



SSAA T04 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 at SSAA T04 Scottsdale¹. These rules will be:

- Provided electronically to every member
- Prominently displayed on club notice boards
- Explained to all new range users upon arrival

Please Note: This document is subject to ongoing review and may be amended at any time. The latest version is always available to members upon request and will be posted on 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. Steel Challenge Shooting Association Rule Book, May 2018 Edition

ORIENTATION

Range Layout

Scottsdale Rifle Range is located at 34900 Tasman Highway, Scottsdale, Tasmania, 7260. The range consists of:

- A 200m fixed firing range
- An 800-yard (742m) dynamic long range

Club House and Facilities

The clubhouse and toilets are shared with The Arms Collectors Guild of Tasmania.

Range Boundaries

- Left Boundary: Marked by the fence line on the left side of the 800-yard range, managed collectively by SSAA T04 Scottsdale and the Arms Collectors Guild.
- Right Boundary: Marked by the fence and tree line on the far right of the Handgun Range.

Firing Line Layout

The Firing Line is arranged as follows:

- 800-yard Long Range: Located on the left side of the range entrance track. The club has written authority from the Arms Collectors Guild of Tasmania to use this range for competitions and practice.
- Precision Rifle Competition Area: Situated on the left side of the 200m range. During competitions, this area may be marked by orange flags. Rifle bench shooters should not place targets to the left of these flags.
- Central Area: Comprises eight standard rifle benches and the Control Box where the on-duty Senior Range Officer (SRO) is located. The RED/GREEN warning lights and flags are also positioned at the Control Box.
- Handgun Range: Located on the right side of the range, featuring:
 - 8 covered pistol bays
 - An open pistol training area
 - Steel Challenge and Silhouette competition and practice areas on the far right

Operating Cycle

SSAA T04 Scottsdale operates a 10-minute shooting cycle while the range is open. During this period, shooters are cleared to engage their respective targets.

Words of Command and Warning Signals

The following commands and signals are used to safely manage the cycle:

Opening the Range

- The Senior Range Officer (SRO) will sound the warning siren or bell and announce: "THE RANGE IS OPEN, EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ON."
- The red light will be switched on (and the red flag raised).
- The 10-minute cycle will commence.
- **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."

Important: Shooters must not 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

- **Operating Hours:** The range operates on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, with shooting commencing no earlier than 09:00 and ceasing no later than 16:00. Shooting at the range outside of these days/times is NOT AUTHORISED, with the exception of planned events such as courses or sanctioned competitions.
- **Registration and Sign-In:** To assist the committee in planning range activities, all members must register their attendance on the club's online Range Attendance web form. All attendees, including members, visiting shooters, and non-shooting visitors, must sign the Attendance Register upon arrival at the range. Firearm licenses and SSAA membership cards will also be checked upon arrival.
- **Security:** Due to recent unauthorised entries to the range, security cameras have been installed. Security signage has also been posted in prominent locations around the range.
- **Firearm Security:** Firearms must not be left unattended at any time unless under the supervision of a holder of a license of the appropriate category for that firearm. Private vehicles containing either firearms or ammunition must be locked any time the vehicle is unattended.
- **Communications:** Due to the length of the Firing Line, it is important that the SRO can communicate effectively with all ROs. This is achieved through the use of handheld radios preset to the following channels:
 - Channel - 60 / DCS Channel - 30
 - The range must not open until the SRO has established communications with all 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 and an automatic emergency defibrillator (AED) unit are located in the Control Box. The club has staff trained in the use of this equipment.
- **Cleanliness:** All range users must ensure the clubhouse, toilets, and surrounding areas are kept clean and tidy. Rubbish bins are positioned around the range for this purpose.
- **Children:** Children must not be left unsupervised on the range at any time. Other than supervised minors who are shooting on a Minor's Permit, no children are 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 km/h. The maximum speed limit around the clubhouse is 5 km/h.
- **Emergency Assembly Point (EAP):** In the event of an emergency, all range attendees must move to the EAP, which is located at the front of the clubhouse near the flag poles. Any required safety announcements will be made at that location.
- **Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited within 5 meters of the Firing Line, within 3 meters of any building, and anywhere on the Firing Line (inside the fence).
- **Photography:** No photography (either still or video) is permitted at the club without prior committee approval.
- **Wildlife Protection:** Under no circumstances is wildlife of any species to be harmed on our range. Current SSAA (Tas) policy prohibits any wildlife from being deliberately harmed on any SSAA range. Members found to be breaching this policy could be subject to a 3-month suspension. Additionally, some species (e.g., Peregrine Falcons and Wedge-tailed Eagles) are protected in Tasmania, and deliberately harming them is a prosecutable offence.

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.
- **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 - rifle benches; and
 - 1 x RO - pistol bays and steel challenge / silhouette area.
 - All RO are to wear SSAA high visibility vests.
 - Additional ROs will be appointed as required.
- **Range Officers.** Please respect our Range Officers. Without their dedication, we would not be able to run the range safely and efficiently.
- **Important Notice:** Physical and verbal abuse of any kind will NOT be tolerated. Such behaviour towards a Range Officer will result in immediate removal from the range property. In the event of a violent incident, the SRO is required to call the police at '000' without delay.

- **Safety Flags.** Two red safety flags are to be prominently displayed on the range; one at the entrance to the range and one downrange on the left side of 200 metre mound.
- **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 this range.
- **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.
- **Pistol Ammunition.** Full metal jacketed (FMJ) pistol ammunition is prohibited for use at SSAA T04 Scottsdale for both practice and competition. RO are to visually check that shooters are not using FMJ ammunition.
- **Targets.** The club uses both paper and steel targets. Shooters are to recover any target a they use on the range.
- **Steel Targets.** SSAA T04 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 less than 10 metres.
 - **Precision Rimfire** – rimfire rifle only. These targets are not to be used at ranges under 25 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 in order to confirm they have the correct targets and they understand the minimum safe distance for the firearm and calibre of ammunition they are using..
- 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 T04 Scottsdale is not permitted.
- **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 T04 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 T04 Scottsdale particularly near the clubhouse, in adjacent bushland and in the long grass on the edge of the range. All range users (in particular children) should 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 must 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 this range, 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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