



SSAA Mackay Branch Inc. Q17

RANGE RULES

BRIGHTLY SHOOTING COMPLEX



These Range Rules cover the use of the Brightly Shooting Complex, operated and managed by SSAA Mackay Branch Inc. Requests for exemptions from any provisions of these Range Rules shall be submitted in writing to the SSAA Mackay Branch Inc. Management Committee for consideration and will not be undertaken without written approval.

Range Description:

The *Brightly Shooting* complex has multiple ranges. Shooting Bays / Ranges are numbered and divided by concrete walls as follows:

Ranges 1,2 and 3 – 50m handgun and Pistol Calibre Firearms.

Range 4 – Silhouette and Any approved firearm (out to 200m).

Range 5 – Any approved firearm (out to 300m).

Range 6 – Any approved firearm (out to 500m),

NOTE: Range 6 has two firing lines which **are not to be used concurrently.**

Range 7 – Shotgun Range (.410 – 12G).

Hours of Operation:

The Range Complex hours of operation are:

Wednesday 9:00 am > 5:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am > 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am > 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am > 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am > 5:00 pm

Unless by prior arrangement with the Range Operator. Registered matches as noted within the Calendar, are exempt from these times as a Range Officer shall be in attendance prior to Match Commencement.



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1. Safety - Individual responsibility

Individual shooters must read and understand these Range Rules as Firearms Safety is the responsibility of every person. All signage in addition to or referenced from this document, displayed on the Brightly Shooting Complex must be obeyed.

2. Range Officers (RO)

A Range Officer appointed by the Range Operator, has authority over the whole range. Lawful powers of the Range Officer concerning conduct on the Range are absolute and not subject to question or discussion, other than the Range Operator or Range Representative.

An Authorised Range Officer must be in attendance at all times and thus supervise visitors and shooters, physically sight a participants' firearms licence(s), Annual Range Pass, collect and receipt Day Passes and endorse the relevant range registers as the RO.

The Range Officer also has the responsibility to supervise all personnel (shooting and non-shooting alike) present on the range and, with reasonable cause, may have Annual Range Pass holders and/or non-Annual Range Pass holders removed at his/her discretion. **NOTE:** Such action shall generate a written incident report to the Range Operator.

A Range Officer may appoint Assistant Range Officers, as necessary to ensure the supervision of persons on adjoining ranges (Including Range 7).

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A Range Officer may participate in a match, providing an Assistant Range officer has been appointed for the period the Range Officer is participating in that match.

There by insuring the whole range is supervised.

The Range Officer is required to physically sight participants Weapons Licence's. Range Pass Holders or Visitor who hold a current Weapons Licence but are not able to produce their licence **shall not be permitted to shoot**. This would be in contravention of the Weapons Act.

3. BEI's – Breach Empty Indicators

Breach Empty Indicators are required to be used in all firearms that are un-cased and a participant is not in physical possession of for the purposes of shooting or Cleaning. If no BEI is available, the bolt must be removed or the gun cased.

Exception being:

- Break-action shotguns used on Range 7 for Clay Target Shooting. (All other types semi auto, lever action etc. must use BEI).
- Holstered Pistol.



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4. Holsters

USE OF HOLSTERS IS PERMITTED ONLY IN HOLSTER APPROVED MATCHES / AND PRACTICE OF "DRAW AND FIRE" FOR APPROVED MATCHES.

Some Category H matches require competing from a holstered position, e.g. Action Match/Single Action. Holsters must be in accordance with the requirements of the match rules i.e. Semi-auto and double action handguns must not have their trigger exposed.

NOTE: Single Action Match requires different holster proficiency to other Matches. The required holster proficiency shall be for that match and they are not interchangeable.

Handguns are not to be carried in the holster off the range, e.g. into the kitchen/office or toilet areas, or when changing ranges such as moving from Range 1 to Range 4 unless ranges are operating as one. The handgun is to be removed from the holster and re-cased for inspection by the adjoining range RO.

5. Security

Firearms are not to be left unattended. The Shoot Captain / Range Officer is responsible for delegating a licensed Attendee to supervise firearms Eg: while targets are being changed.

6. Going Forward of the firing line

Prior to anyone moving forward of the firing line:

1. Permission first will be needed from the Range Officer or his appointed Assistant.
2. All firearms are cleared by the Range Officer or his Assistant.
3. Handling of firearms or ammunition will have ceased.
4. The relevant Ranges shall be closed and the "Red Light" turned **ON** by the Range Officer or his Assistant
5. The Range Officer or his assistant will then give instruction to move forward of the firing line.

Prior to the Firing Line re-opening:

The Range Office will ensure all have returned to behind the firing line and the range is clear. Before turning the red light **OFF and announcing commence fire.**



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NOTE: The Chain gate that restricts vehicle access to the road that is on Range 5 and the removable post on Range 4 allowing vehicle access is to **ONLY BE OPERATED BY THE RANGE OFFICER.**

7. Steel Targets

Steel targets are not to be shot from distances that could cause dangerous ricochets. When steel targets are being used, everyone including spectators, on the shooting bay MUST wear safety glasses. Minimum distance at which steel targets are shot is dependent upon SSAA (Qld) Inc. rulings and specific shooting disciplines.

The following minimum distances for steel targets are to be maintained:

Pistols Calibres (refer Definitions) using non-fmj projectiles.....	10 metres
Rifles – Rimfire.....	25 metres
Rifles – Centrefire.....	50 metres

8. Ammunition

The use of tracer, incendiary, explosive or similar ammunition is strictly prohibited. The use of high velocity firearms is also strictly prohibited (e.g. 338 Lapua, 338 Ultramag etc.). The muzzle velocity shall not exceed 4100fps nor shall the muzzle energy of ammunition exceed 4182fp so as to conform to the conditions of the Range Approval/s which are displayed on the wall at the entrance to the Shooting Complex office.

9. Firing Line

The following points are applicable to all ranges on the complex:

- All Attendees must be under the direction of a Range Officer.
- No firearm is to be removed from the firing line unless it has been inspected and cleared by a Range Officer or his appointed Assistant.
- Firearms shall never be left unattended. Ensure a licensed person stays at the firing line.

FOR RANGES 1 > 5, the up range edge of the concrete slab is the firing line.

FOR PISTOL RANGES 1 > 3, a person wishing to practice a Pistol Match that involves being forward of the line to shoot, Eg: IPSC course. May do so with the permission of the Range Officer. The Range Officer will appoint an Assistant to supervise the person forward of the line, the Assistant must remain behind the firing line in visible view of the Range Officer/ other Assistants.

RANGE 6, has two (2) firing lines. Under normal operation the rear firing line on Range 6 is deemed to be the up range edge of the fixed benches. Attendees shall not stand erect when shooting from Range 6 Rear firing line/ benches at any time. Attendees shall use the forward shooting line where possible, or relocate to Range 5.



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**RANGE 6 FORWARD AND REAR FIRING LINES WILL NOT BE USED
CONCURRENTLY**

10. Safety / Danger Zones

The range has safety (danger) areas, designed for specific firearms and calibres that are out of bounds (no trespassing) areas designed to contain overshot and ricocheting bullets. The RO shall extend every reasonable effort to ensure that the safety area does not have people in it during range operations.

11. Fumble Zone

Designated Fumble Zones / Safe Areas are signposted. These areas are for gun handling / holstering - casing of handguns / cleaning / related gun maintenance and dry fire. The Fumble Zone may be used at any time and is not dependent upon range closure.

NOTE: Live Ammunition / brass / dummy rounds shall not be taken into any Fumble Zone / Safe Area.

12. Communications

Range officers are to maintain verbal contact and ensure they are aware of all range activity and convey this information to the Attendees under their control.

(NOTE: During some matches electronic communications may be required.)

13. Vehicle Parking

All attendee vehicles are to be parked in the designated car parks, parking between the buildings and the firing line is prohibited.

Attendees are welcome to drive to the rear of the firing line, unload/ load their vehicles in a timely manner and then remove their vehicles.



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Definitions

RANGE OPERATOR:

- SSAA Management Committee. Contact: President, Tony Watson

RANGE REPRESENTATIVE:

- SSAA QLD Nominee for the Range: Tony Watson

HOLSTER APPROVED PISTOL MATCHES:

- IPSC
- Steel Challenge
- Action Match
- CSD
- Single Action

PISTOL CALIBRES:

- Centre-fire cartridges that were manufactured solely for a handgun or handgun / rifle combination. i.e. .357, 44.40; however, **EXCLUDING** 'rifle' calibres that are used in handguns e.g. .223 or 30-30, as for a Thompson Contender.

FMJ: Full metal jacket.