



Lower Light rifle range

Operating and Safety Procedures

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To be observed by all persons involved in the use of the Lower Light range complex

1. Preamble

The South Australian Rifle Association Inc. (S.A.R.A.) shall be responsible for the administration of the Lower Light Rifle Range and for these Procedures, which it may change from time to time, when deemed necessary.

Each Association and Club using the range shall appoint a Range Officer who shall ensure that all persons under their authority participating in the use of the range are fully acquainted with the relevant sections of these Procedures.

Notwithstanding the contents of these Procedures, all persons on the Range shall be responsible for the observance of safety at all times.

All shooting will be conducted as per the current published National Rifle Association of Australia (N.R.A.A.) Standard Shooting Rules.

2. Authority and Duties of the Chief Range Officer

2.1 The Chief Range Officer (CRO) shall be appointed by the S.A.R.A. Board for major competitions conducted at Lower Light.

2.2 The CRO shall have authority to appoint Range Officers to assist in the running of the range, as necessary.

2.3 The CRO shall have the authority to over-rule Range Officers where co-ordination between different Clubs and/or Associations becomes necessary because of safety, for the efficient use of the range, or conditions detrimental to the conduct of any practice (e.g. inclement weather).

2.4 The CRO may (with discretion) terminate any practice to prevent damage to range property or injury to persons using the range.

2.5 The CRO shall be notified, in writing by the organisers with adequate notice, if Lower Light Range is required to be used for any event other than sanctioned Club, D.R.A. or S.A.R.A. events.

3. Range Officer duties

3.1 A Range Officer is a person suitably qualified and recognised as such by the N.R.A.A. and/or S.A.R.A.

3.2 The Range Officer shall ensure that the safety area is clear and that all the safety flags have been placed in the appropriate locations before allowing shooting to commence.

3.3 There will be no shooting unless the Range Officer has established and maintains constant contact by radio with the Butts Officer when manual target marking is used.

3.4 The Range Officer shall have charge of the firing mound and will be held responsible that all the rules are observed by competitors.

3.5 The Range Officer shall be responsible for retrieving and storing the safety flags and range pennants and returning the radios to the nominated person/location.

3.6 For normal Saturday Club shooting, each Club shall, in accordance with the published flag roster, appoint one member to act as the Range Officer for the event. Other Club members need to be appointed to act as Range Officer while the primary nominee is shooting or otherwise attending to his own shooting activity.

3.7 For other organised events (eg, prize meetings), the controlling body shall nominate a person as the Range Officer. If that person is a competitor, then arrangements shall be made for an alternative Range Officer to be in control while the primary Range Officer is otherwise occupied.

4. Operating hours

- 4.1** The range operating hours are from 9:00am until 5:00pm, except by special arrangement.
- 4.2** Entry to the range proper is prohibited unless prior arrangements have been made with the SARA office.
- 4.3** Published shooting programmes for the Range are assumed to have the approval of SARA.
- 4.4** Access to club houses is permitted after hours without SARA approval.

5. Casual Shooters

- 5.1** Casual shooters (non members of SARA) are permitted to use the Range by agreement with the SARA office, and the payment of the appropriate fee.
- 5.2** Casual shooters (non members of SARA) must be supervised by a qualified Range Officer, who must ensure that the prescribed safety rules are followed.
- 5.3** There will be a minimum of 2 responsible people in attendance, one of which must be a SARA Member during any casual range use.
- 5.4** Casual shooters (SARA Members) are permitted to use the Range when not in use by other bodies, and the payment of the appropriate fee to the SARA office.
- 5.5** Should range target frames be used, they shall be replaced as they were found, either leaning against the target gallery wall, or back in the container.
- 5.6** Firearms with projectile diameters of 8mm (.323 Cal) or less, may be used, firearms with projectile diameters greater than 8mm (.323 Cal) require specific prior approval by the SARA office.
- 5.7** Payment of the appropriate fee is to be made prior to attending the range.
- 5.8** Casual shooters are to provide their own targets unless by agreement with the SARA office and payment of the appropriate fee.

Note:

For the purpose of these Procedures, Casual Shooters are required to include the following information when seeking permission to use the range:

- Full Name,
- SARA registration Number (or full residential address for non-members)
- contact phone number and,
- Number of targets required (if any).

6. Commercial Use

- 6.1** The use of the lower light facility may be approved for commercial use, by negotiation with the SARA Office and the payment of the appropriate fee.
- 6.2** A SARA approved Range Officer must be appointed to Commercial Events.

Note:

For the purpose of these Standing Orders, commercial use, is receiving monetary or other benefit from the use of the complex by an individual, club, association, organisation or any other entity.

7. Range Safety

- 7.1** Target separation where shooting is being conducted concurrently at different ranges, and this shall not be less than 10 targets per 100 metres of difference in distance. Physical barriers shall be put in place to prevent accidental movement of persons in front of shooting at the longer distance.
- 7.2** The Range Officer shall ensure that orange cones are placed across the road to the butts level with the firing mound being used to prevent vehicle movement forward of the firing mound.
- 7.3** The Range Officer shall ensure that the boom gate is lowered before shooting commences at distances longer than 500 metres.
- 7.4** Any movement forward of the firing point is not permitted until:
All firearms on the firing mound have been checked by the Range Officer to be safe, and,
The Range Officer has given the verbal order that the range is safe.
- 7.5** The Range Officer, when manual targets are used, will ensure that all persons have arrived at or left the butts and arrived at the firing mound before advising the Butts Officer to remove the red flag and permitting shooting to recommence. The Butts Officer will ensure that all persons in the butts are in the safety zone (concrete walkway) before removing the red flag.
- 7.6** Only zeroed rifles, at a minimum range of 100 metres, may be used at ranges - beyond 100 metres.
- 7.7** When loading a rifle, and after it has been loaded, the rifle must be maintained in such a position that if it should accidentally discharge there would be a reasonable expectation the shot would hit the backstop.
- 7.8** Any person who believes that a situation has become potentially dangerous shall immediately notify the Range Officer, or in dire emergency notify the Club Captain or take direct action as appropriate.
- 7.9** Children must be fully supervised by a responsible adult at all times. No children (persons under 12 years of age) are allowed in the butts.
- 7.10** All persons entering the Range property shall stay on the designated roads and obey any speed restriction signs displayed around the Range.
- 7.11** Parking on the range behind the firing mound is permitted but no closer than 20m to the mound. The Range Officer should use orange cones to mark this line. The Range Officer may park within this area if so desired.

8. Butts

- 8.1** Butts Officers shall be registered members of the N.R.A.A.
- 8.2** The responsibility for the observance of safety in the Butts shall rest with the Butts Officer.
- 8.3** All personnel will stay below the level of the mantelet and as close as possible to it, during rifle practice. No-one, including markers or butts personnel, shall climb over the mantelet or allow any part of his body to be exposed above the mantelet, nor shall they move beyond the line of the targets into the target gallery roadway, except at the toilet.
- 8.4** No person will move onto the stop butt or mantelet at any time without the authority of the Butts Officer who must first get the permission of the Range Officer and shall have his assurance that all shooting has stopped, all bolts have been removed from rifles and a red flag has been erected on the mound.
- 8.5** No personnel shall place, or cause to be placed, any object on the stop butt.
- 8.6** No personnel shall consume, or be under the influence of any alcohol or drug, which affects the proper performance of their duties.

- 8.7** Personnel shall wear suitable enclosed footwear at all times as well as clothing which will give appropriate protection from the sun and adverse weather conditions, whilst in the butts area. Personnel are required to wear suitable eye protection whilst in the butts. Personnel are also required to maintain an adequate intake of water.
- 8.8** The behaviour and co-ordination of markers and butts personnel shall be under the authority of the Butts Officer, who shall be responsible to the Range Officer.

9. Butts Officer duties

- 9.1** The Butts Officer shall conduct all activities in the Butts in accordance with Standard Shooting Rules (as amended).
- 9.2** The Butts Officer will control the collection, use and storage of targets and frames as directed by the appropriate body.
- 9.3** The Butts Officer will take the first aid kit from the target shed to the butts.
- 9.4** The Butts Officer may direct a marker to leave the Butts area and vicinity if, in the judgement of the Butts Officer, the marker's behaviour compromises safety or is otherwise unacceptable. The Butts Officer has the power to order a marker out of the butts and may recommend to the CRO that the marker be suspended from working in the butts, pending an investigation.
- 9.5** All persons (other than markers) entering the Butts area must report to the Butts Officer.
- 9.6** The Butts Officer may undertake marking duties at the same time as Butts Officer duties where the number of targets in use does not justify the employment of a separate person.
- 9.7** If the Butts Officer believes that a situation has become potentially dangerous, s/he shall immediately notify the Range Officer, or, if unable to make immediate contact the Range Officer, shall pull all targets down. The targets shall not be raised again until the Range Officer and Butts Officer agree that the dangerous situation has been resolved.
- 9.8** In the event of a target failure (broken frame, target blown out, etc), the first duty of the Butts Officer is to ensure the safety of the marker/s involved. The Butts Officer will stop the marker/s from any immediate action until the situation is assessed and remedial action formulated. The Butts Officer will advise the Range Officer of the target failure, and request that firing cease on that target and at least one target to either side. When the Range Officer has advised that shooting has stopped on those targets, and only then, the Butts Officer will direct the markers to remedy the failure. The Butts Officer will advise the Range Officer when shooting can recommence.

10. Marker duties

- 10.1** Markers must be in the target shed at least 30 minutes before shooting commences.
- 10.2** Markers are responsible for the collection of targets from the storage area, transport and loading of targets into the correct frames allotted for their use.
- 10.3** Markers shall also be responsible for changing the targets and target frames as required, assisted by other markers and/or range staff.
- 10.4** At the conclusion of shooting, all targets must be neatly patched out, removed from the frames and returned to the storage area of the target shed by the markers, as directed by the Butts Officer or Butts staff.
- 10.5** At the conclusion of shooting for the competition, all target frames are to be removed from the target machines and either leant against the target gallery wall or returned to the storage container as directed.
- 10.6** Markers must make their own arrangements for the supply of all marking materials (patches and spotting disks) with their employers.

- 10.7** Markers shall at all times exhibit responsible behaviour and obey the directions of the Butts Officer or appointed officers, relating to the efficient conduct and safety of range practices.
- 10.8** Markers are required to keep their work area free of litter and rubbish which is to be placed in the receptacles provided.
- 10.9** The only authorised communication devices in the butts area are those devices operated by the Butts Officer(s). Mobile phones may be taken into the butts area but must remain turned off until the completion of shooting, when notified by the Range Officer. No radios, CD players, walkmans, ipads or similar electronic equipment is allowed to be used while shooting in progress.

11. Other

- 11.1** The range target frames are the property of No. 1 District Rifle Association (Inc) (No. 1 DRA). They are freely available for use, but any damage shall be reported to the executive of No. 1 DRA or to the SARA office.
- 11.2** The targets in the target shed are the property of No. 1 DRA. They are available for use without prior request (a fee is payable to No. 1 DRA), and are subject to a repair charge as advertised in the target shed.

12. Accident and Emergency

- 12.1** In the case of an accident or other emergency during a recognised event, the Range Officer shall be immediately notified.
- 12.2** The Range Officer shall suspend all practice (firing) until he deems it safe to continue.
- 12.3** In the case of an accident, the Club Captain (if it occurred during club practice) and the Range Officer shall prepare written reports, to be submitted to the Executive Officer, S.A.R.A. as soon as is practicable following the incident.
- 12.4** In the case of an accident or other emergency at other times, the persons on the range shall take whatever action is needed to address the situation. When the situation is resolved, the SARA office shall be notified, initially by telephone, then by a written report, of the circumstances surrounding the event and it's outcome.

Authorized by S.A.R.A. Board

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Appendix

Definition of terms

- Marker:** shall mean paid markers and volunteer markers.
- Chief Range Officer:** shall be the person/s appointed by the S.A.R.A. Council to oversee the safe and efficient operation of Lower Light Rifle Range.
- Range Officer:** shall be the person appointed by the CRO or by the event controlling body, for the purpose of commencing, controlling and closing of the range, during shooting
- Butts Officer:** shall be the person appointed by the CRO or by the event controlling body for the purpose of overseeing the safe and efficient operation of the Butts area.

In these Standing Orders operating and safety procedures, the masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

For all life threatening situations :-

AMBULANCE)	
POLICE)	Dial 000 (24 hour service)
FIRE BRIGADE)	

For less urgent response:-

POLICE ATTENDANCE	131 444
POLICE (Two Wells)	8520 2309
AMBULANCE (non-urgent bookings)	13 2963
COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE (Two Wells)	8520 2500
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE	1300 300 177
S.A.R.A. Office	8244 5533