

Safety Rules (Shooting)

1. Always assume that a firearm is loaded and dangerous until you have proved that it is safe. Ensure that the muzzle points in a safe direction open the bolt or action and make sure the firearm is unloaded.
2. **Never** point a gun at anyone, not in fun, not even if you know that it is unloaded, not even if the bolt is removed **-NEVER!**
3. At ALL times the bolt must be open and back with a breech flag inserted or the bolt removed until the firearm is pointing at the target and you have been cleared to shoot.
4. Never close the bolt or action of a rifle with the butt on the ground as an accidental discharge may miss the stop butt and travel for a mile.
5. Never touch a firearm on the firing point if someone is forward in the target area.
6. Do not start to shoot until the Firing Point Officer calls 'Start now and the traffic lights system displays **green** See notes on traffic light system
7. If someone shouts '**Stop**' '**Cease Fire** and/or the displays turns **Red**, cease firing, open the bolt, unload the round, insert your breech flag and place your firearm on the ground.
8. Always feed a round into the chamber at least half way by hand. Feeding by the bolt alone may jam, puncture the rim and cause an explosion.
9. When you have finished shooting unload your firearm and place it on the ground/table with the bolt or action open and a breech flag inserted.
10. If you finish shooting before others, place your firearm on the ground in the normal manner and wait quietly. Do not move around, talk or distract other shooters.
11. Do not move forward from the firing point until the Detail Range Officer has given permission.

12. Only shoot at NSRA approved targets.
13. Only shoot at targets in your lane. Never cross shoot as a round could ricochet over the side banking
14. Before leaving the range put all empty cases in the bins provided.
15. Never put empty ammunition boxes in the fire.
16. Always wear hearing protection when shooting.
17. If you have a misfire, leave the round in the chamber for 30 seconds, then eject and hand to the RCO for disposal at your earliest convenience.
18. Safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see anyone acting in an unsafe manner, or see something that is unsafe, put it right in a quiet and effective manner. Never shout, don't get excited.
19. Report any ricochet to the Detail Range officer and assist him to investigate the cause. Report to the Range Officer
20. Traffic light system notes

RED lights indicate the gate bolt and possibly the gate is open

No shooting is permitted

YELLOW lights indicate that the gate and bolt are closed

No shooting is permitted

GREEN lights indicate shooting is permitted under the control of the Detail Range Officer

*The Detail Range Officer **MUST** after checking safety, still give **verbal instructions** for starting and stopping shooting.*

Addendum (New members)

It is expected that members who are new to the sport, would start by using 'rests' as an aid. After several weeks they would progress to a sling. After 2 or 3 sessions, an assessment will be made by a minimum of 2 committee members as to whether safety requirements are and can be met. If it was found that safety was being compromised, for example, in the case of a Junior being too small to handle the rifle, then they would cease to be a member of the club until the situation had been resolved.

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