the necessity of ensuring that all participants on the range have a pleasant experience. In order that this may be accomplished members should remember the following principles.

- Whilst other members are on the mound/firing point persons should keep the conversations to a minimum and not disturb the shooters.
- Persons not engaged in shooting should be mindful of where they are standing and where their shadows are falling.
- Every effort should be made to ensure that the person on the mound/firing line is not disturbed.
- Members are reminded that smoking is not permitted at the firing mounds and is only permitted in the smoking area; a map of the smoking area is in Enclosure 6. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

2.16.1 Code of Conduct/Misconduct

- Any person engaging in unacceptable behaviour towards any member of the WRC or the SBBQSU, or any other person shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- The term 'misconduct' shall be interpreted to mean conduct, which in the opinion of a majority of the members of the WRC could bring discredit on The Wondai Rifle Club and/or be unbecoming on the part of a member.
- Unacceptable behaviour encompasses such things as, but not limited to, foul, abusive, bullying or intimidating language.
- Any person found to be engaging in such behaviour will be issued a first and final warning notice requesting that the behaviour be modified
- Should the behaviour continue unmodified the person concerned may, at the discretion of the WRC Committee, be prohibited from using the facilities of the SBSC

2.17 First Aid Kits

The WRC is to maintain an appropriate first aid kit in the following locations:

- In the Wondai Rifle Club clubhouse.
- At the firing point of the Main Range whenever the WRC is conducting live firing on that range.

- SBBQSU is to maintain an appropriate first aid kit at the Small-bore Range.

Third Party users of the SBSC are responsible for arranging the provision of appropriate first aid kit(s) for use at the firing point and also in the target gallery (if required).

2.18 Prescribed Event (Incident or Accident on the SBSC)

Any incident or accident on the SBSC, specifically including injury to a person or damage to property at or in vicinity of any range is considered to be a prescribed event and the following actions are to be observed:

- Any user of the SBSC may call for firing to CEASE or STOP if the circumstances of a prescribed event warrant, but in any event the Range Officer must be advised immediately of the occurrence of a prescribed event. The Range Officer will then consider whether shooting may continue or not.
- The Range Officer is to supervise immediate first aid at the scene of the incident.
- In the case of an accident or injury that requires evacuation for medical treatment a person nominated by the Range Officer is to telephone 000.

Apart from making safe any firearm that may have been directly involved, the Range Officer is to ensure the preservation of the incident site, so the appropriate authorities (Queensland Police, Workplace Health and Safety) can conduct an investigation (if required).

2.19 Prescribed Event - Additional Requirements

The following additional actions are to occur after injury to a person or damage to property:

- Consideration of the need to make an immediate notification to the Queensland Police.
- Photos of the scene and/or damaged property are to be taken where possible.
- The incident is to be reported to the WRC Committee/Captain (or the nominated deputy), including all details of the person/people involved and the details of the firearm(s) involved. This information is to be reviewed by the Committee of the WRC at the earliest possible opportunity.

Where there has been a death or serious injury, the Queensland Police and Work Safe Queensland is to be notified immediately in accordance with Enclosure 6 Emergency Contacts.

2.20 Non-Prescribed Events

An accident not related in any way to the conduct of shooting on the SBSC shall be dealt with in a similar way to the preceding two paragraphs by the senior office-bearer or member of the group involved.

2.21 Environmental Protection

All ranges on the SBSC are subject to environmental regulation. The SBSC has an Environmental Authorisation, which set out a number of requirements that must be observed. The WRC is a supporter of nature conservation and the protection of the environment. Consequently, the following rules are to be observed:

- Dumping is not permitted on the SBSC unless approved by the Committee of the WRC. Any person(s) found dumping will be required to remove the dumped items and may be banned from the SBSC.
- Native fauna is not to be shot on the SBSC. Where possible, any development activity is to take into account the protection of native fauna habitat and breeding grounds.
- Rubbish bins are provided for the collection of rubbish on the SBSC. Therefore, all personnel are to ensure rubbish is put in the bins provided.
- Firing of projectiles is only to be into the appropriate stop butt.

2.22 Use of Vehicles

Private vehicles may be used on the Main Range provided that personnel:

- Only use the designated roads, tracks and car parks.
- Take heed of all warning signs and flags
- Adhere to the general 20km/h speed limit.

Speeding will not be tolerated. It causes damage to the roads, dust, and is an inherent risk to children and pedestrians.

2.23 Camping

The area on the Northern side of the Wondai Rifle Club clubhouse between the clubhouse and the road and on the Southern side of the Clubhouse between the Clubhouse and the small bore rifle shooting area are the areas suitable for camping with the prior approval of the WRC.

2.24 Third Party Range Bookings

Except for short term requests for the use of the Small-bore Range (as addressed below) all Third-Party requests for use of the SBSC must be directed to the Committee of the WRC (via the Range Representative) for approval. In submitting an application for use, the Third Party will need to:

- Provide legal indemnity to the WRC and/or proof of insurance of the Third Party.
- Appoint an appropriately qualified Range Officer(s) to run the practice, refer to the sections in Part 2 of these RSOs.
- Identify the dates and times of the proposed access/use.
- Detail any administrative support required, including use of club facilities, targets etc.
- Acknowledge that the Third Party has been issued with a copy of these RSOs
- Guarantee that any competition, practice or safety rules that the Range Officer(s) may be required to apply to the shoot being promoted by the Third-Party shoot do not negate the intent or the primacy of these RSOs.

The SBBQSU Committee may allow short term Third Party use of the Small-bore Range after dealing with the request in the same manner as the preceding paragraph.

All Third-Party users of the SBSC will be required to pay charges to the WRC in accordance with the schedule approved by the Committee of the WRC.

All Third-Party users will be required to provide usage information such as rounds fired for environmental reporting purposes to the WRC for the Main Range or the SBBQSU for the Small-bore Range.

2.25 Unlicensed Shooters

In accordance with Section 53 of the Queensland Weapons Act Unlicensed shooters or licence shooters who are not authorised to possess the weapon he'/she proposes to physically possess and use must complete a Form 33 or Form 33A. The Range Officer must then sign the Form 33 in accordance with Section 53(3) of the Qld Weapons Act.

2.26 Guests and Spectators

Guests (children and adults) are the responsibility of the adult club member who they came with and must remain under adult control at all times.

Spectators are the responsibility of the Range Officer. The Range Officer may appoint another club member to assist in the supervision of spectators.

2.27 Smoking

Due to the extreme fire hazard in the range area, smoking is not permitted on roadways or in wooded areas.

- Smoking is not permitted on any firing point on any range.
- Smoking is only permitted in the designated area. See enclosure 6.
- Smokers should be encouraged to wash their hands after shooting and before smoking due to the hazard posed by the possible ingestion of lead.
- All smoking materials (butts etc) are to be disposed of in the containers provided
- Electronic Cigarettes are only permitted to be used in the designated smoking area refer to Enclosure 6

3. Range Three User Requirements

3.1 General

This part of the RSOs specifically relates to the use of the 900 yard Range (herein referred to as the Main Range) and should be read in conjunction with Part 2 of these RSOs, current SSRs or other Shooting Rules.

3.2 Description of Shooting Facilities

The Range is a limited range danger area (LDA) classification range. This range is used predominantly for long range target rifle shooting; a range layout map which displays the LDA Template is at Enclosure 3 and a Road Map of the area is at Enclosure 4.

The 900 yd Range consists of the 900 yd Main Range Three, which has a 10 target capability with Imperial firing mounds from 100 to 900 yards.

Four other ranges on the SBSC also rely on the above mentioned RDA Template. They are dealt with in separate Parts of these RSOs, namely:

- Part 4 – Zero Range Four User Requirements
- Part 5 – Pistol Range Two User Requirements
- Part 6 – Small Bore Range Four User Requirements
- Part 7 – Black Powder Range One User Requirements

3.3 Range Three Restrictions

In addition to standard safety procedures and the section in Part 2 of these RSOs, the following restrictions apply to the Main Range:

- For F Class, F Standard and Target Rifle Disciplines Firearms shall be single loaded only
- For Sporting/Hunter Class the use of External Magazines only is approved
- Firearms with internal magazines in the Sporting/Hunter class must be single loaded only
- Military Rifles engaged in Historical events are permitted to use internal or external magazines
- As specifically agreed by the Committee of the WRC environmentally approved targets that involve no risk of ricochet may be placed directly onto the stop butt for a rifle practice provided all remnants are removed at the end of each day.
- Targets must be placed so that ALL projectiles fired will be safely captured by the stop butt. Care is to be taken when placing targets that projectiles will not strike any part of the wooden frame in use.
- Shooters are to be positioned in relation to their targets so that the line of fire is parallel to the centre line of the range. Each firing point on the Main Range consists of a mound and no shooter is to be forward of the centreline of the mound at any time.

3.3.1 Barricades Used/Alternative Entry to Clubrooms

Barricades are to be erected along the roadway leading to the Clubrooms when competitions are taking place on the Centre Fire Range.

- When firing on the Main Range, Range Three is being undertaken from the 800 yd firing point
- When firing is being undertaken from the 800 yd firing point Barricades are to be erected on the Range Road adjacent to the firing point.
- When firing is being undertaken from the 900yd firing point Barricades are to be erected on the Range Roadway, Rifle Range Road.
- When Barricades are in place entry to the clubhouse is restricted to the doors on the Southern Side of the clubhouse only.

3.4 Type of Firearms Approved for Use on the 900 yard Range Three

The firearms that are approved for use on the Main Range are:

- All centre fire calibres up to and including 8mm calibre.

3.5 Warning Signs to be In Place

Before the Main Range is opened for live firing the following signs must be displayed:

- The sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Main Range must show that live firing is in progress.
- Red Danger Flags are to be positioned as follows:
- On Rifle Range Road at the top of the hill.
- At the entrance to the SBSC, at the firing Mound and on the Stop Butt Flag Pole – at all times for live firing.

3.6 Range Officer to be In Place

All live firing is to be controlled by a duly appointed and accredited Range Officer in accordance with Part 2 of these RSOs.

3.7 Timings

As set out in Part 2 of these RSOs the Main Range may only be used for live firing during the period from 0800h to 1700 on any day with approval.

Normal club shooting times on the Main Range Three are only Sundays or Saturdays by prior arrangement with the SBBQSU. Requests by current club members to use the Range on an ad hoc basis are to be made to the Range Representative who will then clear the date with the QPWS.

Any member who wishes to use the range on any day other than a Sunday must give the Range Representative at least 30 days notice via email or in writing. Fees in accordance with the schedule approved by the Committee of the WRC apply.

3.8 Range Three Communications

When personnel are in the target gallery during live firing:

- Radio communications are to be maintained between the Range Officer at the firing point and the Butts Officer at the target gallery at all times
- This communication link should be verified by “radio checks” after 15 minutes of silence.
- If this communication link fails, then an attempt to restore contact may be attempted via mobile phones.

When no personnel are in the target gallery during live firing there is no requirement for the use of radio communications.

3.9 Safety in the Target Gallery (Butts)

The safety requirements for the target gallery and butts area include:

- Markers and the Butts Officer are to remain under the cover of the target Gallery and at no time move behind the target frames when live firing is in progress.
- When the red flag in the target gallery is raised then that indicates to all personnel in the Main Range that live firing is not permitted, and this red flag should only be lowered by joint agreement between the Range Officer and the Butts Officer that it is safe for live firing to start.
- If communications are lost between the firing point and the target gallery either the red flag in the target gallery is raised by the Butts Officer to order a cease fire, and/or the Range Officer orders CEASE FIRE and UNLOAD at the firing point until corrective action is taken. Firing will only resume when the Range Officer and the Butts Officer are satisfied that communications have been restored and it is once again safe for live firing to start.
- The red flag in the target gallery is to be raised only on the order of the Range Officer on completion of live firing or by the Butts Officer in case of an emergency. If the red flag is raised while firing is in progress, firing is to be stopped immediately.
- No personnel are to leave the target gallery without the direct permission of the Butts Officer, and only after the Butts Officer has communicated directly with the Range Officer to confirm it is safe to leave the target gallery and the red flag in the target gallery has been raised.
- When the red flag is raised, then the targets must be lowered (electronic targets may be an exception from this requirement at the discretion of the Butts Officer due to their heavy nature)

3.10 Procedure at the Firing Point Range Three

The following rules apply to all users of the 900yd Range Three

- Mobile/Temporary Shooting Benches acceptable to the Range Officer may be used at any of the firing points.
- Spectators should remain a safe distance (1 metre or more) behind the firing point.

- Cycling of Action: As described in the SSR, prior to commencing shooting for the first time every day, each shooter must vigorously cycle the bolt of their rifle in the presence of the scorer or the Range Officer (for shoots conducted under the NRAA rules)
- Location of Muzzle on Firing Point: Shooters are to ensure that the muzzle of their firearm is continually pointed towards the targets at all times whilst on the firing mound and until cleared by the Scorer or the Range Officer.

3.11 Use of Electronic Targets

Electronic targets and conventional targets with markers can be used concurrently. In this case, or if personnel are to remain in the target gallery for whatever reason even though electronic targets only are to be used, then normal safety measures for the protection of personnel and the use of radio communications apply. The exception is that personnel in the target gallery will not lower electronic targets when shooting has ceased due to their heavy nature.

Where electronic targets only are to be used with no personnel at all in the target gallery during live firing, then the red flag is not to be raised in target gallery, and communication to the target gallery is not required.

The appointed Range Officer is to physically ensure that the target gallery and butts area is free of personnel before returning to the firing point and giving the order to commence firing. If any doubt exists or arises, the Range Officer must close the range and physically re-check the target gallery and butts area to determine that it is clear of personnel.

Only zeroed rifles are to be used on electronic targets. If any doubt exists, then the shooter will not be permitted to use an electronic target until they have zeroed their rifle. The Zero Range should be used ahead of any practice or competition.

The following rules apply when using electronic targets:

- If only electronic targets are being used (i.e. no markers and no Butts Officer), there is no requirement for radio communications to the Markers Gallery.
- Care must be taken when moving the monitors at the firing point. Where two monitors are provided at each firing point there should be minimal need to move monitors over or around shooters or rifles.
- Personnel relocating ET target monitors must ensure that the rifle of the shooter waiting to commence shooting is unloaded (i.e. the bolt of the rifle is open and drawn back to its full length) before commencing to relocate the monitor. At no time shall personnel relocating a monitor step over a shooter's body or rifle.

4 Range Four Zero Range User Requirements

4.1 General

This part of the RSOs specifically relates to the use of the 100 yard Zero Range and should be read in conjunction with Parts 2 and 3 of these RSOs.

The Zero Range operates on the Southern side of the Clubhouse its firing point is located to the East of the Small Bore Range.

Firing from this position must only be directed at targets on the 100 yd Zero Range. Normal procedures for the Main range apply to the use of the Zero Range.

All firing on the Zero Range is to be undertaken by a single load only, no Magazines either internal or External are to be used.

4.2 Access and Timing

Current club members may use the Zero Range at between the hours of 0800 and 1500 on Sundays. Requests by current club members to use the Zero Range at any other time are to be made to the WRC Range Representative. The same rules as for the Main Range in regard to requests to operate apply to the Zero Range.

4.3 Procedures Specific to the Zero Range Four

In addition to Part 2 of these RSOs, the following rules apply to the use of the 100yd Zero Range:

- All live firing is to be controlled by an accredited Range Officer in accordance with Part 2 of these RSOs.
- Before live firing at the Zero Range the Range Officer is to ensure that:
- The sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Zero Range shows that live firing is in progress,
- The red danger flag is flying at the SBSC entry point and at firing point
- Personnel must provide their own zero targets. Targets must be placed so that ALL projectiles fired at the Zero Range will be safely captured by the stop butt. Care is to be taken when placing targets that projectiles will not strike any part of the wooden frame in use.

- Shooters are to be positioned in relation to their targets so that the line of fire is parallel to the centre line of the Zero Range.
- All firearms used on the 100 yard Zero Range must be cleared prior to removal.
- All firing at the Zero Range is to be by single load only.

5 Pistol Range Two User Requirements

5.1 General

This part of the RSOs specifically relate to the use of the Pistol Range.

Parts 2 and 3 of these RSOs apply when using the 25m Pistol Range unless otherwise stated. The Pistol Range is operated by the SBBQSU and is located to the East of the Butts of the Main Range Three

5.2 Access and Timing

The Pistol Range is operated on Saturdays under the management of the SBBQSU the range operated between the hours of 0800 to 1700 on Saturdays with the exception of the First Saturday of the month which is reserved for Shooters Licence Applicants Training.

5.3 Procedures Specific to the Pistol Range

The following rules apply to the use of the Pistol Range:

- All live firing is to be controlled by a duly appointed and accredited Range Officer in accordance with Part 2 of these RSOs.
- In addition, the Range Officer(s) so appointed must be able to also demonstrate appropriate experience in the conduct of pistol target shooting.

Before live firing at the Pistol Range shooters are to ensure that:

- The sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Pistol Range shows that live firing is in progress
- The red danger flag is flying at the firing line, and
- Shooters are to be positioned in relation to their targets so that the line of fire is parallel to the centre line of the Pistol Range.
- All firearms and magazines used on the 25m Pistol Range must be cleared prior to removal.

5.4 Workplace Health and Safety

The SBBQSU Committee has prime responsibility for the observance of Workplace Health and Safety law as it applies to the operation and maintenance of the Pistol Range.

6 Smallbore Range Four User Requirements

6.1 General

This part of the RSOs specifically relates to the use of the Smallbore Range and should be read in conjunction with Part 2 of these RSOs, current ISSF Rules, and TRA Supplementary Rules.

6.2 Access and Timings

As set out in Part 2 of the RSOs the Smallbore Range may be used for live firing between the hours of 0800 and 1700 on Saturdays only with the exception of the First Saturday of the month which is reserved for Training purposes. Applications for other days may be made to the WRC Range Representative in writing with 30 days notice to advise the QPWS of the request to use the range.

6.3 Description of Shooting Facilities

The Smallbore Range Four consists of a 35 to 100 yard Rim fire Range. The range is located to the South of the Clubhouse and the firing points are located under cover.

6.4 Smallbore Range Restrictions

In addition to standard safety procedures and the section in Part 2 of these RSOs headed SBSC Restrictions; the following restrictions apply to the Smallbore Range:

- Only Low Velocity Ammunition is to be used on the Small Bore Range
- Only paper or steel falling silhouette targets may be used.
- Targets must be placed so that ALL projectiles fired will be safely captured by the stop butt. Care is to be taken when placing targets that projectiles will not strike any part of the wooden frame in use.
- Shooters are to be positioned in relation to their targets so that the line of fire is parallel to the centre line of the range.

6.5 Types of Firearms Approved for Use on the Smallbore Range

Only the following firearm type may be used on the 35 to 100yd Smallbore Range:

- Rifles 5.6 mm (.22) calibre using target velocity long rifle ammunition

6.6 Warning Signs to be In Place

Before the Smallbore Range is opened for live firing:

- A sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Smallbore Range must show that live firing is in progress.
- Red flags must be displayed as mandated in Part 2 and warning signs as mandated by the Committee of the SBBQSU must be displayed.
- Proper heed is to be given to the warning signs and flags that may have been deployed in respect of other specific ranges within the SBSC.

6.7 Range Officer to be In Place

- All live firing is to be controlled by a duly appointed and accredited Range Officer in accordance with Part 2 of these RSOs.
- The Range Officer for the Small Bore Range Four should be an accredited Field and Rim Fire Range Safety Officer
- All current ISSF Rules and TRA Supplementary Rules are to be observed: LOAD, START and STOP are the most commonly used commands on the Smallbore Range.

6.8 Workplace Health and Safety

The SBBQSU Committee has prime responsibility for the observance of Workplace Health and Safety law as it applies to the operation and maintenance of the Smallbore Range.

7 Range One Black Powder Range

7.1 General

This part of the RSOs specifically relates to the use of the Black Powder Range and should be read in conjunction with Parts 2 and 3 of these RSOs.

The Black Powder Range operates on the eastern side of the main Range Three and the Pistol Range.

7.2 Access and Timings

Current club members may use the Black Powder Range in daylight hours between 0800 and 1700 on Saturdays with the exception of the First Saturday of the month which is reserved for Training.

Requests by current club members to use the Black Powder Range at any other time are to be made to the WRC Range Representative with the requirement that the request is made in writing and that 30 days notice is given.

7.3 Range Officer to be In Place

All live firing is to be controlled by a duly appointed and accredited Range Officer in accordance with Part 2 of these RSOs. As current ISSF Rules and TRA Supplementary Rules are to be observed: LOAD, START and STOP are the most commonly used commands on the Range.

7.4 Procedures Specific to the Black Powder Range

The following rules apply to the use of the Black Powder Range:

- All live firing is to be controlled by a duly appointed and accredited Range Officer in accordance with Part 2 of these RSOs.
- In addition, the Range Officer(s) so appointed must be able to also demonstrate appropriate experience in the conduct of black powder rifle and pistol shooting.

Before live firing at the Black Powder Range shooters are to ensure that:

- The sign at the main entrance to the SBSC specific to the Black Powder Range shows that live firing is in progress
- The red danger flag is flying on the stop butt flag pole, and
- The Black Powder Range warning sign is displayed on the access road to the SBSC
- Shooters are to be positioned in relation to their targets so that the line of fire is parallel to the centre line of the Black Powder Range.
- All firearms used on the Black Powder Range must be cleared prior to removal

7.5 Workplace Health and Safety

The SBBQSU Committee has prime responsibility for the observance of Workplace Health and Safety law as it applies to the operation and maintenance of the Black Powder Range.

8. Enclosures

1. Range Approval from Queensland Police
2. Map of the South Burnett Shooting Complex
3. Map of the Safety Zones of the South Burnett Shooting Complex
4. Range Safety Template with Roadways.
5. Lease Plan from Queensland Parks and Wildlife.
6. Map of Designated Smoking area
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