

**Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (Tasmania)  
Oakdale Pistol Club Inc.  
Club Policy & Safety Rules**

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**Section 1. Club Policy**

**1. Name and Aim**

a) Name

- i) The Club shall be known as the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (Tasmania) Oakdale Pistol Club Inc.
- ii) Abbreviated name shall be S.S.A.A. Oakdale Pistol Club Inc., Oakdale Pistol Club and also referred to in this document as "the Association" or "the Club".

b) Aim

The Aim of the club is to promote all aspects of the sport of target shooting, to participate in State, National and International competitions and to teach the responsible and safe use of sporting firearms for target shooting

**2. Interpretation & Definitions**

a) Interpretations

In this document unless inconsistent with the context:

- i) a reference to the singular number includes a reference to the plural number and vice versa;
- ii) a reference to any gender includes a reference to the other genders and each of them;
- iii) a reference to person includes only natural persons

b) Definitions

In this document, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set out against them:

- i) "Adult" means a person 18 years of age or older.
- ii) "Member" used without qualification of membership type means a person listed as current member, regardless of the classification of such membership.
- iii) "Minor" means a person under the age of 18 years.
- iv) "Pensioner" means a person in possession of the Commonwealth Health Benefits Card.
- v) "Senior" means a person 70 years of age or older.
- vi) "Renton's" means the latest version published of "Guide for Meetings and Organisations" by N.E. Renton.
- vii) The term "Junior" has been depreciated and is no longer used - see "Minor".

### 3. *Membership*

- a) Membership of the Association shall be open to persons with an interest in the sport of target shooting who:
  - i) Hold a valid adult firearms licence with the appropriate category and target shooting endorsement;  
or  
Hold a minors permit with the appropriate category.
  - ii) Subscribe to the objectives of the Association and agree to abide by the provisions of the Association's constitution.
  - iii) Are natural persons who are members of the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia may be admitted to the membership of S.S.A.A Oakdale Pistol Club Inc.
- b) In the interest of the Association the Committee may suspend the taking of new applications at any time for a period of time determined by the Committee.
- c) Only persons of good character will be considered for membership of the Association.
- d) Admission to membership shall be with the approval of the Committee (upon receiving an application for membership) and subject to the applicant meeting all of the applicable legislative and regulatory requirements of the state of Tasmania.
- e)
- f) There are four (4) membership types;
  - i) **Individual Membership**
    - a) In addition to satisfying the required conditions in clause 3 paragraphs a), c) and d) Individual Membership must also:
      - (1) Have T01 Oakdale as their nominated Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia home branch; and
      - (2) Hold a valid adult firearms license with a category "H" target shooting endorsement.
  - ii) **Associate Membership**
    - a) In addition to satisfying the required conditions in clause 3 paragraphs a), c) and d) Associate Membership must also either:
      - (1) Have a nominated SSAA home branch other than T01 Oakdale; and or
      - (2) Have an adult firearms license without a category "H" target shooting endorsement; and or
      - (3) Be a minor holding a minors permit.
    - b) **Changing from Associate Membership to Individual Membership**
      - (1) The Member must satisfy all the required conditions for Individual Membership (see clause 3.e.i)
      - (2) Associate Members holding minor permits who successfully obtain an adult firearms license, including a category 'H' target shooting endorsement, within three months of becoming 18 years of age will have their membership category changed to Individual
      - (3) All others shall be with approval of the Committee upon receiving a written application;
  - iii) **Honorary Membership**

- iv) Life Membership
  - a) Life Membership shall be granted according to the constitution
  - b) To meet the rationale for Life Membership of SSAA Oakdale Pistol Club the member shall be an individual member with 25 years continuous membership which must include a minimum of 5 years service as either a committee member or discipline captain;
  - c) Life Members shall be exempt from working bee attendance and shall pay a reduced subscription and range fee.
  
- g) Applicants for membership shall serve a probationary period of three calendar months. During this period, applicants shall attend a minimum of five (5) coaching / training sessions before their application is submitted to the committee for approval. The applicant remains on probation until completion of the required five (5) coaching / training sessions or for three (3) calendar months whichever is the longer period. An applicant must complete their five (5) coaching / training sessions within nine (9) calendar months or must start the probation period again.
  
- i) If a potential applicant wishes to try the sport of target shooting and does not have a target shooting endorsed firearms licence, they must fill in an Application for an Exemption from Tasmania Police. This application will allow a one-time only shooting attendance at an approved club. If the new applicant wishes to continue with the sport, the exemption application will be sent to Firearms Services where they will conduct a character check to see if this person is suitable for an exemption. If the application is successful, the club and the applicant will be notified and they will be allowed to continue to shoot at that club until membership and a firearms licence is granted. The exemption is valid for six (6) months, unless it is revoked by the Commissioner of Police, and will only allow them to shoot at the club it was issued to. Tasmania Police will only issue one (1) exemption to any person.
  
- h) The successful applicant, upon approval by the committee, is entitled to join the club and shall pay a joining fee plus a pro rata amount of the annual subscription and range fee calculated from the date the application was lodged. *(See Appendix, 1.)*
  
- i) The committee, upon receipt of the above fees, will notify Firearms Services and the applicant can then apply for the appropriate category and target shooting endorsed firearms licence. As the correctly endorsed licence is essential for membership of the club, the committee requires evidence that the police have approved the applicant and granted the appropriately endorsed firearms licence. *(A photocopy of the licence is sufficient.)*

#### 4. ***Fees - Membership & Range***

- a) The Committee shall fix, and from time to time, vary the annual subscription fee payable by members.
- b) The membership year shall commence on 1 July and conclude on 30 June each year.
- c) Club members shall pay an annual subscription and range fee. (*See Appendix, 1.*)
- d) Pensioners, seniors, minors and Life Members shall pay a reduced annual subscription. (*See Appendix, 1.*)
- e) The annual subscription and range fee is due and payable on or before the 1st of July each year.
  - i) Clause 5.8 of the club constitution states “All Members must pay their annual S.S.A.A. subscription and branch member fees not later than twenty-eight (28) days after the date they fall due. (For the avoidance of doubt no voting rights exist during the twenty-eight (28) day period of grace past the due date until the fees are paid) Failure to comply with this Rule shall automatically constitute forfeiture of membership of S.S.A.A. OAKDALE PISTOL CLUB INC. <sup>{L}</sup><sub>{SEP}</sub>”
- f) The member may at any time, by giving notice in writing to the Secretary, resign their membership of the Association, but shall continue to be liable for any annual subscription and/or arrears due and unpaid at the date of resignation.
- g) Firearms Services will be notified if an individual ceases to be a member of the Association (reference rule 4.e.i, 4.f or is expelled).
- h) Visitor Range Fees:
  - i) Visiting shooters to the S.S.A.A. Oakdale Pistol Club range shall pay a range fee. (*See Appendix, 1.*)
  - ii) Visitor Range Fee Exemption:
    - No additional range fee shall be charged to non-members during invitation or sanctioned matches where entry fees are involved.
    - No range fee shall be charged to minor non-members providing they are members of the S.S.A.A.

#### 5. ***Applications***

All applications are subject to committee approval and police approval of a target shooting endorsed firearms licence.

## 6. *Obligations of Members*

- a) All members shall conduct themselves in a fair and sportsman like manner at all times and shall not bring the club or the sport of target shooting into disrepute. Abusive language, flaring tempers and general misconduct on the range will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by the committee.
- b) A member shall, within fourteen (14) days, notify the club secretary and Firearms Services of change of name and/or address.
- c) All members must take all reasonable precaution to ensure the transport, safekeeping and storage of any firearm held by them is in compliance with the current **Firearms Act**.
- d) All firearms used on the range shall be registered in accordance with the current **Firearms Act**.
- e) Each member of the club shall make themselves familiar with the provisions of the **Firearms Act** and **Regulations** made there under. Failure on the part of members to observe the requirements of the **Act** and **Regulations** may render the club liable to have its approval revoked by the Commissioner of Police.
- f) Each member shall comply with the provisions of this policy. Any member who fails to comply with the provisions of this clause or the provisions of paragraph 6 (e) shall be liable to disciplinary action as provided therein and the constitution.

## 7. *Visitors*

SSAA Oakdale Pistol Club Inc. provides facilities and operates for its members. Several disciplines hold title, open and invitational matches throughout the year that specifically cater for visitors. Visitors are generally welcome at normal Club matches on a space available basis.

- a) The Club's representative (Discipline Captain, RO, or any Committee member) reserves the right on the day to refuse participation by any visitor in any event for any reason.
- b) Visitors are bound by the same rules of conduct and legal responsibilities as members.
- c) Visitors to this club are required to behave as guests to our "home" and to act accordingly. Belligerent, aggressive, or disruptive behaviours will not be tolerated.
- d) The Club reserves the right to ban individuals from participating at Club events or from being present on any Club precinct.

## 8. *Infringement of Rules*

- a) The Committee shall have the power, as stated in the constitution, to bring a member before them to answer any substantiated claim of rule infringement.
- b) The Committee shall have the power, as stated in the constitution, to penalise any member who cannot reasonably refute any such claim of rule infringement. Such penalties may be in the form of suspension or similar as provided in the constitution.

## 9. *Expulsion of Members from the Club*

A member may be expelled for gross misconduct, serious or constant infringement of the rules or constant safety violations.

If any member is found guilty of any conduct, which in the opinion of the Committee is prejudicial to the interests of the Association, the Committee shall have the power, by resolution, to censure, suspend or expel the member from the Association and, in the latter case, to erase their name from the register of the Association.

An expulsion shall be conducted as per the constitution.

## 10. *Attendance*

- a) Individual Members, Associate Members and Life Members shall attend a minimum of four (4) rostered shooting fixtures per calendar year. (*January 1 to December 31*)
  - i) Minors are exempt from the attendance requirement of Clause 10.a but are encouraged to attend the range and to be involved in club activities as often as possible,
- b) Individual Members and Associate Members shall attend and actively engage in range maintenance at a minimum of two (2) organised working bees per financial year. (*July 1 to June 30*)

Failure to meet this requirement shall incur a levy for each non-attendance. (*See Appendix, 2 i.*) This will be added to the annual subscription and range fee as a working bee levy.

  - i) Committee, Sub-Committee (discipline captains), Seniors and minors will be exempt from incurring working bee levies.
  - ii) It is each member's responsibility to sign the working bee attendance record. If the record is not signed, then no attendance will be recognised.
- c) The committee or discipline captain may rule that an attendance by a member is not a bona fide attendance if it is outside of normal attendance expectations.
- d) The committee and/or the discipline captain may rule that;  
"Work performed outside an organised working bee can, if recognised worth as such, be recorded as bona fide attendance to a working bee".

## 11. *Range Officers*

The Committee maintains a list of Club approved Range Officers. The Range Officers primary responsibility is safety.

- a) A Club approved RO must be in charge of all events.
- b) Members wishing Club Range Officer certification can apply to the Committee. A training program is in place.
- c) A Range Officers decision is final on the day. No arguments or verbal abuse of an RO will be tolerated.
- d) Appeals or disagreements with a Range Officer's decision are to be submitted to the Committee.
- e) A Range Officer may take actions appropriate including disqualifying a shooter from further participation in the match, expelling any individual from the range or terminating further activities on the range.
- f) Range Officers are volunteers and if the circumstance dictates may refuse to RO anyone.

## 12. *Title and Duties of Officers*

See **S.S.A.A. Oakdale Pistol Club Inc.** constitution for committee members.

The committee is empowered by the constitution to act as necessary to enforce the rules as set out in this policy document.

Sub Committee - Discipline Captains:

*(Discipline captains may be on the club committee.)*

To report directly to the club committee there shall be:

### **Discipline Captains:**

- i) **Rimfire Silhouette Pistol Captain**
  - ii) **Centerfire Silhouette Pistol Captain**
  - iii) **Field Pistol Silhouette Pistol Captain**
  - iv) **Cowboy Rifle Silhouette Pistol Captain**
  - v) **IPSC Practical Pistol Captain**
  - vi) **Assistant IPSC Practical Pistol Captain**
  - vii) **Service Pistol Captain**
  - viii) **Assistant Service Pistol Captain**
  - ix) **Action Pistol Captain**
  - x) **Assistant Action Pistol Captain**
  - xi) **Slowfire Pistol Captain**
  - xii) **Single Action Pistol Captain**
- a) Discipline Captains:
    - \* Shall coordinate all activities related or delegated to their discipline.
    - \* Shall collect all fees due from visiting shooters.
    - \* Shall report any safety violation or misconduct on the range to the committee.
    - \* Silhouette Pistol Captains may assist with the running of Cowboy Lever Action Rifle Silhouette matches
    - \* Assistant Pistol Captains (as varied from time to time) shall assist with and, as required by absence, assume the position of the Pistol Captain



- b) Discipline Captains shall have the power, as set out in the constitution, to suspend any member from the range, for the day, for any safety violation or for severe violations of *paragraph 6 (a)*.
- c) Range Officers may be appointed on the day by discipline captains to assist with and/or conduct the match. They shall fulfil all duties and requirements asked of them and will report to the captain who appointed them. The range officer shall report any safety violation or misconduct on the range to the captain who appointed them.
- d) Discipline Captains and Range Officers must be an adult member.

### 13. ***Club Handguns***

- a) The committee may purchase or acquire handguns that it deems necessary for gun handling and safety instruction and these shall be available to all club members.
- b) The club president or nominated member shall, on behalf of the club, hold the registration issued in respect of each handgun owned by the club. This person shall be known as the 'registered owner on behalf of the club' and in the following sub clauses as the 'owner'. Club guns are subject to the following rules
  - i) The club guns can only be used on the Oakdale Pistol Club range, by an Oakdale Club member, or Oakdale probation member who holds a valid exemption.
  - ii) The owner shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that club guns are stored, transported, and used in accordance with the Firearms Act.
  - iii) The owner must remain in proximity of the club gun while it is used at a club match, that is, both the owner and the user are present at the same match.
  - iv) A record be kept of the use of all club handguns – this can either be a notebook for each firearm or a notation in the range attendance register.
  - v) The owner may hand the club gun to another club member on a short term loan, provided a signed receipt is obtained by the owner, and the borrower assumes full responsibility as listed in i to iv above.

### 14. ***Inspection of Records***

All registers, books, records or other documents of the club shall be made available for inspection at any reasonable time on demand by an authorised member of the Police Department or Firearms Services.

15. ***Inspection of Range***

Any range or ranges of the club may be inspected at any reasonable time by any person authorised by the Police Department or Firearms Services to conduct such inspections.

16. ***Intoxicating Liquor, Prohibited Substances & Pharmaceutical Drugs***

- a) No person shall consume intoxicating liquor on a range of the club until all shooting has been completed for the day.
- b) No person shall use non-prescription, non-essential or performance enhancing drugs while on a range of the club, regardless of how they are administered.
- c) Any member or visitor that needs to take pharmaceutical's which may impair that person's judgment must cease shooting whilst under the influence of such medication.
- d) No person shall be admitted to, or be on, a range of the club whilst under the influence of any judgment impairing substance.

17. ***The Range***

- a) No shooting is allowed unless there are two or more adults on the range. At least one of the adults in attendance must be a club member who must be deemed "*experienced*" and/or "*qualified*" by the committee or discipline captain in order for that person to obtain a range access key and to conduct any shooting activity on the range. Failure to comply with this rule will be viewed as a severe rule infringement and will be dealt with accordingly by the committee.
- b) **Range Access Keys:**  
Only committee members, sub committee members and persons authorised by the elected committee of that year are to hold access keys to the **S.S.A.A. Oakdale Pistol Club Inc.** range.
- c) **On Arrival:**  
The first person to arrive at the range (unlocks the gate) takes responsibility, until relieved by a discipline captain or qualified range officer, and shall:
  - \* Raise the three (3) red flags. (*see paragraph (d) below*)
  - \* Ensure that all persons entering the range record their attendance. (*see paragraph (e) below*)
  - \* Ensure that all safety requirements are strictly adhered to.
  - \* Ensure that all persons intending to shoot comply with the rules and regulations of the current **Firearms Act**. i.e. *have the correct category and the appropriate target endorsement on their firearms licence etc.*
- d) **Red Flags:**  
The three (3) red flags must be flying at all times during any shooting activity on the range. (*including matches and practice.*)

These are located at the front gate, at the chain across the road and at the range backstop. No shooting will commence until the range back stop area has been inspected and declared “clear”.

e) **Attendance Book:**

Every person, including visitors and non-shooters, entering the range for any purpose shall sign the attendance book. (*including matches, range maintenance, practice or spectating.*) If the book is not available, it is the member’s responsibility to make sure that their name and the date is recorded and as soon as possible transferred to the official attendance book.

f) Every person entering the range, member or visitor, places themselves under the control of the range officer or their assistants and shall at all times comply with their directions and the safety rules.

g) Under the range approval issued 13 March 2012, all ammunition used at the S.S.A.A. Oakdale Range must have a muzzle velocity not exceeding 650m/s (which is roughly 2132 fps). If there is any question as to the muzzle velocity of any ammunition it must not be used until chronographed and verified to comply with the velocity restriction.

h) **Long Arms:**

The S.S.A.A. Oakdale Pistol Club is and shall remain principally for handgun use. The range has been granted limited approval for the following long arms and long arm events;

- Rimfire rifles for Benchrest, Rimfire Rifle Silhouette and Rimfire Practical Rifle matches.
- Shotguns for the SASS and Practical shotgun matches.
- Lever Action rifles in cartridges approved for Cowboy Silhouette matches.
- Rifles in pistol cartridges approved for Cowboy Single Action shooting matches.
- Single Shot rifles chambered in a black powder cartridge as approved by the committee for a Buffalo Cartridge Rifle Silhouette match.

Only long arm matches and disciplines stated above can be conducted on the SSAA Oakdale Pistol Club range.

i) **Range Times:**

Access to the range by authorised members, (*see paragraph 17 a*), may be obtained outside normal rostered times by signing for and collecting a range key and attendance book from the secretary. The member who collects the key and book is responsible for any person they take with them to the range and must enforce all safety rules and requirements, including **Accidental Discharge**. If that visitor wishes to shoot they must comply with the rules and regulations of the current **Firearms Act**. Failure to do this will be viewed as a severe rule infringement and will be dealt with accordingly by the committee.

- A range of rules apply specifically for out of hours use of the range. These rules are available from the Secretary.
- The range key for outside of normal rostered times will provide access to the range access gates, flag box and toilets.

## 18. ***Late Arrival and/or early Departure***

Late arrivals or early departures may cause clause 10 (**Attendance** paragraph c) to be invoked.

19. ***Keep off the mounds***

The front surface of mounds are not to be disturbed.

- a) Walking or climbing on the front surface of the mounds is not allowed.
- b) At no time may lead be removed from the front surface of mounds without express Committee approval.

20. ***No Unauthorised Vehicles allowed on range***

The EPA permit to operate the range requires that vehicular traffic on the range be restricted. Only authorised vehicles may drive or park on the range. In general, the Range Officer in charge of the shoot may park on the range; shooters simply attending the shoot may not. Other vehicles or circumstance can be arranged by contacting the Committee.

21. ***Reimbursement of expenses and special events***

- a) Members must gain prior Committee approval to spend monies that are to be reimbursed by the Club.
- b) All money received on behalf of the Club, at shoots or other Club events, must be given to a Committee member and banked by the Treasurer.
- c) Reimbursement of eligible expenses will be by cheque, approved by the committee, and issued by the Treasurer. Cash from monies received may not be used.
- d) Special events (non-rostered) must gain prior committee approval.
- e) Only the Committee may make representation, enter into agreements, or make commitments on behalf of SSAA Oakdale Pistol Club Inc. Individual members may not present themselves as representatives of SSAA Oakdale Pistol Club Inc.

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**Section 2. *Safety Rules***

1. **WARNING - *Danger of exposure to LEAD***

Lead is extremely toxic once in the blood and this can occur by either ingestion (via the mouth) absorption (via the skin) or inhalation (breathing in) of lead laden vapours. Juveniles and pregnant woman are at the greatest risk.

The risk of ingestion can be avoided by wearing protective clothing when handling lead and ensuring that hands are thoroughly washed before eating, smoking or any other activity that sees hand to mouth contact. Eating should only occur in “clean” areas of the range.

Absorption is more likely to occur off the range when loading or otherwise handling lead. The use of gloves will significantly lower the risk.

Equally, inhalation is most likely to occur in confined areas such as indoor ranges or where the melting of lead occurs. As we shoot outdoors the risk is extremely low. If casting, follow the recommended casting procedures and you will significantly reduce the risk.

Do not drink any rain water collected on site.

2. ***Ear and Eye Protection***

Ear and Eye protection must be worn by all people at all times while shooting is in progress.

3. ***Firearms***

- a) All firearms shall remain unloaded, holstered or cased, ***and uncocked***, while not on the firing line. No person shall touch the firearm of another person without the owner’s permission. In the case of club firearms permission must be obtained from the range officer. No firearm should be left unattended.
- b) Other than on the firing line, firearms shall only be removed from holsters or cases for inspection or adjustment in the designated handling or safety area. No ammunition shall be handled in this designated area but can be worn on the belt. Firearms shall not be loaded in this area.
- c) No firearm shall be loaded until the shooter is in their place on the firing line and the command to “*Load*” has been given by the range officer. The muzzle of the firearm shall point down range at all times.
- d) No person on the firing line shall touch a firearm while any other person is forward of the firing line.

- e) No firearm shall be removed from the firing line until it has been checked and cleared by the range officer or at least one person other than the shooter.
- f) Any ***Accidental Discharge*** by a member or visitor will result in that person being disqualified from shooting for that day.

#### 4. ***Safety Violations***

- a) The range officer shall have authority to warn any member or visitor for any safety violation. If for any reason the range officer has cause to issue a second warning for the same safety violation, they shall have the power to suspend that member or visitor immediately from any further participation in club competition or practice until such time as the committee can review the matter.

#### 5. ***Firing Line Commands – Silhouette Pistol and Cowboy Lever Action***

- i. ***“Range is open, shooter(s) to the line”.***

The shooter may uncase their firearm and open the action. The firearm must then be laid down and cannot be handled again until the *“Load”* command is given. The muzzle shall point down range at all times.

There shall be a thirty (30) second interval.

- ii. ***“Load”.***

The shooter now has thirty (30) seconds to adjust their sights and load their gun. One (1) round for single shots and five (5) rounds only for revolvers, semi-automatics and lever actions.

At no time is the finger to be inside the trigger guard during the loading procedure.

- iii. ***“Fire”.***

The shooter now has two (2) minutes to discharge five rounds at the designated targets, one round at each target from left to right in a string of five (5).

- iv. ***“Cease fire and unload”.***

This command will be given after two (2) minutes and the shooter must unload their firearm even if they have not completed their five round string. This may mean de-cocking the gun, opening the action and taking a live round from the chamber or cylinder or levering any unfired rounds from the gun. Any shot fired after this command shall not count toward the shooters score.

There shall be a thirty (30) second interval.

- v. ***“Load”.***

Again the shooter has thirty (30) seconds to adjust sights if necessary and load their gun. One (1) round for single shots and five (5) rounds only for revolvers, semi-automatics and lever actions.

At no time is the finger to be inside the trigger guard during the loading procedure.

vi. ***“Fire”***.

Again two (2) minutes is allowed for the shooter to engage the next string of five (5) targets from left to right.

vii. ***“Cease fire, unload and show clear”***.

This time the shooter must unload their firearm, even if they have not fired their five rounds, and show the exposed breach or empty cylinder to the range officer. Any shot fired after this command shall not count toward the shooters score. When the gun has been checked and cleared the range officer will give the okay for it to be cased.

viii. ***“All guns are clear, range is closed, move forward and reset targets”***.

No one shall move forward of the firing line until this command is given by the range officer. This command will only be issued when he or she is satisfied that all guns are clear and have been either cased, bagged or flagged.

ix. ***“Stop”***.

This command shall only be used in an emergency situation. Firearms shall not be discharged for any reason. The shooter will stop any action or movement immediately. All shooters on the firing line shall commence the *“Cease fire and unload”* procedure and wait for further instructions from the range officer.

6. ***Firing Line Commands - Practical, Service and Action***

i. ***“Range is open, shooter(s) to the line”***.

The shooter may move to the appropriate position on the firing line. At this stage the gun is holstered or cased and cannot be handled until the *“Load”* command is given.

ii. ***“Load and make ready”***.

If the shooter has a semi-automatic they may now insert a loaded magazine, chamber a cartridge and switch the safety to the on position. Optical sights can also be turned on and adjusted. The gun can now be holstered.

If the shooter has a revolver they may charge the cylinder and close it. Optical sights can also be turned on and adjusted. The gun can now be holstered.

At no time is the finger to be inside the trigger guard during the loading procedure.

The muzzle shall point down range at all times.

iii. ***“Are you ready”***.

The shooter shall assume the start position required by the course of fire. Any shooter not ready shall call “not ready”.

iv. ***“Stand by”***.

This command is followed by a short interval before the fire command is given.

v. ***“Fire”***.

The fire command may be audible, visual or self-starting. It will most likely be in the form of a beep from the timing device used by the range officer. After receiving the command to start the shooter may engage the targets in the course of fire until they have finished or the pre-defined time limit has expired.

vi. ***“If you have finished, unload and show clear”***.

On completion of the course of fire the shooter must show the range officer that their firearm is clear.

If the shooter has a semi-automatic they must remove the magazine and pull back the slide ejecting any cartridge left in the chamber.

If the shooter has a revolver they must open the cylinder and eject all cases.

vii. ***“If your gun is Clear, slide forward, hammer down and holster”***.

On this command the shooter shall point the muzzle down range and “dry fire” the gun to drop the hammer on the empty chamber then holster it.

viii. ***“Range is closed”***.

Once the range officer is satisfied that the firearm is safe and holstered or cased he will give this command and allow people to move forward of the firing line to collect brass, score and patch targets.

ix. ***“Stop”***.

This command shall only be used in an emergency situation. Firearms shall not be discharged for any reason. The shooter will stop any action or movement immediately. All shooters on the firing line shall commence the *“Unload and show clear”* procedure and wait for further instructions from the range officer.

7. ***Misfires and Malfunctions - All Disciplines***

In the event of a misfire or malfunction that the shooter cannot safely rectify, the *“Stop”* procedure shall immediately be carried out as far as possible.

Keeping the muzzle pointed down range, the shooter shall raise a hand to attract the attention of the range officer who will then direct as appropriate.

8. ***Smoking***

No person shall smoke on the firing line.

9. ***Camouflage Clothing***

No person shall wear camouflage clothing during any activity on the range at any time. *(including matches, range maintenance, practice or spectating.)*



10. ***Members Responsibility***

It is the responsibility of each member who brings a visitor to the range to ensure that the visitor is aware of all safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the current **Firearms Act**.

Visitors must be kept under close supervision by the inviting member at all times.

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*Appendix*

1. ***Membership & Range Fees***

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| i.   | <i>paragraph 3.g.)</i>   | The club <b>Joining Fee</b> shall be:                                     | \$25.00                |
| ii.  | <i>paragraph 4.c.)</i>   | The <b>Subscription &amp; Range Fee</b> for <u>adults</u> shall be:       | \$85.00                |
| iii. | <i>paragraph 4.d.)</i>   | The <b>Subscription &amp; Range Fee</b> for <u>pensioners</u> shall be:   | \$55.00                |
| iv.  | <i>paragraph 4.d.)</i>   | The <b>Subscription &amp; Range Fee</b> for <u>seniors</u> shall be:      | \$55.00                |
| v.   | <i>paragraph 4.d.)</i>   | The <b>Subscription &amp; Range Fee</b> for <u>minors</u> shall be:       | \$20.00                |
| vi.  | <i>paragraph 4.d.)</i>   | The <b>Subscription &amp; Range Fee</b> for <u>Life members</u> shall be: | \$55.00                |
| vii. | <i>paragraph 4.h.i.)</i> | The <b>Range Fee</b> for each visiting shooter shall be:                  | \$10.00 <i>per day</i> |
|      |                          | The <b>Range Fee</b> for each additional family member i.e. spouse:       | \$5.00 <i>per day</i>  |

2. ***Attendance***

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| i. | <i>paragraph 10.b.)</i> | The levy for Individual Members and Associate Members failing to attend a minimum of two (2) <b>Working Bees</b> shall be \$25.00 for each non attendance up to a maximum of \$50.00. |
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