

North Arm Shotgun Association

Range Rules

4.1 Introduction

The North Arm Shotgun Association Committee has established the following Range Rules for the use of NASAQ Facilities.

Posted Range Rules

Entry Requirements:

- All visitors must report to the Range Office and sign the range register before participating in any activities.

General Conduct:

- The Range Officer or committee may remove any individual for rule violations, inappropriate language, or behaviour.
- Follow all lawful instructions from the Range Officer or committee members while on the premises.
- Deliberately aiming or shooting at live animals or birds is strictly prohibited and must be reported to the Range Officer or Chief Range Officer.
- All extra targets must be paid for.
- For the comfort of other shooters, refrain from using mobile phones near shooting stands during competitions, unless approved by the Range Officer for special circumstances.
- Shooters must stay within the shooting stand area and should not move forward. Any issues must be brought to the Range Officer, not addressed personally.

Firearm Handling

- All firearms must be in excellent working order.
- Older firearms must be inspected and approved by the Range Officer before use.
- With Range Officer approval, shotgun patterning may be conducted on practice days.
- Firearms must always be unloaded with actions open, except when shooting.
- Firearms must be pointed safely forward while shooting.
- Only one shooter may fire at a target unless supervised by a Range Officer (except in "Flush Style Events," where team shooting is allowed).
- Firearms must be carried with actions open, uncocked, and unloaded. When using a gun slip, ensure the firearm's action is open when placing in or removing from the slip.
- Firearms may not be closed or shouldered outside of shooting stands.

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- No actual or simulated shots are allowed outside shooting stands or while another squad member is firing.
- No shooter may move onto the shooting stand before it is vacated by the previous shooter or move forward of the stands without Range Officer knowledge.
- Shooters may load their firearm only after entering the shooting area, keeping the firearm open and pointed forward.
- Firearms may only be closed when it is the shooter's turn to shoot.
- Shooters must open their firearm and remove all cartridges before turning around or leaving the stand, regardless of whether the cartridges have been fired.
- During target presentation or breaks, firearms must remain open and unloaded.
- Club members may assist with gun mounting in a safe direction, only after confirming firearms are unloaded.

Specific Firearms Rules

- No more than two rounds loaded at a time unless supervised by a Range Officer.
- Maximum shotgun gauge allowed is 12g.
- Firearms must be at least 66 cm (26 inches) in length unless special approval is given.
- No firearms with magazine capacity over five rounds.
- Straps or slings, pistol grips, black powder firearms (without special approval), and Category D firearms (magazine capacity over 5) are not permitted.

Ammunition

- Maximum shot shell load is 28 grams, with shot size between 7-9 allowed.
- Black powder or tracer cartridges are forbidden unless supervised by the Range Officer.
- All purchasers of ammunition must provide a current firearms licence. For unlicensed shooters, refer to Section 4.11 (Ammunition Sales).

Juniors

- Juniors are under 18, or under 21 if a full-time student.
- Junior shooters aged 11–17 must be accompanied by a licensed adult.
- Juniors under 11 are not permitted to handle or use firearms.
- See Sections 6.4.4, 6.5.4, and 5.4.4 for further details on juniors and minors.

Squadding

- Squad assignments are at the discretion of the Range Officer or Committee.

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Dress Code

- Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times on the range.
- Only covered footwear is permitted; sandals and thongs are not allowed.
- A shirt must be worn at all times; singlets are not allowed.
- Clothing with profane, suggestive, or improper words or designs is not permitted.
- Full camouflage attire is not allowed.

Alcohol Consumption

- No alcohol consumption is allowed while shooting.
- Alcohol may only be consumed in the designated "Authorised Area."

Ground Care

- The range is a flora and fauna reserve; shooting at animals is strictly forbidden.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless participating in pre-arranged dog training events.
- Do not tie up or leave dogs unattended in the clubhouse area.
- Dispose of all empty cartridges in the bins provided.
- All rubbish must be collected and disposed of properly.