Range Standing Orders

General

The Beaudesert Rifle Club Inc. executive committee is the range operator and controls the use of the "**Tabragalba Rifle Range**". The current Weapons Branch range and club representative is **Jeffrey T. Day**.

Location and Description of Range

The range is located at the end of Spengler Road, Tabragalba, about 12klm east of Beaudesert.

Range Approval

A copy of the <u>Current Range Approval</u> is attached and <u>must</u> be read and clearly understood.

<u>Please note</u>, only category "A" and "B" firearms with a muzzle velocity not exceeding 3275 feet per second (998 metres per second) and muzzle energy of 3500 foot pounds (4742.5 joules) are to be used on this range.

<u>Special note</u>, no shooting shall take place anywhere on the range without the knowledge of the range representative, at least one qualified range officer in attendance and the appropriate danger flags raised. The range register <u>must</u> be signed and licenses sighted by the range officer before any shooting commences.

Range hours

Normal range hours are Saturday and Sunday between daylight and dusk. All other times are at the discussion of the club executive committee.

Detailed instructions of firing points

The main 600 yard range is approved for use with five targets. (1 to 5) Shooting is only permitted from the earth mounds provided from 300 yards to 700 yards. Care shall be taken so as not to shoot target frames or target numbers. The secondary 100 metre range to the left of the main centreline range is approved for rim fire rifles only.

The shotgun, clay target range is from the 500 yard mound only. All shotgun shooting is to be directed down range only.

Range flags

Range danger flags are to be raised as follows:-

- a. On the firing point in use.
- b. On the flag poles at the range entrance.
- c. On the butts flag pole when the markers are in the gallery.

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Range Boundaries

The range and the safety area are leased from The State of Queensland. Please see lease plan (Lease "A" on SP 157876) attached.

Cleanliness

All range users are responsible for ensuring the range is left clean and tidy. The butts are to be cleaned and the target mechanisms are to be oiled.

Safety in the butts

The red flag in the butts is to be raised only on the order of the Range Officer on completion of firing or by the Butts Officer in the case of an emergency. If the flag is raised while firing is in progress, firing is to cease immediately. No person is to leave the butts area without permission of the Butts Officer and only after the butts flag has been raised.

When firing is taking place as a training exercise as by visiting groups such as police, security organisations or service units, a qualified instructor must be in attendance at all times.

Pyrotechnics and tracers are NOT to be used.

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2.1 General Safety

- **2.1.1** Except when shooting or "dry firing" or trigger pressing on the firing mound or trigger testing as for in Rule 3.5.2.2 bolts shall be removes from the rifle at all times
- **2.1.2** While loading the rifle and once loaded, the muzzle must be pointed in the direction of the targets.
- 2.1.3 Should any interruption to shooting take place every competitor whose rifle is loaded shall at once unload and remove the bolt or insert a breach safety flag, weather requested to do so or not, and shall not recommence shooting unless authorised by the Range Officer.
- **2.1.4** When a miss is indicated and unaccounted for, then the barrel of the rifle must be inspected for any obstruction by the scorer.
- 2.1.5 Before retiring from the mound each competitor must go through the unloading motions with the muzzle pointing towards the target and then remove the bolt from the rifle. As the competition retires from the mound he shall present the breach of the rifle to the scorer and check scorer where applicable so that he or they can verify that the chamber of the rifle is empty by looking down the barrel.
- **2.1.6** In all shoots each round shall be loaded singly and magazine fire is prohibited.
- 2.1.7 A close watch shall be kept for danger signals and:-
- **2.1.7.1** The scorer shall call "cease fire" in a loud voice whenever a danger signal is given at the butts or firing mound.
- **2.1.7.2** The call of "cease fire" by a Range Officer shall be repeated in a loud voice by scorers.
- **2.1.7.3** In each case competitors, when directed to do so, will at once unload and remove the bolt from the rifle or insert a breach safety flag and the scorer will check to ensure that the competitors obey.
- **2.1.8** No competitor shall fire at a dummy target or hand held value disc.
- 2.1.9 No person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug, rendering him incapable of understanding the safety rules, shall go on, or be near the firing mound nor shall any intoxicating liquor or drug be administered to or consumed by a competitor, scorer or check scorer on the firing mound except in case of sudden illness.
- **2.1.10** No competitor shall place his rifle on the firing mound while anyone is forward of and within the danger area of that mound.
- **2.1.11** No person shall place a live cartridge in the chamber of a rifle for any purpose whatsoever whilst within the boundaries of a rifle range except where permitted to do so by these Rules.
- **2.1.12** Any rifle which has a jammed fired case and after the confirmation by the Range Officer, may be removed with a live round extractor or cleaning rod or similar object on the mound.
- **2.1.12.1** In the event of a **live** round jammed the Range Officer must be called and after confirmation that the bolt has been removed the round may be removed by a live round extractor or similar object under the Range Officer's supervision on the mound.
- **2.1.12.2** In the event of a **live** round being unable to be removed or the bolt is unable to be opened, the rifle must stay on the mound in a safe position pointing towards the targets until the match is completed, the red flag is not to be raised in the butts until the Range Officer advises the range is safe.

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In all instances rule 3.5.4 shall apply if the competitor wishes to continue their stage.

- **2.1.12.3** In the event of a case being removed and the projectile is stuck in the barrel, after confirmation from the Range Officer the projectile may be removed with a cleaning rod or similar object on the mound.
- **2.1.13** Competitions are held in accordance with SSR's
- **2.1.13.1** Muzzle brakes and magazines are permitted for Sporter/Hunter class
- **2.1.13.2** Hearing protection must be worn at all times when on the firing line and the range has been declared open.
- **2.1.13.3** In accordance with Occupational Health and Safety legislation there is no smoking on the firing point or within 4 metres of it.

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