



## OAKDALE PISTOL CLUB INC.

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# SSAA OAKDALE GUIDLINE'S TO LIFE ON THE RANGE

## Safety:

- The number one focus while on the SSAA Oakdale range is safety.
- It is your responsibility to sign the attendance book on arrival at the range.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of and adhere to all range safety requirements. If you are unsure, please ask a club official or another member.
- On arrival you must place yourself under the control of the Range Official of the day.

## Equipment:

Equipment used in disciplines conducted at Oakdale must be in good order and fit for purpose. Any items deemed not fit for purpose may be disallowed on the Oakdale range.

### **Action Pistol, Practical Pistol (IPSC), Service Pistol, Single Action;**

These may require you to wear your handgun in a holster. Once again, safety is paramount.

***No handguns are to be loaded while being worn in a holster unless you are on the firing line and instructed to do so by a range official.***

- Your holster must be designed for the particular handgun that you intend to use in it.
- Your holster must completely prevent access to, or activation of, the trigger of the handgun. If not, it will be deemed unsafe to use and must be removed from the firing line.
- If a retaining strap, flap or 'lock' is attached to a holster and/or allied equipment, it must be applied or closed at all times when not directly shooting.
- The belt carrying your holster and allied equipment **must** be worn at waist level. The belt or inner belt or both **must** be secured with a minimum of three belt loops that are attached to shorts or trousers (Action, Practical & Service).
- Female competitors are subject to the same conditions as above, except that the belt carrying the holster and allied equipment may be worn at hip level.
- Spare ammunition, magazines and speed loaders should be carried in retention devices **specifically designed** for that purpose. Additional magazines and speed loaders can be carried in rear pockets of shorts or trousers.
- **NO SHOULDER OR THIGH HOLSTERS ARE PERMITTED.**

### **Centrefire Handgun Silhouette, Field Pistol Silhouette, Rimfire Handgun Silhouette and Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette.**

- Silhouette disciplines do not use holsters but do use gun boxes, gun cases and pistol bags.
- No firearms are to be loaded while being carried in any of the above.

## Firearms – At Home:

- Firearms **must** be kept in accordance with state and national storage requirements.
- Firearms should not be loaded with live ammunition.
- Firearms and ammunition **must** be stored separately.
- Magazines **must** be unloaded.

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### **Firearms - Safety Areas:**

- Firearms can only be handled in clearly designated safety areas or on the firing line.
- Ammunition can be worn on the belt but not handled in safety areas.  
*Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the range for that day.*
- Firearms can be handled in the silhouette shed at the lower end of the range.
- Ammunition can be handled here but not while firearms are being handled (one or the other is ok).

### **Firearms – Firing Line:**

- Firearms can be loaded on the firing line and only when instructed to do so by the Range Official.
- The muzzle of the firearm cannot be pointed less than 1 meter from the competitors' feet whilst starting from the loaded 45 degree position.
- The firearm must not be pointed at any part of a competitor's body or in the direction of any other competitor.

### **Firearms - Malfunctions:**

- Each discipline has their own set of procedures on how to handle malfunctions.

**Once again, *safety is paramount*. If you have a concern or aren't sure of something, ask the Range Officer immediately.**

### **Ammunition:**

- Reloaded ammunition made from commercially manufactured primers & powder is allowed. Factory manufactured ammunition is also allowed.
- Lead, coated lead, copper washed and copper jacketed projectiles are allowed.
- FMJ (full metal jacket) projectiles are allowed in specific instances but are restricted.
- Faulty or incorrectly loaded ammunition may be deemed unsafe by Range Officials and asked to be removed from the firing line.

***Removal of a stuck live round from a firearm must not be attempted at the range.***

### **Clothing:**

- Wearing camouflage, military or police clothing is specifically not allowed on the range.
- Closed toe shoes are required at all times whilst shooting on the range.

### **Eye and Ear Protection:**

- Eye protection should be worn at all times whilst on the range (this includes setting up and packing down the range and range maintenance).
- Ear protection should also be used at all times whilst shooting is in progress.

**It doesn't matter what calibre is being used, eye and ear protection should always be worn.**

### **Club Policy:**

The club policy which can be found on the SSAA Oakdale Pistol Club website is a document designed to inform you of what goes on and why at our club. If you haven't familiarised yourself with it, we strongly recommend that you do so.