

GUERNSEY PISTOL CLUB LBG

RANGE STANDING ORDERS (RSO) – MONT ARRIVE 25m INDOOR RANGE

Effective: 6th October 2016 – Revised 12th January 2018 – **Not restricted.**

INTRODUCTION

- 1 All persons in the confines of the range must read, comply with and are bound by these Range Orders. Revisions will be circulated to members and posted in the Club premises.
- 2 All persons attending the range must sign and date their presence in the Range Register. Names should be written in clear capital letters.
- 3 Smoking is not permitted in the range confines at any time.
- 4 Range safety is the **responsibility of ALL ranges users.**
- 5 The range shall only be used for cartridge shooting between 08:00 and 22:00h daily and on Sundays and Bank Holidays only between 10:00 and 18:00h.

RANGE LOCATION AND EMERGENCY AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Location: Mont Arrive. Perry - Page H 0

Co-ordinates: N 49°27.989'; W002°32.530'

EMERGENCY – Call 112 or 999

Ambulance Station: 01481 725211

Hospital: 01481 725241

Police: 01481 725111

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

- 1 All shooters are responsible that their pistols and ammunition are safe to use and for their safe custody at all times.
- 2 'Pistols' in these RSO means self-loading pistols (SLP), single shot pistols and revolvers. Any pistol capable of either 'burst' or 'fully automatic' fire is expressly forbidden and must not be used. An SLP that 'maxims' or fires more than one shot for each pull of the trigger must not be used until adjusted and proved safe to Club Officials and, or the RO.

- 3 Unused .22 calibre ammunition MUST be handed to the responsible Range Officer (RO) or Club Official.
- 4 Only pistols chambered for and firing either 0.22LR or .22 Short Rimfire ammunition and Air Pistols calibre .177 may be used. The use of any centrefire pistol and ammunition and .22 calibre air pistols and pellets is specifically forbidden.
- 5 Ammunition must be only round nosed lead bullet 0.22LR or .22 Short Rimfire. Jacketed and 'high velocity' .22 ammunition in excess of 360m/s must not be used.
- 6 The use of pistols firing Black Powder (BP) of any calibre is expressly forbidden.
- 7 Only Air pistols complying with 'low power' status generating less than 6 ft lbs (8.1 J) of energy and not requiring a Firearms Certificate (FAC) shall be used.
- 8 Ammunition that misfires shall be dismantled safely and disposed of on the range by a competent person.
- 9 No domestic type vacuum cleaner shall be used on the range under any circumstances; only industrial type specialist cleaners for use with unburned powder approved in advance by the Committee shall be used.
- 10 Dismantling, repair and cleaning of pistols shall only take place on the firing point with the permission of the RO and so as not to disturb other firers. No handling of pistols in these circumstances is allowed whilst anyone is forward of the firing point.

RANGE ORDERS

- 1 The 25m range may be used only if two persons are present, one of whom must be either a Committee member or an approved Range Officer. They are responsible for opening and securing the range, including all ammunition storage, access to the toilet and re-setting the alarm before leaving.
- 2 The Range Safety Certificate permits cartridge shooting only in the standing position at 10m, 20 yards and 25m. Firing at any other distance is expressly forbidden.
- 3 A maximum of # 4 firers may use the range and be on the firing point at any one time. An RO may also be present. A coach may be present provided they do not disturb the other firers, at the discretion of the RO.
- 4 The 'Range in Use' light must be switched on whilst firing is taking place. Entry to the firing point is forbidden, except in an emergency, when the red light is on.
- 5 Hearing protection is mandatory on the firing point. Eye protection is strongly recommended.

- 6 All young persons under the age of 14 must be supervised on the firing point firing at both 10m with an air pistol and at 10m 20 yards and 25m by an experienced club member aged over 21.
- 7 Targets must be put up only either as marked on the target boards at 25m or in the target holders at 10m for Air Pistol shooting. Firers are encouraged to remove target staples before leaving the range.
- 8 Only approved paper targets supplied by the Club are to be used. 'Hard' metallic type targets are not to be used in any circumstances. Electronic targets for ISSF events may be installed with prior approval of the Directors in accordance with these RSO. The height of the centre of the target aiming mark shall always be 1.40m.
- 9 All firers must comply with all range commands and instructions given by the RO.
- 10 One firer, by mutual consent, should act as the RO for each firing detail and give appropriate commands and instructions.
- 11 Pistols should only be unboxed or uncased on the firing point, with barrel pointing down range and the action should be open except when firing. When not in use, ISSF type barrel flags should be used. Pistols must not be unboxed either in the clubroom or armoury unless under the supervision of the RO.
- 12 Pre-loading of magazines is not permitted. Magazines may only be filled and loaded on the appropriate command "Load". After firing, magazines must be removed and placed on the firing point and be visible for inspection by the RO, who must check the pistol(s) and magazine(s) are clear before anyone moves forward of the firing point.
- 13 Pistols must not be touched or handled, even if checked clear to box, when anyone is in front of the firing point.
- 14 Pistols should be kept pointing downrange in a safe direction even in the event of a malfunction or other irregularity. Notify the RO and await their commands and instructions. Avoid disturbing other shooters, unless an urgent matter of safety is involved.
- 15 Mobile phones and similar devices must be either switched to 'silent mode' or 'off' when on the firing point. The use of sound producing devices on the firing point is not permitted.
- 16 Firers are to clear up spent cases from the range after firing and following the cessation of all shooting. Clean unshot targets are to be put up after shooting ceases..
- 17 The safety screens between firing points must be used when shooting self-loading ('semi-automatic') cartridge pistol to avoid disturbance to adjacent shooters.

RANGE COMMANDS

- 1 If **ANYONE** on the range sees anything that is or is considered dangerous then they shall immediately give the emergency command **'STOP, STOP, STOP'**. Firing must cease immediately with no exception.
- 2 Firers are to unload their magazine from the pistol; lay both pistol and magazine on the bench; stand back and await further instruction to unload cartridge(s). No pistol or magazines may be touched again until told to do so by the RO.
- 3 The RO shall be responsible for issuing further commands and instructions as necessary.
- 4 The RO or a Club Official has the authority and may ask a shooter either to not enter or to leave the firing point if they are considered a risk either to themselves or others and, or are not considered fit to fire pistols safely.
- 5 All incidences including gross breaches of Safety Rules and RSO must be reported to Club Officials without undue delay.
- 6 In all circumstances, the commands of the RO must be obeyed.
- 7 For ISSF events, all firers are deemed to know the specific rules and range commands. If in doubt, a shooter should ask the RO for clarification.
- 8 For all slowfire and practice shooting, the RO shall use the following commands:
 - a. "Detail, unbox your pistols"
 - b. "Eyes and Ears"
 - c. "Ten rounds in ten minutes"
 - d. "Load and fire when ready"
 - e. "Cease fire"
 - f. "Unload"
 - g. "Bench Pistols" – RO shall inspect all pistols are clear then:
 - h. "Range Clear" – "Forward, score and change targets"
- 9 In some circumstances during shooting as a matter of safety, the RO may order "Cease Fire", "Unload". Once unloaded, pistols shall not be handled or touched until given the command "Load".
- 10 Pistols must only be loaded, including charging magazines on the command "Load".
- 11 No person shall go forward or be forward of the firing point without permission of the RO and then, only when the range is deemed safe.

- 12 Pistols and magazines shall not be handled or touched between the command "Bench Pistols" (8.e above) until given the command "Load".
- 13 All pistols and magazines must be proven clear by the RO before boxing or casing at the end of firing.

AIR PISTOL SHOOTING – 10m

- 1 Shooting at 10m by one person only on the range/premises is permitted provided either they are a Committee Member or an approved keyholder. However, it is strongly advised that two persons or more are present when shooting at 10m.
- 2 Air Pistols may only be shot at the specific returning targets installed for the purpose at 10m. Shooting at the 25m targets with an air pistol is not permitted because of the risk of ricochet from the 'linotex' type curtains.
- 3 Cartridge pistols must not be fired at the 10m Air targets.
- 4 Only approved paper targets may be used.
- 5 The 10m range is to be dismantled after the end of shooting and the floor swept to remove pellets.
- 6 These RSO apply to all shooters using Air Pistols of all types.

NON CLUB MEMBERS – GUESTS AND PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

- 1 All persons in this category shall be supervised on a one to one basis by either a Club Official or Range Officer whilst on the firing point.
- 2 The supervising person is responsible at all times for the pistol and ammunition being used in compliance with these RSO.
- 3 The supervising person is responsible for compliance with the RSO by the shooter.
- 4 Any person deemed unsafe or unsuitable by Club Officials following complaint either by the RO or other members shall not be given access to pistols or ammunition and may be removed from the range. In serious cases, the Police may be informed.
- 5 An application to join GPC as a full member shall be considered by the Directors, considering (amongst other things) their previous safe use and handling of pistols and compliance with RSO.

MINORS

- 1 The minimum age for shooting under supervision is 8 years with an Air Pistol and 12 years with a .22 calibre pistol. Evidence of Date of Birth shall be provided in advance to Club Officials. Either advance written parental consent to shoot is required or a parent/legal guardian must be in attendance in all cases when Minors are shooting.
- 2 Supervision must be provided by a Club Member experienced in the type of pistol being used.
- 3 The supervising person is responsible at all times for the pistol and ammunition being used in compliance with these RSO.
- 4 Hearing and eye protection is strongly recommended when shooting Air and mandatory for cartridge Pistols.

These Range Standing Orders may be varied by the Directors as required either by law or in exceptional circumstances.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John G Leighton-Dyson

Director, Guernsey Pistol Club LBG

DATE:

