

# RANGE RULES

S.S.A.A. Morinish (Q37)

- **Females who think or know they are pregnant, are advised that shooting and/or spectating at the range, maybe harmful to your unborn child due to high noise levels. Stay and/or participate at your own risk**
- The instructions of the Range Officer or the Assistant Range Officers must be obeyed at all times, immediately and without question. The Range Officers are identified by the wearing of ORANGE VESTS or SHIRTS.
- No person under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be allowed on the range.
- Safety glasses and hearing protection should be worn. Fully enclosed shoes are to be worn. Bare feet, thongs or sandals are NOT acceptable.
- Shooters MUST be signed on 15 minutes prior to commencement of the shoot. This is to allow time for the details to be finalised. Late arrivals maybe refused to shoot.
- All licenced shooters will present their current firearms licence, national membership card, and branch membership card to the Range Officer for inspection, sign the range register and pay the range fees before bringing a firearm to the firing line.
- All Non-Licenced persons wishing to shoot must show photo ID, complete a FORM 33 and must be eligible to obtain a Shooter's Licence. ie. if there is any reason why a person may not be able to obtain a Shooter's Licence, then he/she is not able to shoot on this range. All non-licenced shooters are required to wear a YELLOW VEST on this range, and are not permitted to handle or use any firearms except under the supervision of a nominated Licence Shooter by the Range Officer.
- Persons supervising Non-Licenced Shooters will stand directly behind and to the side of the strong arm of the Non-Licenced Shooter. This is to allow an unobstructed view of the trigger finger and to correct unsafe firearm movement.
- All non-shooting persons must sign the Visitors Book.
- Once a detail has been called to the line, all shooters not shooting in a detail, and non-shooters must remain well back from the firing line, and all persons, including shooters, keep conversation to a minimum, so shooters at the firing line can clearly hear the Range Officers commands.
- Firearm must be handled with the upmost care, and be carried/stored in a carry bag, case or holster.
- Unloaded firearms may be uncased to put into a holster, handled for sight adjustment, repair or show other shooters your firearm in a designated safe area (SAFETY AREA) independent of the range. NO ammunition is allowed in the Safety Area.
- No shooter will handle another's firearm or ammunition without their permission, except when the Range Officer believes a firearm is pointed in a dangerous direction and either acts or gives instructions to another to reposition or remove it.
- Firearms must be in good working order and pointed in a safe direction at all times. Should the Range Officer consider any firearm and/or ammunition to be unsafe or unsuitable, he/she may deny the user the right to use it on the range.
- Any firearm that develops a fault must be pointed in a safe direction, and the Range Officer called. In the event of a HANG-FIRE, the shooter must keep the firearm pointed down range while raising your hand to draw the attention of the Range Officer, the cartridge should NOT be ejected for at least 60 seconds.
- No shooter will uncase their firearm until told to do so by the Range Officer at the firing line. The action or cylinder will then be opened so the Range Offer can see that the firearm is unloaded.
- Firearms will NOT be loaded until told to do so by the Range Officer. Once loaded, the muzzle is to be pointed down range or at a 45 degree angle OVER the end of the shooting bench, NOT into the bench.
- A Shooter is NOT permitted to place a loaded pistol/revolver on the shooting bench. If he/she has forgotten to put safety glasses or hearing protection on, they will unload and get the Range Officer to clear the firearm.
- Shooters are to keep fingers off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until the command to fire has been given and you are pointing at the target.
- When the Range Officer gives the command to cease fire, ALL shooters will stop immediately. Failure to do so may result in the shooter being asked to unload and show clear and denied further participation in the shoot.
- When asked to unload and show clear, the shooter will remove the magazine, if any, empty the chambers and leave all actions/cylinders open, a chamber flag or weed eater cord is preferred, but the shooter must place the firearm on the bench with the action facing up, and then stand back from the bench to allow the Range Officer easy access to all firearms needing to be cleared.
- No shooter will leave the firing line before their firearm has been inspected and cleared by the Range Officer.
- Visitors must be closely supervised, and minors must be under the control and supervised by an adult/guardian.
- No persons under the age of 11 will be allowed to handle any firearm nor be allowed near the firing line.
- **Smoking is NOT permitted in or around the covered area.** Smokers are ask to smoke over near the containers. Smokers please be mindful of the direction of your smoke as to not blow back into the covered area. Thank you.
- S.S.A.A. is a family club, swearing or bad language is not allowed.
- All S.S.A.A. ranges are Flora and Fauna sanctuaries. Shooting at approved targets only is permitted.
- Any person, who considers a firearm, ammunition, or practice of a shooter or Range Officer to be unsafe, should bring the matter to the attention of the Range Officer, Assistant Range Officer, or Committee Member as soon as practicable on the day, so they can take appropriate action.
- While shooters are scoring and patching, the Range Officer must remain at the firing line to supervise that no safety is breached.
- Shooters are required to assist in setting up of targets and to make themselves available for scoring the details they are not shooting on.
- Any infringement of these rules, whether it be intentional or not, may result in disciplinary action, which could result in disqualification from the range for the duration of the match or longer.