



Safe Handling Course

4 Golden Safety Rules

- Always 'Prove' a firearm is unloaded – Do this whenever you handle the gun, picking it up, handing it to someone, receive it from someone.
- Always point the firearm at your target.
- Never put your finger on the trigger until you are sighted on your target and ready to shoot.
- NEVER point a firearm at anyone.

Stop! Procedure

- If anything happens that you feel could be or is unsafe – You or Anyone else can shout in a loud and clear voice:

STOP! STOP! STOP!

- All shooters must remove fingers from triggers, put the gun down, stand back and await instruction
- The Senior Range Officer will assess the situation and say how to proceed.
- Remember: when you are allowed to proceed – Clear the rifle first and then go through the normal process in the same way as you would to start the detail. (detail shown later in this document).

Zones within the Club

General

- The club has specific zones where specific rules relate to firearms.
- Muzzles must be pointed up when moving around the club and Breach flags should be used if you have them

Gun Room

- Any firearms in this area should have their working parts in 'Open' state (Bolt open so you can see there are no bullets in the firearm).
- Firearms to be placed here while waiting to go on range.
- Firearms can be worked on in this area.
- Do not load a rifle in this room.



Club Room

- Firearms should be moved to the Gun Room as quickly as possible
- You should not handle Firearms in the Club Room unless you are liaising with the Duty Officer.

Car Park

- Any firearms must be completely covered if they are being moved between a vehicle and club
- Again, any firearms must be completely covered if they are being moved between the club and outside ranges.



Zones within the Club (Continued)

Inside Range

- This is where you are able to shoot under the direction of the Senior Ranger Officer.
- Only shoot at your target and do not shoot targets in adjacent bays (always be sure which is your target).
- All firearms to have 'Open' actions until the Senior Range Officer authorises the start of shooting.
- No Magnum Or Jacketed Rounds to be used at Weybridge Rifle & Pistol Club (Jacketed Rounds have a Copper coloured head)

Leaving the Range

- When you have completed your shooting let the Range Officer know you have finished.
- The Range Office will make sure everyone is at the shooting points and not down range.
- The RO will 'Prove' your rifle (make sure it is clear and in an open state).
- They will allow you to collect your belongings and take the Rifle off the range.
- You can then take the rifle to the Gun Room if you are going to shoot later, or hand it over to the Duty Officer in the club room.
- Remember to keep the muzzle pointing up when moving around the club.

Outside Range

- As per Inside Range but additionally:
- To shoot on the outside range you must first qualify by shooting three consecutive 10-bull targets and achieve a minimum score of 80 per card.
- There must be at least 2 people on the outside range at the same time to allow shooting to take place. (This allows one person to stay with the firearms while the other changes the targets between details).



Club Officers

Duty Officer: Opens the club and has overall responsibility during that session.

Senior Range Officer: A competent individual who is in overall charge of the range detail(s). A position normally held during large meetings when there are a number of Range Officers.

Range Officer: A competent individual who helps run the range details under the direction of the Senior Range officer or on their own for smaller details.

**Obey the Range officers, they are there for your safety.
Their word is LAW!**

Range Details / Orders

- Upon entering the range, the Senior Ranger Officer will inspect the firearm is in an open state and clear of ammunition.
- Place the Firearm/Airgun on the shooting point, with the muzzle pointing toward your target.
- The Senior Range Officer will check all Firearms/Airguns have their working parts open, Magazines are not inserted into the gun and no ammunition is in the gun
- Everyone must then stand behind the Yellow line, away from the shooting point.
- No one is allowed to touch Firearms/Airguns when people are down range.
- The order will be given to put up, change or retrieve targets.
- When all shooters return and the range is clear, the Senior Range Officer gives the command to put Eye Protection and Hearing protection on, Face Forward, Charge Magazines, Load and Fire when ready.
- At the end of each detail, RO checks all shooters are behind the yellow line, and then checks and audibly states the firearm(s) are clear.



General Commands from the Range Officer (RO)

- Is everybody ready? > Eye's On > Ears On > Charge Your Magazine > Face Forward > You may Load and Fire when ready.
- These range commands may change depending on the shooting detail taking place (Example: Turning Targets).

General Information

- The Safe behind the Duty Office is out of bounds to anyone but the Duty Officer (unless permission is given).
- Only open the front door if you know the person who wants to come in.
- Wash your hands after shooting to remove any lead/propellant contamination.
- Hear protection is mandatory when there is live fire on the inside range.
- Eye protection is mandatory when on the inside range.
- Club rules allow juniors to join the club from the age of 11, they are able to shoot Airguns under supervision and will learn safe practice and technique.
- When a junior reaches the age of 14, they are able to move on to shooting firearms once they have attended safe practice sessions.
- Adults are able to shoot Airguns and firearms once they complete the safe practice sessions.
- Occasionally, if someone is shooting an Airgun or Black Powder Pistol there is a possibility of a ricochet. If anything rebounds from the Backstop/Bullet Trap, all shooting should stop and the Senior Range Officer will assess the situation before shoot re-commences.
- You can shoot on the inside range on your own but do not lock the door to the range.
- The Range door should be locked if 2 or more people are shooting.
- Only Targets provided by WRPC can be used. Exceptions are allowed if the Duty Officer approves them in advance.

Misfire Procedure

- Occasionally you will experience something called a misfire or Hang-Fire. This is an event where you have pulled the trigger but the gun has not fired.
- There are several reasons for this but the most common are, faulty ammunition, feed problems from the magazine, you have already fired all of your ammunition and occasionally it can be a fault with the firearm you are using.

What to do:

- Keep pointing the rifle in a safe direction – sometimes the primer (or fuse) can be delayed in going off.
- Count to 30 seconds.
- Remove the magazine from the rifle
- Angle the rifle so the chamber is away from your face



- Open the working parts
- Ensure the rifles chamber is clear before resuming
- If in doubt, leave your rifle pointing in a safe direction down range and raise your hand to alert the Range Officer. Never remove the rifle from the shooting point, unless the RO has cleared it.
- If all else fails, ask the Range Officer to alert the Duty Officer of a problem. The Duty Office will assume control and assess the situation.
- Firearms cannot leave the firing point until safe
- **Work out the cause of a misfire – inspect round – Has it got good strike on the primer – If yes it is an ammo issue, if there is no sign of a strike then the rifle could have a problem – stop shooting and inspect the rifle for potential issues.**



**No More Slides!!!
It's Rifle Time!
Lets make some NOISE!!!**