

Teesside Rifle & Pistol Club

Safety briefing for Stickledown Range

General

1. The RCO for today is ... will take turns
2. Shooting will be from ... state the times for this session
3. Shooting may not commence until the siren has sounded at or after the scheduled start time. If you hear the siren before the scheduled end time that is an emergency stop signal (usually 4 blasts of the siren) so shout "STOP, STOP, STOP" (be sure you know the scheduled end time).
4. There will be no movement whatever beyond the firing point or the Danger Live Fire boards.
5. Shooter Certification Cards are to be produced. If you wish to use a firearm of a type not listed on your certification card you may only do so under the direct supervision of someone who is so authorised. HME users: unless HME is listed on your SCC, you must be supervised by a member who does have that qualification.
6. Everyone is to sign the attendance register. The attendance register is mandatory to complete and sign. This register includes a declaration that you are not taking from the range any ammunition that you are not authorised to have in your possession. TRPC members must include the firearms you have shot (e.g. calibre and serial number).
7. Prone and bench rest only.

Ammunition and firearm restrictions

8. Be prepared to remove muzzle brakes.
9. Ball ammunition only. No lead free mono-metallic bullets. No tracer, incendiary, marker, AP. If you are uncertain about your ammunition (or anything else): ask.
10. Handloaded ammunition may only be used if the person who loaded it is qualified. Qualified means: has the Handloading endorsement on the SCC; has completed that NRA Handloading course either with the NRA or TRPC and is waiting for a new SCC card.
11. Hand-loads may only be fired in the firearm for which they were prepared. There will be no "here, try one of these".
12. Maximum MV is 3280 f/s (1000 m/s). Maximum KE is 5160 ft-lbs (7000 J). No muzzle loaders/black powder/.338. HME rifles must be verified on the Zero Range before being used on the open range. [Optional text: No HME rifles on this shoot].

Security of arms & ammunition

13. Arms & ammunition are not to be left unattended on the firing point. Cars containing arms or ammunition are to be kept locked.

Safety - general

14. The land danger area is the land in front and to the sides of the firing points for as far as the eye can see. The air danger height is 1200' above MSL (1050' above ground level).

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15. Anyone observing a ground or air incursion into the Danger Area, or any potentially dangerous situation, during firing is to execute the emergency stop procedure and then inform the RCO of the danger, and otherwise inform the RCO.
16. If you are going to leave the range then inform the RCO / others.
17. Emergency stop procedure:
 - a. Shout **STOP! STOP! STOP!**
 - b. On hearing the emergency stop, you are to stop shooting, take your finger off the trigger, and wait for further instructions from the RCO.
 - c. Reasons to call an emergency stop include but are not limited to incursions into the Danger Area by land or air, a serious firearm malfunction including any resulting in injury.
 - d. In the event of an injury resulting from a firearm, all shooters are to lay down their arms without altering their state – do not unload and do not apply safety catches.
 - e. Emergency Stop can also be required by 4 blasts of the siren (Set radio to control channel and await further instruction). Permission to re-commence given by 1 long blast of siren.
18. First Aiders are as detailed in the attendance register.
19. The NSC Bisley RASP (explain location of copy).
20. Range Office/Range Control telephone number is 01483 797777
21. Radio. The Range Control Channel is set by turning the channel knob fully clockwise. The Butts channel is set by turning the channel knob fully anti-clockwise. In an emergency set the Range Control Channel and send: “EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY” and wait for the Range Office reply. Then send: “CONTROL THIS IS RANGE, I AM ON LANE AT YDS (STATE NATURE OF EMERGENCY)”.

Safety – on the firing point

22. Place your kit on the firing point only when instructed.
23. Do not unbag rifles until given permission.
24. Rifles not in use are to be bagged.
25. Do not load until given permission.
26. Do not fire until the siren has sounded a single blast.
27. Additionally, do not fire until the RCA has given permission.
28. Cessation of firing is marked by two blasts of the siren (stop, unload, remove from firing point)
29. All rifles are to be kept pointing at the target at all times whilst loading, unloading, firing or dealing with misfires.

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30. Anyone seen closing the bolt on a rifle which is not pointing at the target will be warned on the first instance and removed from the firing point on the second instance. If you are using a bipod, be especially aware of the hazard.
31. Do not have ammunition on the firing point of any type other than that which is suitable for the rifle in use. If you have more than one type of ammunition with you, place the ammunition not in use in a bag/case or off the firing point (i.e. out of reach).
32. Misfire procedure. Keep the rifle pointing at the target for 30 seconds. If the cartridge does not fire, unload it and bring the misfire to the RCO's attention. Do not attempt to re-fire a cartridge that has misfired: either take it home for dismantling or hand it to the RCO for disposal.
33. Dry firing will follow the same safety procedures as for live firing. Bore sighting is not permitted.
34. At the end of a detail you are to unload and present the rifle for inspection.
35. When re-bagging a rifle, it is to be unloaded and cleared and where possible, the bolt is to be removed and carried separately. This is mandatory.
36. Hearing protection must be worn by everyone on or near the firing point when firing is in progress and eye protection is strongly recommended.
37. Hearing protection must be worn in the butts.
38. When firing is complete make sure you search for any live rounds, spent brass and litter. Deal with as appropriate.
39. Do not remove any ammunition from the range unless either you brought it with you or it has been entered onto your FAC. To do otherwise is a criminal offence.
40. If you have used a club rifle, at the end of the shoot remove the bolt but leave the magazine fitted.
41. Are there any questions? If at any time you are unsure about anything, ask.
42. Any medical conditions?