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GRAFTON RIFLE RANGE STANDING ORDERS

The following are the Grafton Rifle Club Inc. Range Standing Orders that have been adopted for use by SSAA members on this Trenayr Benchrest Range. While some of the rules obviously apply to other club disciplines that SSAA members are not participating in, we must observe those parts that can apply to us.

D.H. Parsons
N26 Range Captain – Trenayr.

Location of Range.

Located at 434 Trenayr Road Junction Hill

Range map.

As indicated on the attached copy of Copmanhurst Topographical Map;.

Details of ownership of the range area.

Danger area, target area and firing points back to 600 yards as defined by post and wire fence at the "second gate"

State Land held by Grafton Rifle Club Inc under permissive occupancy No 85/16, Parish of Great Marlow containing an area of 128.6 ha. and shared jointly with NSW Agriculture Research Station.

Firing area containing 700, 800 and 900 yard mounds as defined by the post and wire fence at the "second gate" back to the fence bounding Trenayr road at the "first gate".

TSR 42783 at Millers Waterhole held by annual rental by Grafton Rifle Club Inc from Grafton office of the North Coast Livestock Health and Pests Authority.

Grafton Rifle Club Inc holds an approval from the Manager, NSW Agriculture Research Station to use the Range as follows:

Grafton Rifle Club Inc. Full Bore range practice	Each Saturday afternoon.
Grafton Rifle Club Inc. Field Class Target Shooting	Each Saturday morning.
Clarence Valley Smallbore Rifle Club Competition	Each Sunday afternoon.
SSAA Grafton Branch Bench Rest Competition	First Sunday and Fifth Sunday mornings of month.
Pistol Competition by C.R Pistol Club	Second and Fourth Sunday mornings of month.
SSAA Grafton Branch Clay Target Competition	Third Sunday morning of month

As the range area is occupied by stock and traversed by staff of NSW Agriculture, in the conduct of the Grafton Agricultural Research Station activities, use at any other time is strictly prohibited unless prior arrangement is made with Grafton Rifle Club. Inc.

Grafton Rifle Club Inc., as holder of PO 85/16 is responsible for contacting the relevant NSW Agriculture officer and obtaining consent to use the range at other times.

OTHER USE OF THE RANGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED UNTIL GRAFTON RIFLE CLUB INC. HAS INFORMED THE APPLICANT THAT CONSENT OF NSW AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND THAT THE RANGE MAY BE USED DURING A SPECIFIED TIME AND DATE.

Description of Shooting Facilities

Main full bore range.

Six targets with firing mounds from 100 yards to 900 yards, or twelve targets from 100 to 300 yards for Field Class competition.

Zeroing range operates from the mound located 25 yards in front of the stop butt, only when targets are not in place, or are lowered and no person or equipment is set up on any other firing point.

Zeroing is only permitted either before practice commences or after practice has been completed, and by approval of the Range Officer for the day who must be present, or must appoint a qualified Range Officer to supervise.

Smallbore Range.

Covered Firing point with twelve target locations to 100 metres.

Pistol Range

Covered Firing Point with ten targets to 100 metres.

Bench Rest.

Covered Firing point with ten fixed firing points for targets located at up to 100 yards.

Trap Shooting

Trap House adjacent to Smallbore range

Control of Range.

Concurrent use of different firing points is not permitted

Control of the Range will be exercised under the provisions of Standard Shooting Rules for each of the various disciplines of firing permitted on the Range. Each Shooting discipline shall adopt its own Shooting Rules and these must be observed when the range is in use by the each respective organisation

Flags to be positioned as follows

1. Range entrance at the "first gate".
2. Stop butt above the mantlet and another within the gallery for Marker's use if necessary.
3. On the gates at the gravel road crossing the range.
4. On flagpoles positioned between the firing point being used and the stop butt as determined by the Captain or Range Officer of the day.
5. At the firing point for use by the Range Officer of the day
6. A warning sign must be exhibited at the entrance to the range.

Flags shall be positioned before firing commences and shall not be removed until firing is completed for the day.

All flags shall be removed at the conclusion of each days shoot and shall not be permitted to remain in place over night.

Supervision of Safety

In each instance the Captain, or senior officer, of the organising body, or other person appointed by the Captain shall be responsible for range safety and control of the event.

In the absence of the Captain, the following order of precedence shall apply

1. Vice Captain;
2. Secretary;
3. Treasurer;
4. Chief Range Officer
5. Committeeman.
6. Range Licence Holder

Notwithstanding these standing orders the onus of carrying out standard safety rules shall rest on each individual competitor or person taking part in any event conducted on the range.

Where possible bolts or firing mechanisms shall be removed from firearms at all times except when actually on the firing point and preparing to fire.

Accredited Firearms Licence Qualifications Instructors are permitted to insert bolts into firearms for the purpose of conducting training and instruction sessions, always provided that only dummy ammunition is used in such instances.

Under no circumstances shall a live round be placed in a firearm except when actually on the firing point and preparing to fire.

Type and number of firearms approved for use on the range.

Rifles up to 8mm calibre, including .22 rim fire, 7.62 mm and .303 calibres.

Shotguns to 12 gauge.

Pistols to .38 calibre

Firearms issued to Defence Force, Police, Corrective Services and Security personnel and approved for use by those personnel.

Restrictions

The following restrictions on use of firearms shall apply.

Any person who does not hold a current Firearms Licence or a temporary permit or has completed a Form P650 declarations issued under the provisions of the Firearms Act from time to time shall not be permitted to fire on the range, or to have a firearm in their possession.

Automatic fire is not permitted except when the range is being used for training purposes by Police, Correctional Service, Defence force or Security personnel and such firearms form part of the equipment of such personnel. A qualified instructor provided by the training group must supervise the use of automatic firearms.

Use of black powder is limited to 600 yards due to high trajectory of projectiles.

Use of steel plate targets is permitted for unjacketed projectiles only.

Protection of Hearing

All firers and people in the vicinity of the firing point are to wear hearing protection

Safety in the Marker's Gallery

Markers are to remain under cover when firing is in progress. Markers are not to move from the gallery to the target shed when firing is in progress.

All targets are to be placed in the lowered position before moving from the marking gallery.

Communications are to be maintained between the firing point and the markers gallery

In the event that communications are lost between the target gallery and the firing point targets shall be placed in the lowered position and the butts flag raised and the butts officer, or person in charge of the target gallery shall endeavour to restore communications.

In the event that the Range Officer, or person in charge of the firing point becomes aware that targets are in the lowered position and the red flag raised he shall immediately require all persons on the firing point to unload and to remove the bolt from their firearm, or to otherwise render it inoperative, and to clear the mound.

In the event that communications are lost between the firing point and target gallery the Range Officer, or person in charge of the firing point shall immediately require all persons on the firing point to unload and to remove the bolt from their firearm, or to otherwise render it inoperative and shall endeavour to restore communications.

Sentry locations

All persons using the range should be aware that emergency circumstances sometimes require NSW Agriculture staff to cross the range by means of the gravel access road, controlled by gates, located in front of the 300 yards mound. Any person, who becoming aware of persons or vehicles approaching the access gates shall immediately notify the range officer. The range officer or person in charge of the firing point shall immediately require all persons on the firing point to unload and to remove the bolt from their firearm, or to otherwise render it inoperative and shall indicate to the persons at the access gate that it is safe to pass.

Firing shall not recommence until the persons are beyond the danger zone.

Casual Bookings

Casual use of the range shall only be arranged through Grafton Rifle Club Inc, which will obtain the concurrence of NSW Agriculture as outlined above.

Casual users shall provide an authorised person to conduct training practices, or an accredited range officer, authorised by their particular discipline, to supervise safety precautions during the use of the range.

Any such authorised person shall acquaint himself with current NSW Firearms legislation and shall ensure that all requirements pertaining to safe and legal use of the range are observed.

Casual users will be provided with a key, which will provide access to the "second gate" and the toilets. Should casual users require access to kitchen facilities a key will be provided for that purpose.

Casual users should arrange to turn on the water mains supply at the meter adjacent to the 900 yard mound and accessed from Trenayr Road.

On completion of the event doors and gates should be locked and the water meter should be turned off.

Keys should be returned to the Secretary or as otherwise directed.

A copy of these standing orders will be issued to the executive members of each organisation using the range and to any organisation obtaining casual use of the facilities.

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