

**Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA)
T13 - Blue Hills Sporting Shooters Club (BHSSC)
Blue Hills Road, Copping, Tasmania**



RANGE SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY

Aim of this policy

- To outline the approved BHSSC Range Safety Management Policy in order to provide a safe operating environment within the Club's range complex at Blue Hills Road, Copping, Tasmania.

Scope

- This policy applies to all persons who are present within the area comprising the BHSSC Range Complex at Copping during operation of any of the Club's ranges.

Range Officers

- No BHSSC range is to operate unless there is a SSAA qualified Range Officer (RO) present.
- ROs are responsible for all aspects of range safety in accordance with the SSAA (Tasmania) Inc. *Range Officer Manual*.
- As per standard Range Rules, all persons present are to comply with all directions given by the RO supervising the particular range at that time.

Operation of ranges

- Firing is not to commence at any BHSSC range until all public safety alert measures have been put in place (i.e. relevant range safety flags are flying, appropriate access gates are locked, and radio communications are in place).
- All persons attending the range are to sign the BHSSC Range Attendance Register and if applicable, pay the necessary range fee.
- All persons present on a BHSSC range are to conduct themselves in a courteous, professional and supportive manner. Use of inappropriate language, discrimination (less appropriate safety management directives) or conduct that would be deemed unacceptable is prohibited.
- When, in the opinion of the RO supervising a range there are any safety concerns regarding operation of that range, the RO is to cease operation of that range until such time as the situation is remediated.
- Range usage is to be in accordance with the BHSSC approved *Schedule of Events* (<http://www.ssaabluehills.org.au/events>), unless otherwise arranged with the Committee.
- All range activities conducted in accordance with the BHSSC approved *Schedule of Events* are to be preceded by a Range Safety Brief to all participants which is to be delivered by the supervising ROs.

- BHSSC range facilities may be used at other times on a private basis within the following limitations:
 - Permission for access be sought from BHSSC Committee through the Secretary or President.
 - A minimum of two persons must be present while the range is in use.
 - All firers are to be appropriately licenced and / or supervised
 - One of the firers using the range must be a SSAA qualified RO.
- A person qualified in first aid and a suitable first aid trauma kit are to be located at any BHSSC range activity.
- Following the use of any BHSCC range, the range area is to be left clean and in a serviceable condition. Any breakages or deficiencies are to be reported by the RO to the BHSCC Committee of Management (via the Secretary).

Range user requirements

- No person shall use a BHSSC range unless they satisfy one of the following requirements:
 - They are a licensed shooter with the appropriate licence endorsement for the firearm they are using on the range.
 - Any firearms in use on the range are to be in a safe and serviceable condition, and within the limitations for which range approval has been granted by Tasmania Police.
 - In the case of new shooters visiting the BHSSC who do not hold a current firearms licence, they are to hold a Tasmania Police Firearms Exemption Certificate and are to be individually supervised during any firing.
- If in the opinion of the RO supervising a range any firer is deemed to be unsafe due to any reason, the RO may direct that firer to cease firing immediately and following that, take whatever action the RO deems to be necessary.
- No firer is to use any BHSSC range when, in the opinion of the RO, they are suspected of being under the influence of any drug or alcohol, or where in the opinion of the RO, they are deemed to be unsafe in the handling or use of their firearm. Where a RO suspects that either of these situations may be the case and that as a consequence range and / or public safety may be compromised, the firer is to be directed to leave the BHSSC range complex. In the event that the affected firer is a member of the BHSSC, the RO is to report the incident to the BHSSC Committee of Management which will in turn, direct what further action is to be taken with respect to the matter.

Safety breaches

- Any breaches of safety within the BHSSC range complex, while any range is in operation, are to be managed and reported in accordance with the SSAA (Tasmania) Inc. *Range Officer Manual*.

Policy approval

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