

SSAA Mount Isa Branch Inc.

(ABN 90 552 829 150)

PISTOL SECTION Range Standing Orders

Approval Number 8000021202

Part 1.

Workplace Health and Safety Issues.

a. Ambulance phone numbers:-

In an **Emergency** situation dial **000**.

In a **No-Emergency** situation take to Hospital (and Ring President)

b. Police phone numbers:-

In an **Emergency** situation dial **000**.

c. Nearest Hospital is:-

Mount Isa General Hospital
Camooweal Street.
Mount Isa.

d. Emergency Phone number for -

Fire Brigade is 000
Police is 000
Ambulance is 000

Part 2.

Range Rules and procedures.

a. The type of matches which have been approved for the SSAA Mount Isa Branch Inc. Pistol Range by the Authorised Officer are:-

Air Pistol Match
Air Rifle Matches
Black Powder Pistol
Centrefire Rifle Matches
Centrefire Pistol
Clay Target Matches
Free Pistol
IPSC Pistol
Muzzle Loading Rifle Matches
NRA Pistol Action Match
PPC Match
Police and Service
Rapid Fire Pistol
Rimfire/S-Bore Rifle Matches
Single Action Shooting Match
Short Barrel Pistol
Silhouette Pistol Air
Sport Pistol
Silhouette Pistol Rimfire 50m
Standard Match Pistol

Service Pistol

The types of ammunition, calibre and bullet types approved by the Authorised Officer for the SSAA Mount Isa Branch Inc. Pistol Range are:-

Muzzle velocity of ammunition used by Centrefire Firearms not to exceed 1675 feet per second (509 metres / second) .

Muzzle velocity of ammunition used by Muzzleloading Firearms not to exceed 1675 feet per second (509 metres / second) .

Muzzle velocity of ammunition used by Rimfire Firearms not to exceed 1710 feet per second (521 metres / second) .

Muzzle Energy not to exceed 1000 foot pounds (1356 joules) .

The Categories of Firearms permitted to be used on the SSAA Mount Isa Branch Inc. Pistol Range are:- **Category A, Category B , Category and Category H** for sport target shooting .

Category C (Rimfire) Firearms are permitted on the range for firearm training purposes **ONLY**.

- b. Members must make themselves aware of the provisions of the Weapons Act 1990, Weapons Regulations and Weapons Amendments and comply at all times. (Copies available from GoPrint or via the Queensland Government Website; www.qld.gov.au)
- c. On entering the Mount Isa Range Complex, All **Red Flags** are to be raised . a.
- d. On entering the SSAA Mount Isa Branch Inc. Rifle Range area the flag for the SSAA Range is to be raised at the SSAA gate firing line and back flag.
- e. The flag for the Pistol Section range is to be raised before proceeding . .
- f. At the SSAA Pistol Section Range, the red flag is to be raised at the firing line, the Range Register is to be signed before shooting commences, and a Range Officer , and their name placed on the **appropriate** black board. On leaving the Club, the flags are to be removed and the gate is to be locked.
- g. On leaving the Complex the club Flag is to be removed and stored at the entrance to the Complex. If no one else is shooting , the flag is to be removed and the main gate is to be locked, the front gate is to be closed at all times.
- h. All firearms must be carried to and from the Range in accordance with the Weapons Act and Regulations.
- i. Persons in possession of firearms on the Range shall have the relevant Licenses and membership cards and present same upon request.
- j. The powers of the Range Officer/Match Captain/Safety Officer are absolute and are not subject to question or discussion, other than reporting any concern to the Executive Committee for discussion at a General Meeting.

- k. On competition days, the Club Captain/ Range Officer must place his/her name on the **appropriate** blackboard for the duration of the Match.
- l. On non-competition days when more than one shooter is present on the Range those present will select a Range Officer who will then put his/her name on blackboard for the duration of the shoot. On ceasing to shoot, another member selected by agreement must assume the function of Range Officer.
- m. Use of the Range on non-competition days is by prior arrangement with a Branch recognised Range Officer .
- n. Visitors are allowed on the Club premises only at the discretion of the President or Committee , Club Captain, or Range Officer. (Conditions apply)
- o. Club members with a safety course certificate and waiting granting of their Concealable License may compete in Matches under the direct supervision of a Range Officer.
- p. Competitors must have a Holster Proficiency Endorsement to compete in any match using a holster
- q. In matches using holsters, the pistol may be removed from the carry case, and holstered, or removed from the holster and returned to the carry case only in the designated **SAFE GUN** areas, or at the firing line under the direction of the Range Officer.

In all other matches, pistols must be taken to and from the firing line in a secure case / container and may only be removed from the case when directed by the Range Officer. Any pistol may be cleaned or adjusted in the **SAFE GUN** areas.

NO LIVE AMMUNITION IS PERMITTED IN THE SAFE GUN AREAS.

- r. Once on the firing line the muzzle of the firearm must be pointing in a safe direction (**DOWN RANGE**)
A system of mandatory suspension has been adopted by the Branch for any person , if found guilty of breaching safety rules . The offender will be subject to disciplinary action for a period not less than one month , as decided by the Management Committee .
 - s. **All shooters are to wear enclosed footwear .**
 - t. **Wearing of eye and ear protection is strongly recommended .**
 - u. In the case of a malfunction or a dropped firearm, the Range Officer must be called immediately. The Range Officer's directions on the matter are final.
- SSAA National Stuck Live Round Mandatory Rule -
 If a malfunction results in a stuck live round which cannot be simply removed from the breech end of the barrel, the firearm is to be made safe and removed from the Range to a competent person. Under no circumstances is an attempt to be made to remove the round by insertion of a cleaning rod or similar, from the muzzle or front of the cylinder.
- v. In all competition and practice events, shooters must not leave the firing line until all firearms have been cleared by the Range Officer and the Range has

been declared SAFE. A **Designated Safety Officer** will remain at the firing line to monitor security of firearms .

- w. The safe mode for pistols, rifles, when not being actually fired is:
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| (a) Double action revolvers | Cylinder Open |
| (b) Single action revolvers | Loading Gate Open |
| (c) Semi Auto Pistols | Magazine removed, Slide Locked Open |
| (d) Black Powder Revolvers | Are to be capped only on the firing line
No powder flasks on the firing line |
| (e) Action Matches | Cleared and holstered on the firing line |
| (f) Rifles | Bolt or action open |
| (g) Shotguns | Breech/action open, magazines removed |
- x. Pistol acquisition forms will not be endorsed prior to successful completion of the safety course and attendance at the required number of matches.
- y. The club recognises that members hold various weapons licences. If regular attendance at the club for participation in the sport of target shooting is a condition of the licence a club member holds, the club requires the member to attend the minimum required competition match days each year. Members not meeting the required number of matches will have their membership determined by the committee.
- Z. A copy of the Club Constitution is available from the Club Secretary on request. All Members must abide by the Range Standing Orders and Constitution of the Club at all times.

Part 3. **Range Management Procedures.**

- a. On Non-Match days when Members arrive at the Range for practice sessions, they must sign the Range Register. Visitors to the Range must also complete the Visitor Declaration which is at the same location.

On Match days, Members must sign the Range Register in the Shed area on arrival and pay the match nomination fee(s) **to the appropriate Range Officer or Match Captain** who will then allocate a shooting position. The competitor is then responsible for assisting in preparation for the match, such as, setting up targets or preparing score sheets.

Competitors are asked to assist during matches in; scoring, patching and recovering fired cases, if required.

At the completion of the matches competitors will assist in removing targets, removing rubbish and in tallying scores etc.

- b. **Consumption of alcohol by match participants is prohibited prior to and during shooting.**
- c. The Range precincts are to be kept clean and tidy at all times and all rubbish should be put into the rubbish bins and containers provided.
- d. The Range area, and equipment used, will be maintained on a regular basis by the Members attending regular, advertised Working Bees.

Conditions applying to Concealable Licences as provided by the Weapons Act 1990

A Licence authorises the use of Cat H Weapons at an approved Club. The Licensee may only acquire, keep or possess any Cat H Weapon, which is approved for use on the Range of an approved Club unless otherwise specifically authorised. The Licensee is to be a financial member of an Approved Club and regularly attend such club and participate in the sport of target shooting as a member of that Club. The Licensee is not to carry or keep any Cat H Weapon loaded other than on the range of an Approved Club unless specifically authorised for a particular purpose and then only for that purpose.

The Licensee is not without reasonable excuse, to remove any Cat H Weapon from the residential address recorded on the Licence or the range of an Approved Club.

EXTRACTS FROM WEAPONS ACT

Club must keep range use register books

97.(1) An approved shooting club must ensure a range use register, in the approved form, is available at each of its ranges at all times when the range is being used to discharge weapons.

97.(2) Before a person uses a range of an approved shooting club to discharge a weapon, the person must enter in the range use register the details provided for by the register regarding the person's identity and the category of weapon the person will use on the range.
Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

97.(3) A person must not make an entry in a range use register book that is false or misleading.

Responsibilities of range operator.

108.(1)

In this section—

“**range operator**” means the person conducting an approved range for an approved shooting club under the approval given under this division and, if the approval is issued to an unincorporated body or association of persons, includes each member of the body's or association's governing body.

108.(2)

A range operator must ensure every person who physically possesses or uses a weapon at the approved range is properly supervised by a person (a “**range officer**”) who holds a firearms licence under this Act.

108.(3)

A range operator must ensure the name of each range officer supervising persons using the approved range is prominently displayed at the range at any time when a weapon is discharged.

108.(4)

A range operator must take all reasonable steps to ensure a person attending the approved range does not contravene this Act.
Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

Responsibilities of range officer

109. A range officer supervising an approved shooting range must take all reasonable steps to ensure a person attending the range does not contravene this Act.
Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

Responsibilities of person attending an approved range

110.(1)

A person attending an approved range must not physically possess or use a weapon unless the possession or use—
(a) is authorised under—

- (i) a licence issued to the person; or
- (ii) section 52;22 or
- (iii) section 53;23 and

(b) is permitted by the range officer; and

(c) complies with the conditions on which the range was approved, including, for example, that it is a weapon of a category for which the range was approved.

110.(2)

A person attending an approved range must not use a weapon in a way that is likely to cause death or injury to a person or unlawful destruction of, or damage to, property.
Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

110.(3)

A person attending an approved range must comply with a direction by a range officer for the range given for the purposes of this Act or safety reasons, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.