

S.S.A.A. (TAS) INC. STANDARD RANGE RULES

1. The powers of the Range Officer regarding conduct on the range are absolute and not subject to question or discussion other than at a properly constituted ordinary meeting of the Branch Committee.
2. The actions of all bolt and lever type longarms are to be open at all times and with no rounds in the breech or magazine (if fitted to the firearm) except on the firing line when permission to insert bolts, magazines and ammunition will be given by the Range Officer.
3. Shotguns are to have actions open and no ammunition is to be placed in the chamber until the shooter is on the firing line and the command to do so is given by the Range Officer.
4. Pistols are to be holstered or in carry cases whilst the shooter is not on the firing line and under the control of the Range Officer. No ammunition or magazine is to be placed in the firearm until the shooter is on the firing line and under the control of the Range Officer.
5. All firearms carried on or about the range must be held in a position of safety with the breech open, magazine removed where possible and unloaded at all times. (*Pistols and shotguns are to be carried as covered in points 3 & 4.*)
6. Owners should ensure that firearms are mechanically sound and in a safe condition i.e. that the firearm does not inadvertently fire when:
 - (a.) the action is being opened or
 - (b.) the action is being closed.
7. To prevent injury to both shooter and firearm, the barrel, chamber, locking lugs ect. Should be free of any oil, grease, or any other obstruction. The ammunition must be of the correct type and ballistically sound.
8. Should the Range Officer consider any firearm and/or ammunition to be unsafe or unsuitable, he/she may deny the owner the right to use it on the range.
9. Any member who considers the firearm, ammunition or practice of a shooter to be unsafe, should bring the matter to the attention of the Range Officer (without distracting other shooters), who after investigation, will take the appropriate action.
10. The Range Officer will give the command commence fire, this will be either verbal or by some other means depending on the discipline being shot at the time. The command to cease fire will be as previously stated. When cease fire is given, firearms are to be cleared by the Range Officer before they are to be removed from the firing line. (*Pistols are to be holstered or placed in cases where applicable.*) No person will move forward into the target area until permission is given by the Range Officer. All persons wishing to hang any targets must notify the Range Officer of their intention to

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do so and will report back to the Range Officer when back on the firing line.

11. When targets are being changed, shooters and spectators will keep clear of their benches and mound and under no circumstance, handle firearms. Non-shooters must stay back from the firing line in areas defined.
12. Danger flags (4feet by 2Feet) will be flown from poles 5 to 6 meters high during the course of each shoot. They will be hoisted immediately before and removed immediately after the shoot. One will be flown at the furthest backstop and one at the entrance to the range.
13. Danger notices will be posted and maintained at all points required by law.
14. The onus of observing all rules rests with each individual shooter.
15. If branches are sharing ranges with other Associations, then they shall observe any other extra rules for that particular range as well as these range rules.
16. Ranges will have a designated firearm handling area for the purpose of repairs, cleaning, and handling of firearms for certain purposes etc.
17. Only the required amount of ammunition is permitted on the firing line in matches where it is stated in the rules that this is the case.
18. In the event that a stuck live round is encountered on the range, the following shall apply without exception.

S.S.A.A. Policy on stuck live rounds as set at the National Conference in March, 1995, is as follows:

“In the event of a shooter experiencing a jammed live round (stuck live case), the firearm is to be made safe by removal of the bolt if applicable, or by some other method if the firearm is not a bolt action. The Range Officer is to ensure that the firearm is immediately removed to a safe place. Where applicable, the bolt is to remain out of the firearm whilst the stuck case is in the chamber. It is recommended that the firearm be taken to the nearest gunsmith as soon as possible. Under no circumstances is the removal of the case to be attempted or undertaken on Range property.”

This Policy must forthwith be complied with on all Ranges.

19. All matters relating to safety or range problems should be immediately referred to the officiating Range Officer in the first instance.