

CENTRAL COAST MUZZLE LOADING, HUNTING AND SPORT SHOOTING CLUB INC.

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RANGE STANDING ORDERS 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Kariong Regional Shooting Complex is utilised by five (5) clubs, Central Coast Muzzle Loading Hunting and Sport Shooting Club Inc (CCMLH&SSC Inc), Gosford District Rifle Club (GDRC), Gosford District Pistol Club (GDPC), Central Coast Pistol Club (CCPC) and the Central Coast Small Bore and Air Rifle Club (CCSB&ARC).

These range standing orders cover only those ranges operated by the CCMLH&SSC inc.

RANGE FACILITIES

RANGES.

The ranges operated by the CCMLH&SSC Inc consist of 1 x 100 metre rifle/pistol range (extending south from the clubhouse) and 1 x clay target range (west of the clubhouse). The CCMLH&SSC Inc also has the use of the adjacent GDRC 600 metre full bore range for specific events.

CCML range operates 11 rifle bays, 10 pistol bays. (this will vary in accordance to COVID-19 government guidelines and the club's COVID safe plan which reflects any limitations)

PERSONNEL

RANGE OFFICERS.

All shooting on club ranges shall be under the direct control and supervision of a range officer (RO), who has complete authority to conduct the authorised shooting matches and events.

VISITORS, GUESTS AND SPECTATORS.

All visitors, guests or spectators must be signed in by a club member, and remain the responsibility of that member until they leave. Visitors, guests and spectators must comply with any instructions given by the RO in the course of his/her duties. (The clubs current COVID safe plan is asking that we have no visitors/spectators on the range without prior arrangement – only participants and club members are welcome on the range until further notice)

RANGE OPERATIONS

FLAGS.

A RED FLAG must be flown from the entry boom gate, at the firing line and at the butts whenever shooting is being conducted.

Because of the configuration of the complex, a **RED FLAG** is erected at the clubhouse to alert other clubs that the CCMLH&SSC Inc range is occupied, even if shooting is not in progress.

The **RED FLAG** flown at the firing line indicates the range is **OPEN** for shooting. It is removed when the range is **CLOSED** for shooting.

NB: An **ORANGE** traffic cone is displayed on the shotgun range to indicate the range is **CLOSED** for shooting, and is removed when the range is **OPEN**.

WHEN the 300m range is in use the gate on Winchester Crescent **WILL BE LOCKED**.

WHEN the 600yard to 600m ranges are in use ALL GATES WILL BE **LOCKED (Winchester Crescent and gates around the GDRC clubhouse)** and FLAG will be flown.

When the PISTOL range is in use the SIDE GATE WILL BE LOCKED AND THERE MUST BE SOMEONE ON DUTY ON THE RIFLE RANGE FIRING LINE TO PREVENT UNAUTHORISED ACCESS.

BEFORE USE THE RANGE NEEDS TO BE INSPECTED FOR ANY HAZARDS OR PEOPLE ON RANGE.

All shooters **MUST** report and sign in at the office. You will need to have your membership card and licence available and physically present with you while using the range. Electronic/Photo's of your licence will not be accepted.

- Rifle shooters, once having signed in at the office will report to the range officer & the RO will allocate you a bench. Target changes will occur at approximately 20 minute intervals to allow everyone a turn. All rifle shooting will be conducted from the seated bench rest position. NO ADJUSTMENTS are to be made while the Rifle is loaded (this covers adjustments to the firearm, any firearm component or to the shooters position)
- Shotgun shooters will need to attend the office to pay and be squadded.
- Pistol shooters will need to attend the office & report the RO.

All shooting is to be at approved targets only.

ALL FIREARMS will be cleared from the RO before being removed from the firing line

APPROVED FIREARMS, AMMUNITION & EVENTS.

The firearms, ammunition and events permitted on these ranges, are detailed on the Range Approval, displayed on the CCMLH&SSC Inc notice board.

On this range there are restrictions applied to calibre, muzzle velocity & muzzle energy.

Maximum calibre for 50m/100m (NO Centre Fire rifles permitted):

Air Pellet of a calibre up to .25"

Rimfire of a calibre up to .22"

Pistol of a calibre up to .38" / 9mm

Black Powder of a calibre up to .75"

Black Powder Cannon not > 10 gauge

A maximum shot size of 7 applies to shotguns.

Maximum calibre for 300m/600m – 8mm, maximum velocity 4100 feet per second, maximum energy 3000 foot pounds.

Lever action rifle calibres larger than 8mm can be used **BUT** only with lead projectiles. Example 38-55, 45-70, Rifles using pistol calibres remains unchanged example 357 magnum & 44 magnum

RANGE INDICATOR BOARD

This is located near the sidewall of GDPC facing the entry road. The first person on the complex from our club is required to place a “OPEN” magnet to indicate to other range users that **CCMLH&SSC is NOW ON RANGE. (Magnets are located on the back of the sign)**

The last person from our club is required to remove the “OPEN” magnet to indicate to other range users on the complex that we have left (Magnet is to be placed on the back of the sign). If all other ranges appear closed – the main Boom Gate is to be locked on your way out (Committee/Authorised people with Club Keys are responsible)

ARCS OF FIRE

- All rifle shooting will be conducted from the seated bench rest position except for Muzzle Loading or Black Powder firearms at approved targets.
- All shooting must be from numbered firing positions to the corresponding target number.
- All shotgun shooting will be conducted under SSAA NSW, Australian Clay Target Association or NSW Muzzle Loading Association Rules.

COMMANDS

Specific commands vary with the firearm type and discipline being shot. Shooters are to ensure they are familiar with the commands relating to their specific event. **Shooters must be able to hear and understand any command given by the RO.**

General commands that an RO may use are;

RANGE OPEN: - shooting may commence on the range.

CEASE FIRE: - all shooting is to STOP IMMEDIATELY, firearms to be unloaded and placed in the racks provided. Command will be given verbally and may be preceded by a signal from a whistle or air horn.

RANGE CLOSED: - all firearms will be unloaded and removed from the firing line before the range is closed. no further handling of firearms, shooters may move forward to check targets etc.

RANGE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

HEARING AND EYE PROTECTION.

- Hearing and eye protection is recommended at all times.
- Eye protection is **MANDATORY** when firing **PISTOLS & MUZZLE LOADING FIREARMS**.
- **The use of iPODS / Music Playing devices / phone calls (either using Phone, or through earphones) & similar are prohibited on or near the firing line. This can affect safety, due to becoming distracted and missing important instructions from the Range Officer.**

SMOKING.

Smoking is not permitted within 10 metres of any loading bench or area where Black Powder is likely to be used. Smoking is also not permitted in any enclosed areas of the range – including the clubhouse, toilet blocks, firing line, office, or storage containers.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.

Any person deemed by the RO to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, will be excluded from shooting.

COMMUNICATION.

When conducting long range events, the use of two way radios to provide immediate communication between the firing mound and the target gallery, the use of these is highly recommended.

RANGE AND ROAD CLOSURE.

Due to the configuration of the Range complex, **WINCHESTER CRESCENT** and **CCMLH&SSC 100m and Shotgun Ranges** will be closed whenever the GDRC 600m full bore range is being used, or when CCPC and GDPC ranges are in operation.

If POLICE are on range - ALL GATES at the top of the range will be LOCKED.

This range & the complex **WILL BE CLOSED** when a fire danger warning of **SEVERE & ABOVE** has been declared.

Access by National Parks & other organisations requiring access beyond the **RANGE DANGER AREA** will follow protocol agreed to by National Parks, whereby phone contact will be made when the working party exits the RDA & upon re-entry to the RDA.

NO SHOOTING can take place while the working party is in the RDA.

Use of black powder on very high fire danger days (VHFD) & total fire ban days (TOBAN) will not be permitted. On VHFD the RO will assess the prevailing conditions, such as WIND, TEMPERATURE & ENVIRONMENT [is the surrounding area very dry (etc)]

TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS on a VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER day black powder events will not take place.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS.

- GOSFORD HOSPITAL 4320 2111
- GOSFORD POLICE 4323 5599
- AMBULANCE 131 233
- KARIONG MEDICAL CENTRE 4340 4444