

# **RANGE ORDERS**

## **These Rules apply to all persons on a range**

1. Club membership card must be worn visibly, (visitors to wear “Visitors Badge”) whilst on MISC premises.
2. You must have a valid shooters licence on you when shooting. Licence must be presented when requested by a Committee member or Canteen Staff.
3. The red flag must be flying (daylight hours) or the red light switched on (hours of darkness) prior to any shooting taking place.
4. At all times shooting is to be carried out under the direction of a Range Officer (RO). The RO is in charge of the range and all shooters on the range. The responsibility of RO is to be assumed by the experienced shooting member on the Range or a member selected by the members present. If this member leaves the Range, a new RO must be appointed before shooting continues. If you are shooting by yourself, you are the designated RO.
5. The RO must clear all firearms prior to removal from the firing line.
6. No person shall enter a firing point with a pistol until the RO gives permission to do so.
7. Pistols to be loaded only on the firing line after the RO command LOAD or START is given.
8. If any difficulty occurs during shooting, the shooter is to hold the firearm, pointing down range towards the targets and summon the RO (Raise other arm).
9. Shooting must cease immediately when anybody calls the command STOP or CEASE FIRE.
10. Firearms only to be discharge on approved firing lines and targets are to be located in approved positions.
11. Holster may only to be worn with a loaded firearm on a firing line for matches requiring holsters, supervised by an RO, the member must be in possession of a holster qualification card and an “H” on the members ID card. Cleared empty firearms may be carried in a holster for movement within a range/s.
12. In the event of mishandling of a firearm, the RO must immediately suspend the member from shooting and must bring the matter to the attention of a committee member at the earliest possible time.
13. It is the responsibility of all shooters to clean their shooting bay after shooting, pick-up spent cases and dispose of them into the appropriate recycle bins this includes .22 cases.
14. Defective ammunition must NOT be placed in normal rubbish bins.
15. Members may bring guests or visitors to the range. They must register in the Visitor Book, wear a Visitors ID card and be supervised at all times by a member. All unlicensed visitors must complete a police NORI when shooting handguns and be supervised by a licensed (not provisional) member. All spectators are to remain behind the shooters.
16. All fired rounds must be stopped by the range back stop.
17. No person is permitted to handle a firearm behind the firing line or during a cease fire.
18. Steel plates can only be used with committee approval, plates must be hooded / covered and must be positioned as close as practically possible to the range back stop. Jacketed ammunition must not be shot at steel plates.
19. Members & Visitors are not to display what may be considered offensive symbols, text or pictures on their attire or vehicles when on MISC property.

## 10m Air Range

1. Enclosed footwear, hearing & eye protection should be worn during shooting.
2. .177 Calibre air rifles, air pistols or a laser rifle or pistol only to be used on this range.
3. Shooting only allowed from the 10m firing line.
4. Targets must be located at the back stop.
5. Rifles being uncased on this range must have safety flags inserted.

## 25m Range

1. Enclosed footwear, hearing & eye protection must be worn during shooting.
2. Shooting only allowed from the 25m firing line.
3. Magnum Loads and Semi or full jacketed ammunition is prohibited on this Range.
4. Only handguns & .22 LR calibre rifles permitted.
5. Firing of handguns in the prone position must be shot from the shooting benches only.
6. Paper targets can only be placed on the fixed target systems.

## 50m Service Range

1. Enclosed footwear, hearing & eye protection must be worn during shooting.
2. Firearms only to be discharged from approved firing positions and at approved targets in approved locations only.
3. There are 9 approved baffled firing positions on this range (positions are marked on the range walls), you must shoot only from the following designated baffled positions:

3 Yard (2.7m)	16 Yard (15m)
5 Yard (5m)	25 Yard (22.85m)
7 Yard (6.40m)	27 Yard (25m)
10 Yard (9.14m)	50 Yard (45.70m)
15 Yard (13.72m)	

4. All shooters must shoot from the same firing line at the same time.
5. Portable paper targets (IPSC style metal base with wooden sticks) may be positioned from the 40cm from the metal back stop forward up to any position within the limits of the current sand box. All fired projectiles at paper targets must be stopped by the range back stop & not impact the permanent metal target system. This area is defined as the approved target area.
6. Shooting of metal plates is allowed and must be positioned as close as practically possible to the range back stop. Metal plates / target must have an approved hood fitted over them as listed below:
  - a. Metal plates positioned 40cm to 100cm from the range back stop and require no cover or hood.
  - b. Metal plates can be shot in the approved target area and require no cover or hood when shoot with a shot gun (Only with size 7 to 9 lead shoot is approved).
  - c. Metal plates shoot with a handgun must have an approved cover or hood fitted.
7. Firearms can only be loaded in an approved baffled firing position.
8. Firing in the prone position from the ground is strictly prohibited. Prone position must be shot from the shooting benches only.
9. Handgun magnum and jacketed handgun rounds are allowed, no jacketed rifle rounds are allowed.
10. Only rifle calibres allowed are .22 LR, .38, .357, .32 .45 & .45 long. No rifle only calibres or single shot handguns using rifle calibres to be used.
11. Shotguns can only be fired at the 7 & 10 Yard positions with size 7 to 9 lead shot, only at steel targets.
12. Moving from one baffled position to another with a loaded firearm is only permitted during a club scheduled competition only and while under the direct supervision of an RO. All other times this practice is strictly prohibited and firearms can only be loaded in an authorised baffled position.
13. Ammunition is prohibited in the Safety Area.

## 50m Electronic Range

1. Enclosed footwear and hearing protection must be worn.
2. Only .22LR standard velocity, lead ammunition can be used.
3. Only small bore competition rifles, biathlon rifles, precision pistols (free pistol or standard pistol), and laser rifles and pistols can be used. In particular, hunting rifles cannot be used.
4. Shooting is allowed only from the fixed firing line and the test bench.
5. Pistols may be fired only from a standing position. Rifles may be fired prone, kneeling or standing.
6. Normally, only the installed electronic targets can be used, except a paper target is used on the test bay. In exceptional circumstances, with specific Committee approval, major competitions may use paper targets.
7. Every firearm must have a breech flag inserted when it is not actually in use.
8. When a formal RO is not present, a person about to move forward of the shooting line must take the following actions or be satisfied they have been taken:
  - a. Give the order Range is closed loudly enough for everyone to hear.
  - b. Ensure breech flags have been inserted in all firearms.
  - c. Ensure all shooting bays are empty, particularly bays that may contain prone rifle shooters hidden by shooting boxes.
  - d. Ensure no-one is handling a firearm, particularly biathlon shooters who may be carrying a rifle on their backs.
9. The person who closed the range must open it with the order Range is Open, loudly enough for everyone to hear.
10. No person may handle a firearm while the range is closed.

## 50m Paper (Bench Rest) Range

1. Enclosed footwear and hearing protection must be worn.
2. Only .22LR standard velocity and black powder firearms with lead ammunition can be used.
3. Any air rifle, .22LR rifle or pistol, or a laser rifle or pistol can be used, including hunting rifles and rifles permitted by TRA bench rest rules.
4. Shooting is allowed only from the fixed firing line.
5. Pistols may be fired only from a standing position. Rifles may be fired prone, kneeling or standing.
6. If shooting prone, the rifle muzzle must be forward of the line formed by the forward edge of the bench supports.
7. Paper targets may be placed at 20m, 25m, and 50m. They must be positioned so that shots do not hit fixed target equipment.
8. Biathlon steel plate targets with shrouds can be placed at 50m only.
9. Every firearm must have a breech flag inserted when it is not actually in use.
10. When a formal RO is not present, a person about to move forward of the shooting line must take the following actions or be satisfied they have been taken:
  - a. Give the order Range is closed loudly enough for everyone to hear.
  - b. Ensure breech flags have been inserted in all firearms.
  - c. Ensure all shooting bays are empty.
  - d. Ensure no-one is handling a firearm, particularly biathlon shooters who may be carrying a rifle on their backs.
11. The person who closed the range must open it with the order Range is Open, loudly enough for everyone to hear.
12. No person may handle a firearm while the range is closed.

**Note: Any time a Handgun is being used on a MISC range a RO must be in control of the range.**