



MANAGEMENT OF SAFETY BREACHES POLICY

Aim of this policy

- To outline the approved BHSSC Management of Safety Breaches Range Policy in order to achieve prompt, equitable and accountable outcomes for users of 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.

Safety

- The safety of all persons within the BHSSC range complex at any time any range is in use is of the highest priority.
- Safety is an individual responsibility of compliance with directed and expected range conduct, and a collective responsibility for alerting others to unsafe practices or behaviour.
- The BHSSC Committee of Management is committed to providing a safe range environment for all users. It achieves this by confirming its safety management expectations (this policy) and will hold range users to account for significant and / or recurring breaches of range safety and unsafe firearm handling procedures.

Range Officers

- SSAA qualified Range Officers (ROs) have prime responsibility for ensuring that any activity conducted at the BHSSC range complex is done so in accordance with directed safety and firearms handling requirements.
- 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*.
- All persons present are to comply with all directions given by the RO/s supervising the particular range.
- Any protest over a decision made by a RO is to be directed, in writing, to the BHSSC Committee of Management.

Breaches of safety

- Any person present at the BHSSC range complex may report a potential safety issue or safety breach at any time to the RO conducting the activity, provided it is done so in a safe and sensible manner.
- Where a RO observes a breach of safety or where a safety issue is reported to the RO, the RO is to direct "CEASE FIRE" and halt all associated activity on that range until such time as the situation is investigated and addressed.
- 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*.
- So far as the immediate management of an individual who has caused a safety breach is concerned, the following actions are to take place:
 - The RO conducting the activity is responsible for management of the safety breach and the individual concerned while that person remains within the BHSSC range complex.
 - The RO is to immediately take whatever protective measures they think are required to stop any unsafe action, protect range users, and remove any identified safety risk or potential risk before the range activity can continue.
 - In the event of a breach of safety by an individual, either observed by the RO or reported and then substantiated, the RO is to remove the individual concerned from the firing line and take remedial action in accordance with the SSAA (Tasmania) Inc. *Range Officer Manual*.
 - If in the opinion of the RO a safety breach is of a minor nature and it can be dealt with promptly and locally, it is to be managed as such.
 - If in the opinion of the RO a safety breach is significant, recurring or cannot be readily addressed, the individual concerned is to be directed to immediately cease firing, make their firearm safe, and remove themselves from the firing line. The RO may further direct that they are to not continue to use the range again until such time as the matter has been formally addressed. The RO may also direct the individual concerned to leave the range complex.

Persons affected by alcohol and / or drugs

- Any person, be they a visitor or firer, adversely affected by alcohol or drugs is not permitted to use or be present on the BHSSC range complex.
- ROs are responsible for making a judgement assessment as to an individual's potential impairment from the effects of drugs and / or alcohol.
- The BHSSC Committee of Management acknowledges its duty of care to all individuals within the BHSSC range complex and to the wider community. Where an individual is considered to be at risk to themselves or others so far as safe firearms handling practices are concerned, or is allegedly affected by either alcohol and / or drugs, the Committee of Management has directed that Tasmania Police may be advised by the RO to deal with the matter either immediately (as an urgent community protective measure), or later in writing by the BHSSC Committee of Management as to the circumstances and concerns of the matter.

Injury to any person

- No range activity is to be conducted without a person qualified in first aid being present. In addition, a first aid trauma kit is to be available during the conduct of the range activity.
- In the event of an injury to any person, all range activity is to immediately cease and first aid assistance is to be provided as required.
- In the event of a serious injury, Ambulance Tasmania is to be immediately contacted via 000. Arrangements are to be made with Ambulance Tasmania to either direct them to the injured person or to rendezvous with Ambulance Tasmania at an agreed location.
- Should the injury involve use of a firearm, Tasmania Police will be immediately notified by the 000 operator.

Policy approval

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