

## RANGE SAFETY RULES

### Types of firearm & ammunition allowed on the range

*All handguns, rifles, & shotguns may be used, rifles may not exceed .50cal. No cartridges loaded with tracer, incendiary or metal piercing bullets are permitted on the shooting range.*

### Safety Measures

- Please ensure that under no circumstances may a muzzle of any firearm be pointed up range, (meaning back towards the entrance of the range)
- Unload all firearms when entering through main gate in safety area.
- Handguns will be holstered or bagged, unloaded and magazine removed
- It is strictly prohibited to climb any backstop or side wall of any range.
- Rules of conduct for shooters
- No person entering this range may be under the influence of either alcohol or drugs.
- Only individuals who have reported to the office and signed the register are permitted on the range, once advised as what range you may occupy.
- Eye and hearing protection is compulsory and shall be worn at all times while shooting by all persons on the range including spectators.
- The appointed Range Officer (RO) is in absolute control of the range, and his instruction will be followed without question. If no RO is appointed then one of the party must take charge and act as RO for the duration of the time on the range.
- Firearms shall only be loaded at the firing point, on instruction from the RO, with the barrel pointing at the backstop.
- Firearms shall be holstered or put down unloaded facing down range whenever shooting is interrupted or stopped.
- Only the targets are to be fired upon.
- No shooting shall be done at metal or hard targets at a distance less than
  - Pistol 8m
  - Rifle 50m
  - Shotgun (Birdshot) 5m and Slugs 40m
- Turning around with a loaded firearm is forbidden, except when safely holstered.
- Under no circumstances may firearms be handled while people are down range
- Other peoples' firearms shall not be touched without the express permission of the owner and only if safe to do so.
- If you have trouble with your firearm while on the range and you cannot rectify the problem, please call a safety officer who will assist you.
- If you notice any irregularities, please report the incident to the safety officer or to the kiosk officer.

### Range commands:

- a) "Load and make ready" – This means the shooter may debag or unholster his firearm and load the firearm while pointing the barrel towards the backstop.
- b) "Are you ready" – This gives the shooter the opportunity to indicate if he experiences any problem.
- c) "Fire" (there can also be the blowing of a whistle if so indicated by the safety officer) – This means the shooter may commence firing at his target.

- d) "Cease fire" – This means that the shooter must cease fire immediately.
- e) "Unload and show clear" – This means the shooter must unload his firearm and show the safety officer that the chamber as well as the magazine well / cylinder is empty
- f) "If Clear, Slide Forward, Hammer Down and Holster/Bag" – This means the shooter must place his firearm in the unloaded state in a gun bag or holster. After this the firearm may not be handled until the "Load and make ready" command is given.

2) The firing point shall not be left with a loaded firearm.

When in Doubt don't do it!