



Murwillumbah Rifle Club

Fullbore Range Conduct:

- Wait for the "**Range Open**" command before placing your firearm on the mound and commencing shooting (red flag will be removed from front of mound).
- Only **shoot from the prone (laying down) position**. Note: There are variations on this when health considerations prevent a shooter from shooting prone, they may use a portable bench or table.
- **Always cycle the bolt before loading the first round** to make sure the firearm will not discharge when closing the bolt.
- **Only load and fire one round at a time**
- If the "**Cease Fire**" command is called, immediately open the action and unload the firearm. A red flag will then be placed in front of the firing line/mound.
- Always have the **firearm inspected** by another person (**bolt out of action**) before removing it from the mound. Rifle barrel must be clear right through.

If in doubt... stop and observe what others are doing. The range officers aren't always obvious on the firing line but most shooters will stop and observe to see what is happening before moving their rifles to the firing line.

Note: The firing line is typically referred to as "the mound" due to the fact that it is usually an earthen mound.

Range Standing Orders & Etiquette

- Range Safety is everyone's responsibility.
- Know and understand the Shooting Rules.
- Know your rifle zero for the ranges you are competing at. Do not turn up to a competition without knowing your rifle zero.
- As required by the SSR's, all zeroing of rifles must be completed at the club 25 yard zero range. However, this can only be done on the second week of the range cycle per distance and only at the committees' discretion.
- Be at the mound 1 half hour before competition commences.
- Always follow Range Officer (RO) instructions.
- Have your shooting equipment & rifle set up ready to go, prior to the allocated start time.
- If this shoot is your first shoot inform the RO of the situation.
- If you have special needs, inform the RO.
- The RO or a committee member will organise the shooting order on the required fullbore recording scoresheets, then place on clipboard/s prior to starting. Last shooter on list, is first check scorer.
- Know when and where you are placed in the shooting order on your target.
- The First shooter has the choice of firing position (L or R on the mound).
- If you are a scorer, make sure you are ready and in position as the first shooter goes to the firing position.
- If the first two shots fail to return a score, your rifle is to be removed from the mound and re-zeroed before continued use (as per SSR's).
- When setting yourself up at the firing point for your string, be respectful of the competitor who is shooting before you. Do not have any influence on their result. Don't cast shadows on the shooter while they are shooting. Wait to move into position between their shots.
- Scorers make sure the clipboard recording scoresheet and the shooter have the same name.
- Watch the shooter fire the shot, then look at the target for the fall of shot (or monitor/tablet if electronic) and the score value.
 - In a loud clear voice call the shot number and the score.
 - Make sure the competitor has heard any instruction and/or warning.
- Before clearing the electronic monitor, ask the shooter if they have finished.
- Do not leave the clipboard recording scoresheet until you have been replaced or the final shooter has finished.
- Score the way you want to be scored (see RO for correct scoring procedure if unsure).
- After you fire your string, vacate the mound as quickly as possible. Don't take your rifle back to the car and then get your ground sheet and scope, front rest, rear bag, from the firing position.
- After you shoot your string and have secured all your equipment off the mound, return to the mound ASAP to score.
- If you are not scoring or shooting, there is no need for you to be on the mound (keep area free as stated in SSR's).
- If there is any need for decisions on rules or clarification, the RO must be called.
- The RO is the only person that can comment on a situation on the mound. It is not your place to say if the shooter or equipment is within the rules. If you believe that there is a situation which is not within the rules call the RO and discuss it with him.
- Be respectful of officials, competitors and volunteers - we are all here to enjoy an even and fair competition.
- Under no circumstance are fouling shots allowed prior to the days club shoot.

SSR's to know:

The approved new and modified rules (Standard Shooting Rules - SSR's) since July, 2023, are listed below. The below two components are important for each type of fullbore rifle.

MODIFIED RULES:

Target Rifle (TR - Aperture)

- Rule 3.1.1.4 The weight of the rifle with all attachments excluding the sling shall not exceed **7.0kg**.
- Rule 3.1.3.2 The minimum trigger pull shall be **500gms (1/2kg)**.

F-Class (Scope)

- Rule 20.9.2 The maximum weight of an F Standard Rifle shall not exceed **8.5kg**.
- Rule 20.11.1 The minimum trigger pull shall be **500gms (1/2kg)**.

Target Rifle (TR)

Shot in a prone position no front or rear rest.
No artificial support other than a sling is permitted.
Aperture sights used.
Trigger weight 500 gms
.223 Calibre Rifle 91 Gr approved projectile
.308 Calibre Rifle 155.5 Gr approved projectile
Maximum weight of Rifle 7kg.

F Standard Class

Shot in a prone position with front and separate rear rest.
Scope used - Trigger weight 500 gms
.223 Calibre Rifle 91 Gr approved projectile
.308 Calibre Rifle 155.5 Gr approved projectile
Maximum weight of Rifle 8.5kg with attached front rest 10 kg

F Open Class

Shot in a prone position with front and separate rear rest.
Scope used - Trigger weight 500 gms
Calibre up to (8mm) with approved projectiles
Maximum weight of Rifle 10 kg

FTR

Shot in a prone position with front and separate rear rest.
Scope used - Shot off Bi Pod - Trigger weight open
.223 Calibre with unrestricted projectile weight.
.308 Calibre with unrestricted projectile weight
Maximum weight of Rifle and Bi-Pod 8.25 kg