

WANAKA BIATHLON CLUB RANGE

1 RANGE STANDING ORDERS DATED: 16/09/2020

Range Name: **Wanaka Biathlon Club Range**

Range Standing Orders are written to ensure all Wanaka Biathlon Club Range users are aware of the operating and safety conditions that apply to this range.

2 Introduction:

This document has been raised pursuant to the requirements of Range Approval as vested in the Commissioner of Police and delegated by him or her to appointed Range Inspecting Officers.

These orders are applicable to **ALL PERSONS** who enter the property administered by the Biathlon Club. These orders are to be promoted to all shooting club members and all other range user organisations where possible. A Copy of these orders are to be permanently displayed in the range shed.

3 General:

The Biathlon Club are responsible for the control of the Biathlon Club Range complex. All users of the ranges are to be made aware of and understand these Standing Orders in conjunction with the above references.

4 Responsibility.

The Biathlon Club are responsible for the Administration, allocation, and ongoing maintenance of the range.

5 Location:

The Snow Farm Rifle Range complex is located at Topo 50 Map No CB12 Cardrona
NZTM Reference: E1290876 N5022588
NZDG2000: E 169°5.150 S 44°52.981

6 Range Safety:

Safety of the ranges is the responsibility of all range users.
The Range Officer (when available) is responsible for:

- Ensuring the range is safe prior to, during and after use.
- That the danger zone is clear and safe.
- That the targets are approved for use on the ranges.
- Ammunition restrictions are adhered to.

- That hearing & eye protection is used by all persons on the ranges.

7 Range Layout

The complex has one main range with 10 shooting positions that can be operated simultaneously.

Range Type: 50 metre Outdoor "No Danger Area Range"

8 Restrictions:

The ranges are restricted to the firing of the following firearms:

- Rifles up to and including .22 Calibre Rimfire.
- Air and gas powered firearms

9 Priority of Use:

The following organisations have priority for the use of the Snow Farm Rifle Ranges and no other individual may use the range unless they are authorised members of one of the associations listed below:

- Members of the Biathlon Club.
- Organisations given specific authority by the above.
- Other visitors and guests accompanied by another member of the above.
- Visitors and guests must complete an entry in the range register book, be made aware of these standing orders and range safety.
- The range is not to be allocated for use by non members or nonaffiliated organisations without the authority of the Biathlon Club.

10 Range Flags and Warning Signs

A range flag must be positioned at the following point and is to be hoisted prior to commencement of any live firing:

- The flag is to be raised at the container.
- Barriers are to be in place to prevent people walking in front of the shooting positions.

11 Appointments:

The following person will be required at any official competition shooting event:

- A designated Range Officer
- Any other Safety Officer as may be necessary or required by match rules.
- At other times, when there is no official shooting event, and the Biathlon Club, the persons present will arrange range control and safety procedures will be arranged

between themselves, ensuring that each person understands these standing orders and signs the range register.

12 Safety Rules:

THE FOLLOWING SAFETY RULES ARE EMPHASISED.

- When a Range is “in-use” it shall at all times be under the control of a Range Officer or nominated responsible club member, whose authority is absolute and all persons on the Range shall act under his or her direction.
- The Range Officer shall be responsible for the observance of these rules and for the reporting of any breach to the Club Committee.
- When the range is closed and declared “safe”, no firing is allowed until the range is declared safe by the range officers and the range declared “in-use”.
- Firearms are not to be handled on the firing line when the range is closed and declared “safe” unless under the control of a Range Officer.
- No shooting shall take place on the range unless the range is designated as clear and “in-use” by the range Officer controlling the Range.
- Loaded firearms must be pointed down-range at all times where possible.
- Plastic chamber flags or other devices to indicate an empty chamber are to be used where possible.
- Without a chamber flag, firearms are to be left with the action open where possible when not in use.
- Firearms are not to be left unattended at any time.
- Firearms belonging to someone else are not to be handled without owners consent.
- Firearms are not to be loaded unless the range is declared “in-use” by the Range Officer.
- Firearms are not to be handled while people are forward of the firing line.
- Firearms should be checked by a Range Officer where possible as being clear before being removed from the firing point and/or the range.
- All persons not involved in shooting are to remain at a safe distance behind the firing line and must not interfere with instructions by any Range Officers.

13 Application of Range Instruction

- All users of the Snow Farm Rifle Range facilities are subject to these Range Standing Orders.
- All range users and visitors are required to complete an entry in the range register book on arrival at the range. By signing this register every range user acknowledges their understanding and compliance with these range standing orders.
- Any user or organisations not signing the register and not operating or prepared to operate within these standing orders is not permitted to remain on the range and must leave the range immediately.
- Users and organisations permitted by the Biathlon Club members to use the range who at any time breach these Range Standing Orders, permission to remain on the range is immediately revoked and will be reviewed by the Biathlon Club committee.

- It is the responsibility of every range user or organisation using the range to ensure that all users are familiar with these Range Standing Orders.
- The Biathlon Club will not be responsible for any misuse of these range facilities outside the parameters of these Standing Orders.
- The Biathlon Club will not be responsible for any misuse of these range facilities outside the parameters of these Standing Orders resulting in any accident.

14 Individual Discipline Safety Rules

Individual safety rules for any competitive shooting disciplines are to be complied with in conjunction with these standing orders for operation of the Snow Farm Rifle Range.

15 Ammunition Restrictions

The following ammunition must **NOT** be used on any range administered as certified by the New Zealand Police using the JSP403 standard.

- Centre fire ammunition
- Incendiary Ammunition
- Armour Piercing Ammunition.

16 Inability to Contain Shots Within Cone of Fire.

If for any reason any shots fired fall outside the Cone of Fire (COF) as specified by range boundaries, the following procedure is to occur.

The Range Officer is directed to:

- Halt all firing and identify the shooter responsible.
- Observe that shooters next shot and if it falls within the Cone of Fire allow that shooter to continue firing.
- If the observed shot does not fall within the Cone of Fire, the shooter is to be provided with a suitable coach with the intention of bringing the spread of the next five shots to within the Cone of Fire.
- Shooters who are unable to achieve the Cone of Fire within the five shots are to be prevented from further firing. Shooters prevented from firing in this way may resume firing following the completion of training program with the firearm as directed by the range officer.

17 Cone of Fire for all Rifles:

The Rifle Cone of Fire is 1.125 degrees, (20mils)

- At 25 metres .491 m radius (.981m dia).
- At 50 metres .981m radius (1.963m dia).

18 Steel Plate Targets.

Approved steel plate targets may be used on the Snow Farm Rifle Range.

All steel targets to be approved by the Biathlon Club prior to use. The **MINIMUM** distance permitted for engaging a steel target is:

- 25 metres for .22 Rimfire rifle.

19 Accident Procedures:

If an accident occurs, the following actions are to be taken:

- Cease Firing and unload all firearms.
- Every range user must go to the designated assembly point, except the range officers and assistants.
- Render first aid and/or evacuate the injured to the nearest medical facility.
- Advise the Snow Farm General Manager.
- For medical attention, seek assistance from the Snow Farm medical team.
- Advise the Biathlon Club President.

If an accident occurs involving a firearm, the following actions are to be taken:

- Cease Firing and unload all firearms.
- Render first aid and/or evacuate the injured to the nearest medical facility.
- Make no attempt to remove or strip the firearm involved.
- Advise the Police.
- Advise the Snow Farm General Manager.
- For medical attention, seek assistance from the Snow Farm medical team.
- Advise the Biathlon Club President.

NOTE: It is important that all users are aware of section 19 Accident procedures and fully comply with this procedure in the case of any accident involving a firearm.

20 Medical:

A First Aid kit is available in the range container.

Seek and medical assistance from the Snow Farm medical team.

In a Medical Emergency Dial 111 and ask for Ambulance Assistance.

Advise the operator of the address and location of the range

21 Fire Precautions:

A fire permit must be obtained from the local authority before any fire is contemplated.

All precautions are to be taken to reduce the possibility of fire in buildings and the surrounding range grounds.

In the case of fire Dial 111 and ask for Fire Brigade Assistance.

Advise the operator of the address and location of the range

All reasonable precautions are to be taken against fire and any fires are to be extinguished as quickly as possible.

A fire extinguisher is located in the main building.

22 Unauthorised Use of the Range Complex

Any other individual or organisation given use of the Snow Farm Rifle Range Complex will have been provided with the authority by the Property Owner. Any individual or organisation unable to prove this authority will be asked to leave the range and the property immediately. Any refusal to leave is to be reported to the Police as soon as Possible.

23 Domestic Animals

Domestic animals are permitted on the range, but be kept under control of the owner at all times so as not cause an accident.

24 Young persons

Persons under the age of 16 are to be under the direct supervision of an adult.

25 Eye and Hearing Protection.

All range users and visitors are to wear eye and hearing protection while shooting or observing within the spectator area near the firing line.

26 Air Danger Height.

An air danger height of 300 Metres applies to the Snow Farm Rifle Range complex. If aircraft are seen to be approaching in a manner where it may enter the air danger height restriction zone above the range whilst live firing is in progress, the Range Officer must immediately call for a stop to all shooting until the aircraft clears the area.

27 Amendments.

Any amendments made and approved by the the Shooting Club committee to these Range Standing Orders, once approved by the Police Range Inspector, shall be displayed in the Range shed and forwarded to users named on the distribution list.

28 Approval.

Written by Kevin Parkinson,
Police Range Inspection Officer.

Date: 16th September 2020



Approved by the Biathlon Club President.

Date:

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

1. Biathlon Club
2. Any approved range user groups.
3. NZ Police.