

# TEES VALLEY TARGET SPORTS CLUB

## RANGE BRIEFING - FULL BORE RIFLE

### FBR 1 GALLERY and CONVERTED GALLERY RANGES

A 5.56mm or 7.62mm round can travel with lethal effect as far as 4000 metres. The MoD ranges we use have reduced danger areas which means a shot over the stop butt could have serious or even fatal consequences.

Carelessness or lack of concentration could result in injury or loss of life.

Evidence shows that target shooting is the safest of sports but safety of self and others is paramount and all are responsible for applying common sense and the rules designed to keep it that way.

#### **COWPARK (CG)**

#### **WHIPPERDALE (G)**

#### **PEATFELL (CG)**

#### **GALLERY RANGES AND CONVERTED GALLERY RANGES USED AS GALLERY RANGES**

- 1 When the red flag in the butts is flying it is **FORBIDDEN** for firing to take place and to :
  - i) occupy or move to occupy a firing point or fire trench
  - ii) uncase or encase firearms
  - iii) handle any firearm
  - iv) handle any equipment whatsoever on a firing point
- 2 The order for raising or lowering the flag is the sole responsibility of the RCO unless the range warden or I/C butts perceives an emergency in which case it can be raised on their initiative and the RCO will act accordingly.
- 3 If the red flag is hoisted (or the RCO or anyone else shouts "**STOP STOP STOP**") whilst a detail is in progress all are to stop firing immediately, apply safety catches, rest firearms, remain in situ and await instructions.
4. You must sign in before firing and declare that you have read and understood these briefing notes.
- 5 You are responsible for the safe use of your firearms and ammunition and that your equipment and ammunition whether homeloads or not is fit for purpose and poses no risk to yourself or others.
- 6 No kit or equipment (including firearms) is to be placed on your firing position unless the permission of the RCO has been given .(Kit must be placed behind your firing position until permission to move it forward is given).
7. Firearms may be uncased on your firing position only and not until the RCO has given permission.
8. Preparation of firearms may be carried out only on your designated firing position and only when it would otherwise be safe to fire a shot and the rifle must be pointed down range at all times.
- 9 Do not charge a magazine or load a round until the RCO gives a specific order to that effect and that firing may commence

**10 A round must not be chambered unless the firearm is in the shoulder and aimed at the correct target and permission to fire has been given**

- 11 When a firer finishes a practice he/she must immediately inspect the chamber *and* the magazine to ensure they are clear and then insert a breech flag.
- 12 Upon conclusion of a detail all firers are to have their firearms cleared by the RCO or a person authorised by the RCO for that purpose (this will usually be any person other than the firer) and actions are to remain open with breech flags inserted and made clearly visible. Firers may temporarily vacate their firing point whilst a detail is in progress but the firearm(s) must be confirmed as clear as per this paragraph at the time of departure and again upon conclusion of the detail.

- 13 Upon conclusion of a detail all uncased firearms must be confirmed as clear as per paragraph 12 and no person is to go forward of the firing point unless a specific order to that effect has been given by the RCO.
- 14 When persons have been cleared to go forward or are forward, all firing positions including fire trenches are to be vacated and no firearm or other equipment is to be cased, uncased, touched or handled.
- 15 Dry firing in any location unless it would be in order to fire a shot is strictly forbidden but dry firing may take place next to a "live" firer with the RCO's permission ( and that of the "live" firer").
- 16 No person will be permitted to take part in a firing detail or be close to one unless they have adequate ear protection.
- 17 Firing outside a lane or across lanes is not allowed but a marker shot may be fired into the stop butt at target height within the correct lane under RCO supervision.
- 18 If on firing, your rifle goes click instead of bang the misfire drills must be followed even if you suspect that the fault is only that a round has not been fed into the chamber. (Wait 30 seconds,tell the RCO then,under his supervision, open the action with your head to one side. Do not attempt to re-use misfired rounds but arrange for safe disposal). If the sound of a discharge is suspect the misfire drills must be followed and barrel clearance checked (a primer on its own will send a bullet partway into the barrel).
- 19 Deliberately firing at wildlife will be regarded as discharging a shot in an intentionally dangerous manner and will be reported to the club Committee for further action under the disciplinary process.
- 20 The firing point must not be left unattended when kit is present.
- 21 No High Muzzle Energy ammunition is to be used unless prior consent has been obtained from Wathgill and notified beforehand to the Range Warden and confirmed by him to the RCO when signing for the range. The NRA procedures for HME ammunition including mandatory zeroing at 200 yards must be followed (HME ammunition has a muzzle energy in excess of 3319.2 ft lbs/4500 joules). A High Muzzle Energy qualified RCO must be present.
22. The use of tracer ammunition is prohibited
- 23 Club probationers under instruction excepted, all firers are have on their person a valid NRA Safe Shooting System certificate of competence for the firearms being used in order to fire unsupervised, the certificate to be produced if requested.
- 24 Visitors are not allowed to be present unless it is a Club nominated Open Day and only full members with an SSS Certificate can host visitors.(Members of other clubs with an FAC and valid SSS Certificate are Guests not Visitors)
- 25 All persons are to be ready to assemble for the purpose of signing in and for a range briefing as directed by the RCO on the day. (The assembly point depends on the range being used)
26. Firers are responsible for ensuring that their firearm is confirmed (i.e. by the RCO/someone else) as clear before encasing it at any time and especially at the conclusion of the day's activities and firearms are to be pointed downrange when being cleared.
- 27 Pick up all your litter and empties (especially .22 cases) patch out targets if instructed and remove all your staples (especially on MOD issued targets even if they are "Gun Club reserved" backing targets)
28. Put your own target away and help with others
29. If you are leaving at lunchtime ensure your lane is cleared and your target is put away in good order.
30. All of our full bore rifle shoots are free but donations towards the cost of the day are very welcome and appreciated.
31. References to firearm handling procedures includes ammunition.
32. Firers who use homeloaded ammunition are responsible for ensuring that the ammunition they use has been assembled in a safe and responsible manner and its use by them poses no risk to themselves or others and the user is to be held responsible for any incident or any injuries to themselves or others arising from their use of such ammunition. ( Note – liability rests with the person using the ammunition)

**LAST ITEM**

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