

Salisbury Vintage Rifle and Pistol Club

Rules and Regulations
(2011 Edition for the club website)

- 1) All club members are required to comply with the various Firearms Acts in all respects relating to Firearms used at any event organised by the club.
- 2) The Range Officer shall have the power:-
 - (a) to prevent any person he considers "undesirable" for any reason to remain on the firing point or range.
 - (b) To refuse the use of any small arm, ammunition, powder or priming agent he considers unsafe or dangerous.
- 3) All rifles are to be kept parallel to the ground and must not deviate from the arc of fire, and handled safely. (the "arc" equates to 2.8 degrees to left or right of the target centre)
- 4) Army Regulations make it mandatory to wear ear protection at all ranges. Eye protection shall be worn with all Black Powder Shooting.
- 5) THE RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICER is primarily responsible for safety on the range but all participants are equally responsible and can order an immediate cease fire in the event of imminent danger. The procedure is to shout STOP STOP STOP or THREE SHARP WHISTLE BLASTS, upon hearing this all shooting SHALL STOP, the guns made SAFE, and members SHALL await FURTHER instructions. The Range Officer SHALL have the POWER to order all shooting CEASE whilst he attends to any PROBLEM.
- 6) The control of the BUTT FLAG SHALL be in the hands of the RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICER at all times. the Butts Officer is to only raise the flag in case of an EMERGENCY , such as phone failure, he will then await contact from the RCO before leaving the Butts.
- 7) All members shall take their turn in the Butts as required by the RCO.
- 8) During practice shoots only targets approved by the Range Officer will be used.
- 9) Firearms shall not be loaded when not in use for any reason, i e , when left unattended and :-
 - (a) in the event of a malfunction you will raise your free hand to attract the RCO's attention who will advise your next course of action.
 - (b) All weapons must be cleared by a competent person.
- 10) Weapons must be proved clear by the RCO before you remove them from the firing point and all actions left open or the gun boxed or cased.
- 11) Muzzleloaders will only be capped or primed on the firing point and all flasks or containers will be removed from the area of muzzle or chamber flash before firing commences.
 - (a) Powder flasks must be kept to the rear of the shooter well away from the gun.
 - (b) Breechloaders will be loaded on the firing point only.
- 12) Members must observe the Range Rules at all times and the Range Officer's lawful instructions must be complied with. Any person who disobeys any safety rule will on order of the Range Officer cease fire for an indefinite period awaiting the decision of the Full Club Committee. (refer to NRA requirements Appendix "A")
- 13) Members and any prospective members or guests must sign a declaration that they are not prohibited from holding a firearm by virtue of section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968. (this is a Home Office Requirement)
- 14) The club is required by Home Office Rules to report to the Police, any member who has not attended a range for a period of twelve months, failure to attend may result in Certificate Revocation.
- 15) Members who resign for any reason will notify the Club Secretary at the earliest date, as we are obliged to notify the police.
- 16) Probationary members
 - i) An applicant for membership must declare whether they have had a certificate refused or revoked for any reason.
 - ii) Probationary members shall be sponsored by a full member of the club and shall if necessary be interviewed by the committee.
 - iii) A period of six months will be served during which attendance at a minimum of four ranges must be completed. During the probationary period a member may only shoot under the supervision of a full member until he proves competent n handling firearms.
 - iv) The probationary fee shall be half of the current year's subscription, payable with application.
 - v) When elected to full member the balance (pro rata) of the year's fee shall be paid together with a joining fee.
 - vi) A probationary member shall be entitles to partake in club competitions.

17) Guests

In view of the Home Office Requirements concerning guests the following rules apply,

- i) Guests who do not hold a certificate are only allowed on official "Guest Days" which must be agreed by the committee beforehand and notified to the Police, at least 24 hours in advance. To allow sufficient time for paperwork please request "Guest Days" at least five days in advance.
 - ii) Guests who hold a F.A.C. may attend at shoots provided the Range Officer is notified at least three days in advance of the range. This is subject to Home Office clarification.
 - iii) Guest fees must be paid over before commencing to shoot.
- 18) Members must conduct themselves in an orderly manner and will wear clothing of contemporary design and neutral colours; alcoholic beverage is prohibited on the range. There SHALL be NO SMOKING on the firing point.
- 19) Members must sign and return a declaration to say that they have read and will comply with these Rules and Regulations before they are allowed to take part in Club activities. Please keep a copy of these rules with you when attending the range.

Definition of Date Lines

Muzzleloading: Shall mean original or reproductions of black powder weapons loaded from the muzzle only.

Breechloading: Shall mean original or reproductions of weapons loaded from the breech (i.e. capping or cartridge types)

Vintage: Shall mean anything in production before the end of WW II (V.J. day) or reproductions thereof.

Modern: Shall mean guns produced after WW II including substantially modified weapons (i.e. target rifle based on an Enfield No4 action with 7.62mm barrel or a Ruger Old Army revolver). All aspect of weaponry shall be in keeping with the original format and may, if needs be, scrutinized by the Shooting Committee before use.

Appendix "A"
Action on Breach of Rules

