



Office
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Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex

Range Rules

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1. Introduction

1.1. General Overview

The Complex is operated in compliance with the following authorised documents:

- Firearms Registry (NSW Police) range licence
- Major Project Planning Consent and the
- Conservation Agreement with the National Parks and Wildlife dated October 2010.

1.2. Background

The Complex was established to provide a home base for recreational and target shooters in the Illawarra, Western Sydney and Southern Highlands Areas, and to consolidate a number of Shooting Clubs in one location. Stage 1 of the Complex will provide access to three outdoor ranges including:

- The existing 800m multi-purpose range that has been in operation since 1987
- A new 500m multi-purpose range
- A new 50m multi-purpose range.

The Planning Approval allows the development of three future new ranges in Stage 2 as listed below. Treasury has not allocated funding for Stage 2:

- A new 200m multi-purpose range
- A new indoor air range and a clubhouse
- A new shotgun range

1.3. Management by Office of Sport

The Complex is managed under the auspice of the Sydney International Shooting Centre as part of the Office of Sport.

1.4. Site Visitor and Access Arrangements

- a. All shooters (including club members) must report to the 'Allocated Control Point' on arrival, sign in and pay fees. A current Firearms Licence must be presented when signing in.
- b. All Range Officers (including club members) must report to the 'Allocated Control Point' on arrival and present their current Firearms Licence when signing in.
- c. All other entrants, including visitors and trades persons, must report to the 'Allocated Control Point' on arrival and present their current and approved form of photo ID (e.g. driving licence) when signing in.
- d. When signing in, personal details will be collected for the purposes of complying with law enforcement requirements. Information will be held and disclosed in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

2. General Rules and Range Rules

2.1. Firearms Act

All licensed shooters must abide by the provisions of the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Firearms Regulation 2006* including:

- a. Notification to the NSW Firearms Registry of name and address changes.
- b. Inspections by the NSW Firearms Registry to confirm the types of firearms owned and the safe storage of firearms and ammunition.
- c. Observation of the regulations for the carrying and safe transport of firearms and ammunition.

2.2. General Rules

- a. **All shooters** (including club members) must report to the Office of Sport office on arrival, sign-in and pay fees. You must present your current Firearms Licence when signing-in.
- b. **All Range Officers** (including club members) must report to the Office of Sport office on arrival and present their current Firearms Licence when signing-in.
- c. **All other entrants, including visitors and trades persons**, must report to the Office of Sport office on arrival and present their current and approved form of photo ID (e.g. drivers licence) when signing-in.
- d. By signing-in your proof of identity documents will be scanned and collected for the purposes of complying with law enforcement requirements. Information will be held in accordance with the national and the NSW legislation *Privacy Act 1988*.
- e. All shooters must be under the supervision of a non-shooting Range Officer.
- f. All persons must obey the instructions and directions of Shooting Complex staff or Range Officers.
- g. Children must always be accompanied and be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times when on-site.
- h. Anyone considered to be affected by alcohol or drugs will not be permitted on the range.
- i. No person may enter or leave the Complex with a loaded firearm.
- j. No person may handle a firearm while on site, unless they hold a current and appropriate category of Firearms Licence or have completed a P650 declaration and are under the supervision of a Shooting Complex staff member or and approved Club Range Officer and have signed-in appropriately.
- k. No visitor may go beyond the spectator safety barrier unless accompanied by a Shooting Complex staff member or Range Officer.
- l. All potentially hazardous situations must be reported immediately to the Range Officer or Shooting Complex staff.
- m. Shooters and visitors should familiarise themselves with the location of the First Aid equipment and evacuation procedures.
- n. Firearms must not be left unattended at any time unless locked in a vehicle. Firearms found not appropriately attended or secured will be unloaded and removed from the range and secured by Shooting Complex staff.

2.3. Range Rules

- a. The red flag must be flying at the gate and on the stop butt during shooting.
- b. Only approved calibres and loads may be used on the range in accordance with the NSW Firearms Registry Shooting Range Approval. Any queries regarding approved calibres and loads should be referred to Range Officers.
- c. Only approved matches and appropriate targets may be used in accordance with the Firearms Registry range licence.
- d. No firearm may be loaded until the Shooter is in place at the firing line and directed to do so by a Range Officer.
- e. At all times, while loaded, the firearm shall point down range.
- f. At all times, while loaded, the firearm shall be under the control of the user.
- g. When not at the firing line, the firearm must be unloaded at all times.
- h. At the completion of shooting, the firearm must be immediately unloaded.
- i. No person may touch a firearm belonging to another person without that person's express permission and must be appropriately licensed.
- j. No person on the firing line shall touch a firearm (or any part of a firearm) whilst any other person is forward of the firing line.
- k. All personal belongings must be stored away from the firing line.
- l. All malfunctions must be reported immediately to the Range Officer. Dropped and misfired rounds are to be disposed of in the yellow marked hazard bins.
- m. Hearing protection must be worn while shooting is in progress on all ranges.
- n. Eye protection must be worn when shooting handguns (excepting air pistols).
- o. Covered footwear must be worn on the ranges whilst shooting is in progress.
- p. All wildlife is protected and cannot be injured in anyway. Any wildlife within the Complex must be reported to the Complex staff for appropriate removal and re-location.
- q. Smoking is prohibited within the Complex unless it is done in the "designated smoking areas as signposted".
- r. Domestic animals are prohibited anywhere within the grounds of the Complex.
- s. Overnight storage of firearms and ammunition anywhere at the Complex is prohibited unless approved by NSW Police and the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment as part of an approved special event and confirmed by the Office of Sport.
- t. Camping or staying overnight anywhere at the Complex is prohibited, unless approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment as part of an approved special event and confirmed by the Office of Sport.
- u. During the fire season, the range is closed on days declared Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger as defined by the Rural Fire Service. The Complex Manager may close the range if these conditions are forecast or at any other time determined as unsafe.

2.4 Rifle Rules

- a. Shooters can prepare their single shot rifles for shooting behind the firing line if they have a safety flag inserted into the rifle. This includes:
 - Putting on cheek pieces
 - Adjusting the stock
 - Putting the firearm together
 - Putting on sights
 - Adjusting the firearms between stages.

- b. Assembly of rifles with magazines is not permitted at the rear of the range. Assembly of rifles with magazines must be done at the firing line.
- c. Any cases containing rifles must be secured in a vehicle or be at the firing line with the shooter or secured to the range with a safety cable to prevent theft. If you do not have a safety cable, please secure additional firearms in a vehicle.
- d. Cleaning of rifles may be done on the bench behind the shooters. Firearms must be cleared by a Range Officer and the bolt removed prior to moving to a cleaning bench. Firearms must be directed away from other persons whilst cleaning.
- e. If rifle racks are used, all rifles must be cleared and magazines and bolts removed.
- f. All firearms are to be cleared and safety flags inserted before going forward to change targets.
- g. Whilst target changes are taking place all shooters are to remain behind the designated line.
- h. Red light indicates that there is danger and the range is in use.
- i. Green light indicates the range is safe and shooters may go forward and change targets.

2.5 Pistol Rules

- a. Pistols must be taken to the firing line in a bag, case or box.
- b. Any cases that contain a pistol or pistols must be in the bay with you, or secured to the range with a safety cable to prevent theft. If you do not have a safety cable, please secure additional firearms in a vehicle.
- c. Cleaning of pistols can be done in the designated safety area.
- d. Shooters may only draw from the holster if they have a current holster accreditation card appropriate for the match they are competing in.
- e. Holstered firearms may not be worn in the carpark.
- f. No loaded magazines are permitted on belts whilst in the carpark.

2.6 Post Shoot Procedures

- a. Collect spent cartridges, brass, and targets and any other rubbish and place in the marked recycling or rubbish bins.

3. Hill Top Neighbours

Access to the Shooting Ranges

The Office of Sport requests all visitors to the Complex to consider the Hill Top Community and surrounding villages. Most concerns received through the planning process were about increased vehicle traffic and especially safety issues for local children on the main roads to the Complex. Please keep to the speed limits and be aware of young cyclists.

The Office of Sport aims to maintain a good relationship with the Hill Top Community to ensure the success of the Complex and your co-operation is valued.