

**These Range Standing Orders are written to ensure all Club members, Spectators, Visitors, Contractors and others are aware of the rules that apply to all Cowra Pistol Club Ranges and facilities. Please read and observe them.**

The Cowra Pistol Club Inc. (the Club) is a multi-discipline shooting club. These orders apply to every person who enters the property administered by the Club.

The Club Captain has charge of all the shooting ranges and is responsible for ensuring the observance of all the provisions of these Range Standing Orders and the safe conduct of all shooting activities of the Club.

The Club Captain is subordinate only to the President of Cowra Pistol Club and to no other person in matters of shooting safety on these ranges. The Club Vice Captain shall assist the Club Captain and assume the functions of the Club Captain in his absence.

These Range Standing Orders (RSO's) are to be communicated to all Club members and all other user groups. A copy shall be displayed in the Clubhouse and on every range.

The Cowra Pistol Club Inc is responsible for the control and maintenance of the grounds and facilities. Every person entering these grounds must understand the importance of these RSO's. The Cowra Pistol Club complex comprises three (3) outdoor ranges, a Clubhouse, Toilet Block, Scorer's Office and two materials storage containers.

All ranges have a solid soil grassed base and are able to be used all year round.

All ranges are operated strictly in accordance with match rules and a high standard of discipline is expected to manage safety and mitigate the risk of projectiles leaving the ranges.

**Prohibited:**

- Fully automatic firearms.
- Firearms that have been altered or modified such that they are illegal or unsafe.
- Firearms that are not registered.
- Engaging steel targets closer than the minimum distance of 6.4m (7yds).
- Handling any firearm while any person is forward of any firing line or point.
- Consumption of alcohol until all shooting has ceased for the day.
- Smoking on any active range or outside a designated smoking area.
- Unsecured and / or unattended firearms.
- Loaded firearms anywhere other than on the ranges.
- Shooting at non-authorised targets.
- Ammunition or anything resembling ammunition in any Safe Handling Area.
- Blank ammunition and Drill ("Dummy") ammunition.
- Unaccompanied children and / or Unsupervised children.
- Deliberately targeting range infrastructure or equipment.
- Shooting alone at any time. You must have an approved Range Officer or Person nominated by the Committee with you on the range.

## **Your FIRST activity when entering the Club grounds**

Proceed directly to Range 1 and sign the Register, as Member or Visitor. A Current Category H shooters licence must be produced and verified by a club member before shooting. Visitors must be signed in by the counter signature of a full Club member.

## **Range Officers on Duty**

The Range Officer (RO) on duty on any live fire range shall wear a high visibility (HV) vest, armband or Identification tag.

## **Red Range Flags**

Red range flags MUST be exposed at the front gate, hoisted on the Range 1 stop-butt flagpole and installed at both ends of the Range 2 and Range 3 Stop-butt prior to commencement of any live firing on any range. At the conclusion of shooting all the flags are to be taken down.

## **Range Officer to check**

Prior to the commencement of any live firing on any range, the RO on duty on any range must inspect the area behind Ranges 1 and 2 / 3 stop butts to ensure no person or animal has wandered in and remains undiscovered. This is normally done when the Stop-butt flags are placed.

## **Shooting Alone**

Any live shooting on any range shall be under the direct control of a Range Officer, or a fully licensed handgun member acting as a Range Officer. Nobody is permitted to shoot alone on any range.

## **ALL RANGES**

Subject to any amendments notified by the Firearms Registry, only “Approved Firearms” may be used on the Cowra Pistol Club Ranges:

### **All shots must be “Down the Line” at $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$ to the stop butts**

The  $\pm 5^\circ$  includes the Firearms Registry imposed “Human Error Disbursement Angle” of  $\pm 3^\circ$ .

## **Shooter Inability to Limit Errant Shots**

If for any reason any projectiles fall outside the line  $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  to the stop butt or are high with the potential to leave the range the Range Officer is to:

- Halt all firing
- Identify the shooter responsible, or the target placement at fault.
- If a target placement fault, reposition the target and allow the match to continue.
- If a shooter fault, observe the shooters next shot and if not errant allow the shooter to continue firing.
- If the next shot is errant the shooter is to be provided with coaching to achieve the spread of the next five shots within the line  $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  to the stop butt and all caught by the stop butt.
- Shooters who are unable to limit errant shots for all of those five shots are to be prevented from further shooting and may only resume shooting following the completion of a training program with the firearm. Such training program must be approved by the Committee of Management.

## Range Descriptions

### Range 1.

25 Metre outdoor multi-purpose range. Targets may only be placed in the 25 metre target frames. All shots must be taken from the defined Firing Locations. The direction of all shots is to be at  $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  to the stop butt. All shots must impact the stop butts. No shots are to be directed anywhere other than downrange towards the stop-butt. No shot is to be directed at any exposed range mechanism or equipment.

### Range 2.

50 metre outdoor Multi-Purpose range. This range may be used for both authorised Pistol and Rifle events. When this range is hosting Benchrest rifle events targets must be placed in the 50 metre turning target frames, all shots must be taken from the Firing Line benches, and the direction of all shots is to be at  $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  to the stop butt.

Targets may be placed at other locations and at other distances forward of the Firing Line benches when the range is hosting events of other disciplines. All shots must be taken from the Firing Points defined by the Club Captain. All projectiles that impact the ground must be captured by sandbags, bullet traps, or the main stop butt. No projectiles are to purposely strike any “non-target” range infrastructure. All shots are to be at  $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  to the stop butt.

### Range 3.

25 Metre outdoor Multi-Purpose range . Targets may be placed at other locations and at other distances forward of the Firing Line when the range is hosting events of other disciplines including Single Action Shooting and the Action Match Falling Plate event. All shots must be taken from the Firing Points defined by the Club Captain. All projectiles that impact the ground must be captured by sandbags, bullet traps, or the main stop butt. No projectiles are to purposely strike any “non-target” range infrastructure. All shots are to be at  $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  to the stop butt

### Priority of Use:

The following is the order of priority for the use of the Club ranges and facilities. No individual may use the range unless they are members of:

- [a] Cowra Pistol Club Inc.
- [b] NSW Police Force on official training or instruction
- [c] Other users as approved by the Club Committee of Management.

Ranges may not to be allocated for use by non-members or non-affiliated organisations without the authority of the Club Secretary and either the President or the Club Captain. All club shooting competitions shall be conducted as per the official Cowra Pistol Club shooting calendar and in accordance with rules applicable to each discipline & match.

### Application of Range Standing Orders (RSO's):

All users of the Club ranges are subject to these RSO's. - There are no exceptions.

User organisations permitted use of these facilities will have the approval to use the ranges withdrawn if they do not adhere to these RSO's. It is the responsibility of the executives of the each user Organisation to ensure that their users are familiar with these RSO's.

### Steel Plate Targets.

Only steel targets authorised by Cowra Pistol Club Inc and are to be used on any range.

### New Target Systems

New target systems which may come into use from time to time must not be used until authorised by the Cowra Pistol Club Inc. and standard operating procedure approved by the Club Captain.

## Accident Procedures:

Following an accident or injury the following procedure is to be followed:

- Range Officer to cease all live firing immediately and clear firearms. Cleared firearms should be removed from the range.
- If a minor injury render first aid from the First Aid Kits located in the Scorer's Shed and Clubhouse.
- If the injury requires medical treatment render first aid and evacuate the injured person.
- **Call 000 if Emergency Services are required.**
- If a life threatening injury or death occurs resulting from firearm use, safeguard the firearm and make no attempt to touch, move, make safe, unload or remove the firearm regardless of its condition or muzzle direction. The firearm in question is to be left untouched in situ and guarded until the arrival of police. **DO NOT TOUCH OR REMOVE THE FIREARM FROM THE INCIDENT SITE**
- **Accident or injury site to be kept untouched until arrival of police (if firearm is involved, the firearm must remain at the site in situ)**
- **Advise Police immediately.**
- All firearms related incidents shall be reported to the Firearms Registry and the Cowra Police as soon as possible after the incident.
- Advise the Secretary, President or Vice President, and the Captain.
- For non-firearms related incidents The Captain and Secretary will send an incident report to the Cowra Pistol Club Committee and if necessary, a copy to NSWAPA.
- If this is a notifiable incident under Safe Work NSW legislation, report the incident in accordance with Safe Work NSW Procedures. Contact 13 10 50 to make such report

## Safety Rules:

All members and visitors must follow basic safety rules whilst at Cowra Pistol Club's facilities. Safety is a major part of our sport and compromise will not be tolerated.

The following safety rules are emphasised and apply to everybody using firearms:

- The direction of shots on all ranges must ensure that all projectiles terminate within the Club grounds. All shots are to be at  $90^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  to the stop butts.
- All spectators on any of these ranges must remain behind the firing line at all times unless and until the Range Officer invites them onto the range.
- For all persons on an active range, Eye and ear protection is mandatory while shooting is in progress.
- Shooters, and Range Officials must wear closed footwear.
- Each active range must have a Range Officer.
- Everybody must obey any instruction given by the Range Officer on any range where a Range Officer is officiating. Only the Club Captain can countermand an RO's instruction.
- Loaded firearms must always be held in the hand and pointed down the range or where the match rules so provide, loaded firearms may only be holstered while the shooter is under the direct control of a Range Officer
- Members using holsters must be authorised to do so, such authorisation must be produced when requested by the Range Officer. A Holster authorisation may be checked at any time - Holsters may only be used by holders of a current Pistol Australia Holster Accreditation card or equivalent.
- Firearms may only be handled when on the firing line or under the direct control of a Range Officer or in a specified and approved safe handling or loading area. Otherwise firearms must remain bagged or cased.

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- Where a safe handling area ( a Safe Area) has been declared firearms may be un-bagged or un-boxed and holstered, cleaned, repaired or tested by cycling or dry firing whilst within the Safe Area.
- **Ammunition is absolutely NOT PERMITTED in a Safe Area.**

### **Medical:**

A First Aid kit is located in the scorer's office and the clubhouse.

### **Fire Precautions:**

Do not light any unauthorised fires on the Club grounds. Do not allow any unplanned or unauthorised fire to remain alight. The use of angle grinders, welders and any other tool which may cause sparks is subject to basic fire precautions. A CO2 Fire Extinguisher is located in the

Clubhouse. Water is available at the Wash Area, the rear of the Toilet Block and in the Clubhouse. A hose is located in the storage container adjacent to the toilets.

### **Range Waste & Rubbish:**

All users are to ensure that all range rubbish, including used targets, is removed from the range and stored in the appropriate place. No rubbish is to be left on the range.

### **Unauthorised Use of the Range Complex**

Any individual or organisation given use of the Range Complex will have been provided with written authority from the Club Committee of Management.

Any individual or organisation unable to provide this approval as proof of authority must be asked to leave the property immediately.

Any refusal to leave should be reported to the Police immediately.

### **Signs and Notices**

All signs and notices displayed on the property by the Cowra Pistol Club Inc. Committee of Management are to be adhered to at all times by all persons.

### **Guests and Spectators**

Guests and Visiting shooters are the responsibility of the inviting Cowra Pistol Club member and must remain under that members control at all times. Spectators and unannounced visiting shooters are the responsibility of the RO, who may appoint another Cowra Pistol Club member to assist in their supervision. Spectators must remain behind the designated firing range at all times.

### **Alcohol/Drugs**

Any person deemed by the Range Officer to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be excluded from the bounds of the range. Any such exclusion shall be reported to the Club Captain.

# EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

## Police Fire Ambulance call 000

POLICE  
AMBULANCE  
FIRE  
HOSPITAL

Cowra Police Station  
Cowra Ambulance Station  
Cowra Fire Brigade  
Cowra Hospital

**When you call an emergency service give them your name and phone number, stay on the line, position somebody at the front gate and wait for all called services to arrive.**

The range complex is located at the intersection of Binni Street and Amie Street Cowra NSW 2794.

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