



SSAA SCOTTSDALE

RANGE RULES

The purpose of these rules is to ensure all members, prospective members and visitors (both shooting and non-shooting) are fully aware of the range layout, operations and safety procedures in place at SSAA Scottsdale. An electronic copy of these rules is to be provided to every member. They are also to be prominently displayed on the club notice boards. All new range users are to be briefed on these rules upon arrival. **Please Note:** This document is constantly under review and could be amended at any time. The latest copy is available to all members upon request and will always be posted to the [T04 Branch website](#).

References:

- a. SSAA Standard Rules, Official National Rules No. 9.1 2021
- b. SSAA (Tasmania) Range Officer Manual, Version 01/2011
- c. SSAA Scottsdale Risk Audit Register dated 25 Oct 2022
- d. SSAA (Tasmania) Riddell Range Complex Safety Rules, V.1.1 - 1 Jun 2021
- e. Steel Challenge Shooting Association Rule Book, May 2018 Edition

ORIENTATION

- **Range layout.** SSAA Scottsdale is a fixed firing line range located at 34900 Tasman Highway, Scottsdale, Tasmania, 7260. SSAA Scottsdale varies from a maximum range of 200 metres on the left, to 150 metres in the centre to 50 metres on the right. The range is approximately 110 metres wide.
- **Club House / Toilets.** The clubhouse and toilets are shared with two other range user clubs, The Arms Collectors Guild and Precision Rifle Tasmania. All members are to ensure the clubhouse, toilets and surrounding area are kept clean and tidy.
- **Range Boundaries:**
 - **Left Boundary.** The left boundary of the range is marked by the track on the left side which separates SSAA Scottsdale from the adjacent range managed by the Arms Collectors Guild and Precision Rifle Tasmania.

- **Right Boundary.** The right boundary is marked by the fence and tree line on the far right of the pistol range.
- **Firing Line.** The Firing Line is laid out as follows:
 - On the left is the precision rifle (PR) competition area. Periodically the PR boundary will be marked by orange flags. Rifle bench shooters are not to place targets to the left of those flags.
 - In the centre there are eight standard rifle benches as well as the Control Box where the Senior Range Officer (SRO) is located. The RED/GREEN flashing lights and the RED/GREEN flags are also located at the Control Box.
 - On the right side of the range are the covered pistol bays, open pistol training area and Steel Challenge competition area.

10 MINUTE OPERATING CYCLE

- SSAA Scottsdale runs a 10 minute shooting cycle while the range is in operation. During that 10 minutes, shooters are free to engage their respective targets as many times as they wish.
- **Words of Command and Warning Signals.** The following words of command and warning signals are used to safely manage the cycle:
 - **Opening the Range.**
 - The SRO will sound the warning siren or bell and will announce, **“THE RANGE IS OPEN, EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ON.”**
 - The red light will be switched on (and the red flag raised) and the 10 minute cycle will commence.
 - **The Two Minute Warning.**
 - At the 8 minute mark, the SRO will announce **“TWO MINUTES.”**
 - **10 Minute Cycle Complete**
 - At the 10 minute mark the SRO will sound the warning siren or bell and announce, **“CEASEFIRE, UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR, ONCE YOU ARE CLEARED, SHOOTERS MOVE BACK FROM THE FIRING LINE.”**
 - Range Officers (ROs) will then move forward and clear all firearms.
 - **Closing the Range.**
 - Once all firearms have been cleared, the SRO will announce, **“THE RANGE IS CLEAR, THE RANGE IS CLOSED.”**
 - The Green light will be switched on (and the green flag will be raised).

- The SRO will then announce, **“YOU MAY MOVE FORWARD AND CHECK YOUR TARGETS.”**
- Shooters are not to handle their firearms FOR ANY REASON - while the range is CLOSED particularly while shooters are downrange. ROs will be monitoring the Firing Line at all times while the range is CLOSED.

GENERAL RULES

- **Children.** Children are not to be left unsupervised on the range, at any time. Other than supervised minors who are shooting on a ¹Minors Permit, no children are to be allowed inside the rear fence separating the carpark and the Firing Line.
 - **Speed Limits.** The maximum speed limit on the entrance road to the range is 15 kmh. The maximum speed limit around the clubhouse is 5 kmh.
 - **Registration and Sign-In.** In order to assist the committee to plan for range activities, all members are to register their attendance on the SSAA Scottsdale online Range Attendance web page. All attendees including members, visiting shooters and non-shooting visitors are to sign the Attendance Register upon arrival at the range. Firearm licences and SSAA membership cards will also be checked upon arrival.
 - **Firearm Security.** Firearms are not to be left unattended at any time unless under the supervision of a holder of a licence of the appropriate category to that firearm. Private vehicles containing either firearms or ammunition are to be locked any time that vehicle is unattended.
 - **Communications.** Due to the length of the Firing Line it is important that the SRO is able to communicate effectively with all ROs. This is achieved through the use of hand held radios preset to the following channels.
 - Channel - 60 / DCS Channel - 30
 - Shooting is not to commence until the SRO has established communications with all of the ROs on the Firing Line
 - All safety staff should be aware that these are not secure radios and that any transmissions made can be heard by anyone using the same channel.
 - **First Aid.** A fully stocked first aid kit as well as an automatic emergency defibrillator (AED) is located in the Control Box. SSAA Scottsdale has staff trained to use that equipment.
 - **Emergency Assembly Point (EAP).** In the event of an emergency, all range attendees are to move to the EAP which is the front of the clubhouse near the flag poles. Any required safety announcements will be made in that location.
 - **Smoking.** Smoking is prohibited within 5 metres of the Firing Line, or within 3 metres of any building.
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- **Photography.** No photography (either still or video) is permitted at SSAA Scottsdale without prior committee approval.
- **Wildlife Protection.** Under no circumstances is wildlife of any species to be harmed at SSAA Scottsdale. Current SSAA (Tas) policy prohibits any wildlife being deliberately harmed on any SSAA range. Members found to be breaching this policy could be subject to a 3 month suspension. In addition, some species (Peregrine Falcons and Wedge-tail Eagles etc) are protected in Tasmania and deliberately harming them is a prosecutable offence.
- **Targets.** SSAA Scottsdale uses both paper and steel targets. If a shooter places a target (of either type) out on the range they are required to recover it before they depart the range.
- **Steel Targets.** SSAA Scottsdale has four types of steel targets that can be used either for competitions or practice. These are:
 - **Silhouette** – pistol and rimfire rifle only. Shooters are not to engage these targets with a centrefire rifle. These targets are not to be used at ranges under 25 metres.
 - **Steel Challenge** – pistol only. These targets are not to be used at ranges under 21 feet / 6.4 metres.
 - **Precision Rimfire** – rimfire rifle only. These targets are not to be used at ranges under 30 metres.
 - **Precision Rifle** – centrefire rifles only and are not to be used at ranges under 100 metres.
 - Shooters wishing to use any of the above steel targets for practice, are to see the on-duty SRO.
 - Steel targets that have been positioned for competitive matches are for those competitors only and are not to be engaged by any non-competitors.
 - The use of privately owned steel targets at SSAA Scottsdale is not permitted.

SAFETY SPECIFIC

- **Every Shooter is a Safety Officer.** Shooters are encouraged to be safety aware and observant and report anything they see which they believe may be unsafe.
- **Safety Flags.** Three red safety flags are to be prominently displayed on the range; one at the entrance to the range, one behind the Firing Line and one downrange on the left side of 200 metre mound.
- **SRO / RO.** The SRO is to be on duty in the Control Box at all times. He / she is to be supported by ROs on duty along the Firing Line as follows:
 - 1 x RO - precision rifle area (if a match is being conducted or at any time precision rifle barricades or props are being used);
 - 1 x RO - rifle benches; and

- 1 x RO - pistol bays and pistol competition area.
- All RO are to wear SSAA high visibility vests.
- Additional ROs will be appointed as required.
- **Muzzle Awareness.** On the Firing Line, at all times, shooters are to keep their barrel pointed downrange and finger outside the trigger guard until they are about to engage their target.
- **Precision Rifle / Precision Rimfire Stages.** During Precision Rifle or Precision Rimfire matches, shooters transitioning from one part of a stage to another are to ensure that prior to moving, their bolt is fully to the rear and the finger is outside the trigger guard. Bolts are not to be chambered until the target has been properly acquired in the shooters optic sights.
- **Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI).** ECI are mandatory for every firearm on the Firing Line. When the command UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR is issued, shooters are to remove the magazine and insert an ECI into the chamber. Note: If a shooter does not have an ECI, the bolt is to be removed.
- **Moving Firearms onto the Firing Line.** All firearms must be bagged or cased when moving them to or from the car park to the Firing Line.
- **Rifle Carriage.** Whenever a shooter is required to move an uncased or unbagged rifle around the Firing Line, it is to be carried with the muzzle upwards and level with the shoulder, finger outside the trigger guard.
- **Muzzle Brakes.** The use of muzzle brakes is permitted at SSAA Scottsdale.
- **Removing your Firearm.** If a shooter wishes to remove a firearm from the Firing Line, they may do so at any time, however, an RO must clear that firearm before it is removed.
- **Use of the Precision Rifle Area.** If shooters wish to use the Precision Rifle area for practice, an RO familiar with the barricades, props and other equipment used, must be in attendance.
- **Eye and Ear Protection.** Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all shooters at SSAA Scottsdale, regardless of firearm type (pistol, rimfire, centrefire, shotgun, muzzle loaders) or discipline.
- **Snake Bite.** On occasion snakes have been sighted in and around SSAA Scottsdale particularly under the clubhouse, in adjacent bushland and in the long grass on the edge of the range. All range users (in particular children) are to avoid those areas. In the event of a snake bite, the following procedure is to be activated immediately:
 - Call '000' immediately
 - Render first aid
 - The SRO will order CEASEFIRE - UNLOAD - SHOW CLEAR to all shooters

- SRO will delegate an RO to move to the range entrance and act as a guide for the ambulance
- **Trip Hazards and Movement on the Range.** Shooters should be constantly aware of trip hazards when moving around the range. These include, ammunition boxes, rifle cases, shooting mats, tripods etc. When moving downrange shooters should also watch for rabbit holes. Due to the number of potential trip hazards at SSAA Scottsdale, running on the range, except in an emergency, is prohibited.
- **Actions on Misfire, Hang-fire.**
 - If you have a misfire - STOP - DO NOT OPEN THE BOLT- Keep your rifle pointed downrange - Finger outside the trigger guard
 - Attract the attention of an RO
 - WAIT 30 SECONDS. The RO will then order UNLOAD - SHOW CLEAR and will remove misfired round to a safe location on the left side of the range
 - If a live round is stuck in the chamber, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE IT. Advise the RO who will inform the SRO who will deal with the situation
- **Actions on Serious Incident:**
 - The SRO will order CEASEFIRE - UNLOAD - SHOW CLEAR to all shooters
 - All shooters will be moved off the Firing Line to behind the fence
 - The SRO will determine the extent of the incident (minor or serious) and issue further instructions
 - Render first aid
 - Call '000' if necessary
 - The SRO will delegate an RO to move to the range entrance and act as a guide for the ambulance if one is required
 - So that any follow-up investigation can proceed unhindered, the incident scene is to be left untouched (rifle, ammunition , equipment etc)



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