

SSAA Tasmania Inc. Riddell Range Complex

General rules

1. **All shooters** must report to the clubroom/range office on arrival, sign-in and pay fees. You must present your current Firearms Licence, permit or exemption and club or state affiliation (where relevant) card when signing-in.
2. **The Designated Range Officer** is in complete control of the range at all times. Any direction in accordance with the law and/or rules of SSAA must be followed immediately.
3. **All other persons** must report to the clubroom / range office on arrival and sign the attendance register.
4. **There is to be no shooting on any range unless under the authority of a Range Officer.**
5. With the exception of a range officer, no person shall at any time touch any equipment not belonging to them without the consent of the owner.
6. Persons under 12 years old must always be under the supervision of a responsible adult when on-site.
7. Smoking is prohibited within 10 metres of any sporting activity on the site and within 3mt of any buildings on the site.
8. Anyone determined by a club official to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to handle firearms.
9. Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, bicycles and other similar equipment are not permitted to be used within 5mt of any structures on the Complex.
10. Leashed dogs are permitted on the grounds but are not permitted in the buildings unless they are authorised assistance dogs. The owner must remove any waste from the range complex.
11. No unauthorised person is to handle firearms within the complex.
12. All potentially hazardous situations must be reported immediately to a Range Officer.
13. The use of ear and eye protection is strongly recommended.
14. Firearms must not be left unattended at any time unless under the supervision of a holder of a licence of the appropriate category to that firearm.
15. It is prohibited to injure wildlife in any way.
16. Shooters should wear enclosed footwear on all firing lines.

Shooting range rules

1. No firearm may be loaded until the Shooter is in place at the firing line and directed to do so by a Range Officer.
2. At all times, while loaded, the firearm shall point down range.
3. At all times, while loaded, the firearm shall be under the control of the user.
4. When not at the firing line, the firearm must be unloaded at all times.
5. On the "Cease Fire" call, the firearm must be immediately unloaded.
6. No person on the firing line shall touch a firearm whilst any other person is forward of the firing line.
7. All safety rules relevant to the event being conducted shall apply and be adhered to by all shooters.
8. All malfunctions must be reported immediately to the Range Officer.
9. No person shall go forward of the firing line without gaining permission from the range officer. Wearing a high visibility vest or shirt (at minimum) is recommended beyond 200m .
10. All shooting is to be in accordance with the range approval.

Longarms (excluding shotguns)

1. To ensure the safety, and prevent the function of rifles when not in use, an ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) must be correctly inserted. If an ECI is not available, the bolt must be removed or an alternative must be applied as approved by the Range Officer. (Air Rifles excepted)
2. When not on the firing line or in use, all firearms must be either bagged, cased or be carried with their muzzle elevated in a safe direction
3. No firearms are to be removed from the firing line unless cleared as safe by the Range Officer or their delegate
4. Muzzle brake firearms are only to be used in specified areas as approved by the Range Officer.
5. Rifles of .50cal or .338 and their derivatives are only to be used on specific days under additional rules.

Large Calibre Rifles (.338 or .50 and their derivatives)

1. All Rifle rules (above) apply.
2. Large calibre rifles are to be used from specific shooting bays on the rifle range firing line
3. Large Calibre Rifles are only to be shot prone (this is to reduce the chance of over elevation)
4. .50 calibre and their derivatives are required to use an approved elevation limiting device
5. At any time there shall be a dedicated range officer for no more than two shooters using .50 calibre and derivatives.
6. All shots from a .50 calibre or their derivatives must terminate in the purpose built mounds

Pistols

1. Pistols must be taken to the line in a bag or box, then taken out at the shooting bench or designated safety area.
2. For matches where holstered firearms are allowable, unloaded firearms can be carried holstered in the following areas: The firing line of the Rifle Range (NOT BEYOND THE WALL!), the Pistol Range Proper. Firearms are not to be removed from a case except in designated safety areas.
3. No prohibited or H6 pistols shall be used on the range unless with the prior approval, and supervision of a range officer holding the appropriate category of firearms license.

Shotguns

1. Shotguns must be visibly broken or cased when not in use (where possible). The range officer shall direct any other safety requirements if the shotgun cannot be visibly broken.
2. Shotguns must only be loaded within designated shooting areas.
3. On the shotgun range, shot must be no larger than #6 shot as per SSAA Rules – Larger shot and or slugs may be permitted on the rifle range using static targets at the Range Officer's discretion.

Other Firearms

1. The use of other firearms or crossbows within the Riddell Range Complex requires prior approval of the Range Management Committee.

Rule Breaches

1. Any breach of the above rules – refer General Rules (2) – may result in the offending party (or parties) being instructed to leave the complex – forfeiting any payment or remaining range time.
2. Breaches of the rules may result in additional penalties or sanctions at the discretion of the Range Management Committee