

## **Nowra Rifle Club INC. Nowra Rifle Range**

Warra Warra Road, South Nowra, NSW  
Entrance via Warra Warra Road

# **Nowra Rifle Range Standing Orders**

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## Part 1 Location, Description and Access

### 1. General

The Nowra Rifle Range is a 4 target classification range located on Crown land Adjacent to Warra Warra Road and Forest Road and is approximately five kilometres south from Nowra CBD, New South Wales. South 34°55'63754" East 150°36'96270"

### 2. Description of Range

The following ranges are under the full control of the Nowra Rifle Club Inc, insofar as shooting activities are concerned:

- a) **Fullbore Classification Range** equipped with 4 counter-balanced target frames, with a Template enabling use to 800 metres
- b) **1 x 100 metre Practice Range**
- c) **1 x 50 metre Smallbore Range**
- d) **1 x 50 metre Pistol Range**
- e) **1 x 10 metre Indoor Air Pistol and Air Rifle Range**
- f) **2 x Clay Target Ranges**

### 3. Line of Fire

The range, when used for NSW Rifle Association, NSW Shooting Association, Government range practice activities, must involve a line of fire perpendicular to the stop butt.

The Nowra Rifle Range employs the NATA 7.62 Rifle Range Danger Area Template.

### 4. Range Access

The Range can be accessed by traveling down Warra Warra Rd, South Nowra. The gates are locked at all times except when the range is in use, preventing vehicular access to any part of the complex.

### 5. Range Approval

The Range is approved for use by Nowra Rifle Club members, NSW Police Service, National Parks and Wildlife, Correctional Services NSW, Naval, Army and Air Force Cadets and any bodies approved by the Firearms Registry or State or Federal Agencies.

**Firing Distances: 800, 700, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200, 100, 50 and 10 metres, 2 x Clay Target ranges.**

**When the 700m and 800m distances are in use, the Pistol Range, 50m Smallbore Range and 100m Practice Range and all amenities forward of 700m mound cannot be utilized.**

**The following authorized events may be fired:**

- ISSF Pistol
- Rimfire Pistol Metallic Silhouette
- Field Pistol Metallic Silhouette
- Service Pistol
- Blackpowder M/L Pistol
- Single Action
- Clay Target
- Three Position Smallbore Rifle
- Rimfire Metallic Silhouette Discipline Matches
- Blackpowder Cannon
- Fullbore/Classification Rifle
- F Class Fullbore Rifle, F Standard, F Open, FTR

- Field Class Rifle
- Service Rifle and Breech Loading Cartridge Rifle
- Three Position Blackpowder M/L Rifle
- Benchrest Rifle (approved firearms only)
- General Target Practice (approved firearms only)

## 6 Authorized Firearms

- Air Pistol of a calibre up to .177
- Rimfire Pistol of a calibre up to .22
- Centrefire pistol of a calibre up to .45
- Blackpowder M/L Pistol
- Shotgun up to 12g using not larger than No 6 shot
- Air rifle of a calibre up to .22
- Rimfire rifle of a calibre up to .22
- Centrefire rifle of a calibre up to 8mm.
- Blackpowder M/L Rifle and Breech Loading Cartridge Rifle
- Blackpowder M/L cannon
- NOTE: 300 win magnum NOT permitted

## 7 List of Approved Calibres – Nowra Rifle Range

Draft List of approved calibres for Nowra Rifle Range

Below is a list of major calibres known to be safe for use and approved within the Nowra Rifle Range.

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| A. | <b>Smallbore:</b>         | .22LR  |
| B. | <b>Fullbore/F Classes</b> | 5.56mm (223Rem), 7.62mm (308 Win), 22BR, 6mmBR, 6x47, 7mm  |
| C. | <b>Service:</b>           | 5.56mm (223Rem), 7.62mm (308 Win), 8mm Mauser, 303 British, 6.5x55 Swedish, 7.62x39, 30-06 Springfield, 30 Carbine, 7.62mmx54R.  |
| D. | <b>Sporting:</b>          | .17 Rem, .22 Air Rifle, .22 LR, .22 Magnum, 22 Hornet, 204 Ruger, 218 Bee, 222 Rem, 22-250, 223WSSM, 243 Win, 243WSSM, 25-06 Rem, 257 Roberts, 270 Win, 30-30 Win, 30-40 Krag, 32-20 Win |
| E. | <b>Black Powder:</b>      | Anything less than .75 cal. Note: Black Powder has a safe loading distance   |
| F. | <b>Pistol:</b>            | .177 Air, .22, 9mm, 38 special, 357 Magnum, 45 cal, 32 cal.  |

This list is not exhaustive as sporting calibres can cover a vast range of available calibres, many of which are safe for use on Nowra Rifle Range.

Rifles exceeding the approved muzzle velocity and or muzzle energy are not to be used on Nowra Range.

**Muzzle Brakes are not permitted to be used on Nowra Rifle Range**

## 8. Range Operating Hours

Except where otherwise authorized, range users shall not commence activities before 0900am nor continue to shoot after 6pm.

## Part 2 Safety Rules for Nowra Rifle Range Inc

### 9. General

- (a) Except when shooting or 'Dry Shooting' or trigger pressing on the firing mound or trigger testing, bolts shall be removed from rifles at all times.
- (b) While loading the rifle and once loaded the muzzle must be pointed in the direction of the target or down the range.
- (c) Should any interruption to the shooting take place every shooter whose rifle is loaded shall at once unload and remove the bolt or insert a breech safety flag, whether requested to do so or not, and shall not recommence shooting unless authorized by a Range Officer.
- (d) Before retiring from the firing point each shooter shall present the breech of the rifle to the range officer so they can verify that the chamber of the rifle is empty by looking through the barrel.
- (e) Pistol- May only be handled when on the firing line and/or under the direct control of a Range Officer or in a specified/approved safety zone. On all other occasions, pistols must remain holstered or cased.
- (f) No person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, rendering him or her incapable of understanding the safety rules, shall go on or be near the firing mound nor shall any intoxicating liquor or drugs be administered to or consumed by a shooter, scorer or check scorer on the firing mound except in case of sudden illness.
- (g) No shooter shall place his or her rifle on the firing point while anyone is forward of and within the danger area of that mound.
- (h) No person shall place a live cartridge in the chamber of a rifle for any purpose whatsoever whilst within the boundaries of a rifle range except where permitted to do so under both these Standing Orders and the *Standard Shooting Rules for Australian Rifle Clubs, NSW Shooting Association Rules* .
- (i) Any shooter who has a cartridge (fired or unfired) jam in their rifle or pistol chamber will inform the range officer. Precautions should be taken to ensure that the rifle or pistol is kept in a safe condition until such time as the cartridge can be competently removed. In case of an unfired live cartridge a safe amount of time should elapse (30-60 seconds). The range officer will then determine appropriate action to clear the rifle or pistol. This may include using an appropriate live round extractor under strict safety conditions. In the case of a fired cartridge and only after the Range Officer has confirmed the cartridge has been fired shall approval be given for the empty shell to be removed using a cleaning rod or similar object.
- (j) When extreme heat conditions of 38 Celsius or above are anticipated and/or recorded by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM website), all activities are to cease on the range. *(as of February 2020)*

### 10. Additional Safety Requirements for all firing points

- (a) No shooting shall take place on any range without an accredited Range Officer being in attendance at all times, and having appropriate communication with the markers' gallery, where applicable.
- (b) Red danger flags (120x90cm) shall be flown immediately inside the gates of the Range as well as at the Range to indicate that the area is a live firing range.

- (c) A red safety flag must be in place at the centre of the stop butt whilst shooting is in progress.
- (d) The range boundary's must be checked to ensure no persons are present prior to shooting.
- (e) A Danger sign must be placed on the road at the entrance to prevent access to the Range road while shooting is in progress.
- (f) A red safety flag must be displayed in the butts until the all clear is given for shooting to recommence by the butts officer
- (c) All shooters on the firing point are recommended to wear eye protection and hearing protection (i.e. correctly rated ear muffs, ear plugs or both).
- (d) All persons on the firing point must wear appropriate covered footwear. The wearing of thongs and sandals shall not be permitted.
- (e) Coaches, scorers, check scorers, range staff and spectators are recommended to wear hearing protection when on or in the vicinity of the firing point.
- (f) All persons in attendance on the range are required to sign either their club attendance book or the visitor book on arrival.

**11. Additional Safety Requirements and Operating Instructions for markers' gallery**

- (a) Markers must obey any safety instructions given by a Butts Officer. The Butts Officer shall have the authority to order from the markers' gallery any person failing to obey instructions.
- (b) All passage in the markers' gallery during a shoot shall be done under the parapet. Under no circumstances shall any person walk beyond the butts parapet outward extremity of the Range during a shoot.
- (c) Clubs shall ensure that new markers, or markers commencing with a Rifle Club for the first time, are appropriately trained and aware of safety requirements whilst in the butts and on the range.
- (d) Cassette or CD players or radios, whether or not incorporating headphones, are **not** permitted to be used in the markers' gallery during any shoot.
- (e) All persons in the markers' gallery must wear appropriate covered footwear. The wearing of thongs and sandals shall not be permitted.
- (f) No person under the influence of alcohol or any other drug rendering them incapable of understanding the safety rules shall be permitted in the markers' gallery during any shoot.
- (g) Markers must wear hearing protection (either ear plugs or ear muffs) and eye protection whilst marking.
- (h) At the completion of shooting, targets must be returned to the shed and restacked. Butts Officers shall assist any marker obviously having difficulty in removing their target from the frame.
- (i) Rubbish shall be removed by shooters. No rubbish to be left on the range.
- (j) The Butts Officer shall ensure that a first aid kit is located in an easily accessible position within the target shed.

- (k) A red danger flag (185cm square) will be displayed from the butts to indicate that the butt party members are in an unsafe position. The flag is to remain up until all the members of the butts party are under cover in the gallery of the butts. No one is to leave the gallery until the cessation of firing has been notified by the Range Officer. The butts flag is then raised when it is safe to move out. Before ordering the lowering of the butts flag, the Range and Butts Officers must ensure the whole butts party is under cover. The Range Officer must wait until the butts flag is lowered before giving the order to load, and similarly, he is to ensure all firearms are unloaded and cleared before ordering the butts flag be raised.

## Part 3 Range Operating Instructions

### 12. Fullbore Classification Range

- (a) The Long Range may be used at firing points established from 100 to 800 metres. All range positions, have target number pegs to indicate the correct target for use, and shooters should ensure that this correct line of fire is used.
- (b) Before commencing shooting, range users should ensure that a red danger flag (120x90cm) is being flown at the centre of the stop butt above the target numbers.
- (c) A red danger flag (120x90cm) shall be flown either on the mound or at a flag pole immediately behind the mound in use to indicate that live firing is in progress.
- (d) Radio, telephone or other approved communications method should be established for contact between the firers, butts and any applicable picquets.

Serial	Management Issue	Mitigation
1	Warra Warra Road Access	Access onto this road is controlled via the access gate being locked, safety signage and danger flag flying on the access gate during shooting activities. Access to this gate is controlled by the rifle club.
2	Access to Butts During Shooting	Signage / Road Block across access road. Communications with butts.

## Part 4 Electronic Target Use

- 13. Electronic Targets are in use at The Nowra Rifle Range. When electronic targets are in use with no personnel in the target gallery during live firing, then the red flag is not to be raised in target gallery and communication to the target gallery is not required. The Range Officer is to physically ensure that the butts area is free of personnel before giving the order to commence
  - (a) Rifles are to be zeroed at 100m Practice range prior to use on electronic targets. If doubts exist, then the shooter will not be permitted to use an electronic target until they have zeroed their rifle. If shooter unsure to approach Code Captain prior to commencement of competition and then zeroing of rifles to be attended prior to competition with manual targets at Range Officers discretion.
  - (b) If electronic targets (no butts or markers) are in use there is no requirements for radio communications to the butts gallery.
  - (c) Where two monitors are provided at each firing point there should be minimal need to move monitors over or around shooters or rifles. At no time shall personnel relocate a

monitor over a shooter's body or rifle. If ET monitor is to be relocated the range officer must ensure that any shooter adjacent to the monitor to be moved, has their rifle unloaded (i.e. the bolt of rifle is open and drawn back to full length) before commencing to relocate the monitor.

- (d) Monitors are NOT to be placed on any bench in use. Bench shooters must leave the monitors on the ground.

## **Part 5 Range Bookings**

### **14. Nowra Rifle Range**

The **Nowra Rifle Club Inc.** operates an Office through the Secretary. The Secretary can be contacted on 0488 934 452 or via email at [sec@nowrarifleclub.com.au](mailto:sec@nowrarifleclub.com.au). The secretary acts as the central authority for processing inquiries for use of any ranges.

### **15. Club Activities**

- (e) Members affiliated to the NSW Rifle Association may book the use of ranges for practices and competitions, subject to standing bookings of other range users.
- (f) Subject to these Standing Orders, affiliated bodies having booked the range may use the portion of the range allocated to them on the days permitted. These Clubs and Associations are requested to first report to an Executive Member of the Nowra Rifle Club to confirm.

### **16. Use of Range by groups of individual members, Police/Government Agencies**

- (a) The Office of the Nowra Rifle Club Inc. shall also record bookings for use of the range by groups of individuals or by Police or Government Agencies. Subject to conflicting use by other range users, groups of individual members, Police and Government Agencies may use the Range, subject to these Standing Orders, on days so booked.
- (b) As there is occasional need to access areas of the Range that form part of the Range Danger Area, it is *essential* that individual members, Police and Government agencies first obtain clearance from the Nowra Rifle Club Inc. Office before any access to the range. Persons (except for other regular range users during their approved periods of operation) who enter the Nowra Rifle Range and commence firing without booking and/or obtaining clearance will be regarded as trespassers and the Police will be notified.
- (c) The agency will request in writing at least 21 days in advance of the proposed date they would like to use the range.

### **17. Indemnity**

- 1) All external users of the Nowra Rifle Range (other than Clubs and Associations affiliated to the National Rifle Association of Australia Ltd) must have their own insurance.
- 2) External users must have a properly accredited Range and/or butts officer in attendance when using the Nowra Rifle Range

### **18. Authority to temporarily close ranges**

Where an unexpected need to access part of a Range Danger Area arises, an officer of the Nowra Rifle Club Inc. may place a sign stating that a particular range is closed, or that all ranges are closed. Such a notice takes precedence over any range bookings in force.



## **Part 6 Enforcement of Standing Orders**

### **19. Duty of Participants**

It is the duty of all Range and Butts Officers, and of all shooters and scorers, to ensure that they are familiar with these Standing Orders. Range and Butts Officers are to remind other range users of the requirements where an infraction occurs.

### **20. Enforcement of Rules**

- (a) The General Safety Rules contained in clause 7 (Part 2) of these Orders shall be enforced in accordance with the procedures contained in the *Standard Shooting Rules for Australian Rifle Clubs*, and the penalties contained therein.
- (b) Other rules shall be enforced by the Range Officer and Butts Officer for an event. Should an individual or club refuse to comply with the Standing Orders, a full report of the incident shall be made to the Executive of the Nowra Rifle Club Inc.

### **21. Action by Secretary**

A person, club or other organization who refuses to comply with these Standing Orders may, after due inquiry by the Executive Committee of the Nowra Rifle Club Inc. in accordance with natural justice, be denied future use of the Nowra Rifle Range for a specified time or indefinitely.

### **22. Right of appeal**

A person or club aggrieved of a decision made by the Secretary under clause 21 may appeal to the Nowra Rifle Club Inc whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

### **23. Promulgation of Standing Orders**

Copies of Range Standing Orders shall be distributed as follows:

- Two copies to Nowra Rifle Club Inc. based at the Nowra Rifle Range, Warra Warra Road, South Nowra.
- One copy to all other organizations regularly using the Range under agreement with Nowra Rifle Club Inc. (NSW Police Service)
- Copies to casual range users, upon request.

## **Part 7      Miscellaneous**

### **24.      Procedures for dealing with the general public**

The Nowra Rifle Range is an active firing range, and danger signs have been installed on range fences to indicate that unauthorized access may constitute a danger. Should a member of the public enter a live firing range during a practice or event all shooting must cease immediately and all targets are to be lowered (where possible). A Range Officer should then approach the member of the public and politely inform them that they have entered into a Range Danger Area. Generally, this is all that is necessary and the member of the public will leave the area without argument.

### **25.      Speed Limits**

The speed limit from the front gates to all ranges is 20km/h. Vehicles are to stay on formed roads and not drive on or across the classification range unless on such a formed road.

### **26.      Parking**

- (a) Vehicles may be parked in designated parking areas throughout the Range Complex. Vehicles may also be parked 15 metres behind the firing points. Under no circumstances shall cars or motorcycles be parked on, or driven over, any mound.
- (a) The Range Officer or organizing body may prohibit vehicles being driven onto any range during a competition or may prescribe a distance greater than 15 metres for the parking of vehicles behind a mound.

### **27.      Firearms and Ammunition**

Individual members or range users are responsible for the safe storage of their firearms and any ammunition. Firearms shall not be left unattended on any range.

Any firearm in an unsafe condition will not be permitted on the firing line.

### **28.      Personal and Club Property**

The Nowra Rifle Club Inc. accepts no responsibility for loss of property within the Range, including any personal property, or any property owned by any club or other organization. Range users and resident clubs are advised to take out appropriate insurance.

### **29.      Fire Evacuation Procedure**

Everyone must obey the Range Officer's Instructions.  
Everyone must immediately leave the building by the nearest exit, close the doors behind them.  
Everyone must leave the Nowra Rifle Range in a safe and orderly manner.

### **30.      Accident and Emergency**

In the event of an accident or emergency the Range Officer is in charge. The range officer instructions must be obeyed.

- (a) Cease firing
- (b) If minor injury- render first aid. If more complex organize for transfer to nearest hospital of ring Emergency

### **31.      Important contact numbers**

**Emergency – 000**

**Police – Nowra Local Command - 88 Plunkett Street NOWRA 2451 Phone:  
02 4421 9699**

## **Part 8      Amendment**

### **32.      Periodic Review**

The Secretary shall periodically review this Policy, and may recommend to the Executive Committee that it be amended or updated as necessary.

### **33.      Proposed Amendments**

Members and clubs are encouraged to write to the Secretary with any suggested amendments that would improve these Range Standing Orders.

### **34.      Amended Standing Orders**

Where an amendment is made to these Orders, a new set shall be distributed to the individual recipients specified in clause 23. Recipients shall ensure that any outdated copies of these Range Standing Orders are destroyed.

- 1).      In force - 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

**MOBILE SERVICE IS BEST AT THE FRONT GATE/800METRE MOUND**

**RANGE LOCATION: WARRA WARRA ROAD, SOUTH NOWRA.  
Cross street is the PRINCES HIGHWAY**

**GENERAL EMERGENCY: Phone 000**

**AMBULANCE: Phone 000**

**POLICE NOWRA: 02-44219699  
ADDRESS: 88 Plunkett St, Nowra.**

**FIRE RFS NOWRA: 02-44244424  
ADDRESS: 92 Albatross Road, Nowra.**

**HOSPITAL: SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT HOSPITAL  
PHONE: 02-44213111  
ADDRESS: Scenic Drive, Nowra.**

**FIRST AID KITS ARE LOCATED AT: Main Clubhouse and all ranges**

**DEFIBULATORS ARE LOCATED AT: Main Clubhouse and Pistol Range**

**For further information contact:**

**Secretary: 0488 934 452 or 0435 855 025**