

RANGE SAFETY

Obedience to the following Safety Rules ensures that accidental or dangerous discharge of firearms on the Firing Range CANNOT happen. Carelessness or a disregard for these rules is unsafe behaviour.

THE RANGE WARDEN OR OFFICER IS AUTHORISED TO ORDER ANY PERSON OFF THE RANGE WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THESE RULES;

General Rule: No firearm is ever safe (unloaded) unless it is proved to be so.

1. OCCUPATION OF THE FIRING POINT

Only the person using the firearm plus an instructor or coach if required, will be allowed to occupy a firing point at any time. Friends and / or spectators must remain to the rear of the firing point.

Children under 14 are NOT allowed on the firing point, unless receiving instruction in the use of firearm and then only if in the control of a qualified instructor.

2. CARRYING FIREARM

PISTOLS must be carried "Broken" on the range. AUTOMATIC / SEMI AUTOMATICS must have the MAGAZINE REMOVED AND THE BREECH OPEN. RULES must be carried with the bolt open and BACK in such a way as to expose the breech fully.

3. HANDLING FIREARMS

No firearm may EVER be pointed at any person for ANY REASON. Dry snapping must only be done with the firearm pointed down range.

4. LOADING

No firearm is to be loaded other than on the firing point and with the barrel POINTED DOWN THE RANGE towards the stop butt. Once loaded the firearm must ONLY be pointed down the range until it is unloaded and cleared.

5. UNLOADING

All firearms must be UNLOADED BEFORE LEAVING THE FIRING POINT. The pistols should be cleared i.e. verified as being empty by a Ranger Official AFTER THE MAGAZINE HAS BEEN REMOVED AND WHILST STILL POINTING DOWN THE RANGE. Firearms must comply with Rule 2 above BEFORE leaving the firing point.

6. ADJUSTING SIGHTS - PISTOLS

Sight must be adjusted with the firearm UNLOADED and always pointed down.

7. FORWARD OF THE FIRING POINT

No occupants of the Range may go in front of the firing point towards the target unless the Range Officer has given permission to do so. In any case of fault or difficulty the FIRST duty is to notify the Range Officer and request assistance.

8. RANGE COMMAND

No firearm may be discharged until the Ranger Officer has given the signal to do so and has not subsequently given the order to cease firing.

9. FIRE RISK

SMOKING is not allowed within the shooting complex. Empty cartridge cases must not be left lying on the firing range.

10. LEAD

Avoid inhaling fumes emitted from the breech of the firearm after discharge.

11. HEARING

Ear defenders should be worn by all persons on the Firing Point while shooting is in progress.

BAMBURI RIFLE CLUB

SAFETY PROCEDURES

These are general safety rules for all Club Members and guests, who are expected to know, understand and follow the set-out rules and standard operating procedures.

The Range Master has final authority on the range and may remove anyone from the range for any safety violation or failure to comply with the range rules or Range Master commands.

General Firearm Safety Rules

1. Always consider and handle all firearms as though they are loaded and ready to fire.
2. Whenever the firearm is uncased, NEVER allow the muzzle of a firearm to point anywhere except down range.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until ready to fire
4. Be sure of your target and what lies near and beyond it
5. Eye and ear protection is required for anyone in the firing line area: shooting or not (optional).
6. Firearms must be cased, holstered or slung with actions open during transport to and from the firing line.

Berm Safety

1. All shots Must impact the rear berm. If you are not impacting the rear berm. STOP AND FIX THE PROBLEM or ask the Ranger Officer for assistance
2. DO NOT shoot against any side berm; they are not designed for bullet impact and doing so may cause uncontrolled ricochets.
3. Do not shoot at any angle; shoot only at the target directly down range of your position on the firing line.

Firing Line Safety

Before going forward of the firing line:

1. ALL FIREARMS MUST BE UNLOADED WITH DETACHABLE MAGAZINES REMOVED
2. The red safety flags must be posted in front of the firing line
3. All firearms must be made "safe" in at least one of three ways:
 - The gun is placed in rack with its action open
 - The gun is stored inside of a case.
4. DO NOT TOUCH ANY FIREARMS WHILE PEOPLE ARE FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE
5. If you are not going down range to check targets, you must remain behind the yellow line.
6. Rapid fire is not allowed unless:
 - You are participating in a Club sanctioned training or competitive event
 - You received special permission of the Range Officer.
7. All round must impact the rear berm

Targets

1. Only one target per target holder
2. When finished shooting
 - Remove used targets from target holders
 - Discard used targets in recycling containers
 - Return target holders to proper position or location.

General Operating Procedures

1. When finished shooting please pick up your brass and discard into appropriate recycling container.
2. Juvenile shooter (under 18) must be directly supervised by a competent adult.
3. No alcohol or persons suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or either prescription or street drugs are allowed on club property
4. Cease firing during times of limited visibility or when animals wander onto the range
5. No smoking in the club area/range facility.