

Tees Valley Target Sports Club

FBR 3 Full Bore Rifle - Range Briefing 6J Black Beck

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.

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A 100 yard moving target range with 6 lanes with two firing positions per lane. It also has six sets of obstacles available for practical rifle style shoots and can be used for walkdown shoots. The targets are either Figure 11 stick ins with slots in the base to fit in the turning target holders or frames which will also take Fig 11 boards. It is ideal for zeroing and ammunition testing and easy to find being a few hundred yards north of Whipperdale on the same side of the road. It is no longer possible for us to use the turning or moving target facility

- 1 There is no Red Flag safety procedure only the red Range in Use flag is hoisted.
- 2 Stack your kit behind your designated firing point. Do not uncase anything.
- 3 Static targets only are used on this range. Once the RCO has given permission, place a target in your lane as speedily as possible. Pick the correct lane! It is ok to put any spare targets and marking bits and pieces behind the timber retaining beam in front of the target line.
4. You must sign in before you can shoot and declare by signature that you have read and understood this briefing note.
- 5 You are responsible for the safe use of your firearms and ammunition and that your equipment and ammunition is fit for purpose and poses no risk to yourself or others.
- 6 No kit or equipment is to be placed on the firing point until the permission of the RCO has been given.
- 7 Preparation of firearms may be carried out on your designated firing point as part of the usual firing process provided it is also safe to fire a shot. Firearms must be pointed down range at all times during preparation.
8. Firearms may only be uncased on the firing point with RCO permission.
- 9 Prior to giving the order to commence the RCO will check that no persons are forward placing targets etc. He may ask for a second opinion as this range is testing to observe as clear. NEVER go out of sight behind the moving target marker bays.** Do not load a round or charge a magazine until the RCO gives a specific instruction 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. If 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
- 12 When a firer finishes a practice he/she must immediately inspect the chamber *and* the magazine to ensure they are clear of any live rounds or empty cases and then insert a breech flag.
- 13 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 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.

- 14 Upon conclusion of a detail all uncased firearms must be confirmed as clear as per paragraph 13 and no person is to go forward of the firing point unless a specific order to that effect has been given by the RCO.
- 15 When persons have been cleared to go forward or are forward, all firing positions are to be vacated and no firearm anywhere is to be cased, uncased, touched or handled. All persons not going forward are to remain to the rear of the firing benches.
- 16 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").
- 17 No person will be permitted to take part, or be in the proximity of, in a firing detail unless they have adequate ear protection.
- 18 Firing outside a lane or across lanes is not allowed and be careful to select the correct target.
- 19 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, advise the RCO then open the action with your head to one side. Do not attempt to re-use misfired rounds but arrange for safe disposal). If the report of a discharge is suspect the misfire drills must be followed and barrel clearance checked (a primer on its own will lodge a bullet in the barrel).
- 20 Deliberately firing at wildlife will be regarded as releasing a shot in an intentionally dangerous manner and any occurrence will be reposted to the club Committee for action under the disciplinary process.
- 21 The firing point must not be left unattended when kit is present.
- 22 No High Muzzle Energy or tracer ammunition is to be used.
- 23 All firers must have on their person a valid NRA Safe Shooting System certificate of competence for the firearms being used and produce it on demand.
- 24 Visitors are not allowed to be present unless it is a Committee approved 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 Vehicles are not to be driven down to the firing line,all kit must be carried from the car park.
- 26 Firers are responsible for ensuring that their firearm is confirmed as clear by someone else before encasing it at any time and at the conclusion of the day's activities, firearms 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 if MOD issued targets are used even if "Gun club use only" targets are used).
- 28 All of our full bore rifle shoots are free but donations towards the cost of the day are very welcome and appreciated.
29. Put your own target away and help with others and if you are leaving at lunchtime ensure your lane is cleared and your target is put away in good order.
- 30 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 injuries to themselves or others arising from their use of such ammunition. (Note - the liability rests with the person using the ammunition)

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