

RANGE STANDING ORDERS

RCSCC NELSON

References:

- A. CATO 11-36 Annex S
- B. CATO 14-11 (Jan 2009) Authorized Rifle Training
- C. A-CR-CCP-177/PT-001 Cadet Marksmanship Program Reference Manual
- D. B-GL-381-001/TS-000 Training Safety

General

1. These Range Standing Orders shall apply to all personnel participating in any air rifle firing exercise conducted on a 10 meter indoor “Portable Indoor Air Rifle Range”. These orders may be reviewed and subject to change with the approval of the cadet unit Commanding Officer and the owner of the facility IAW stated references.

Location

2. The 10 meter range is located within the drill deck of HMCS SCOTIAN. The range has the ability to be moved around the deck IAW requests from HMCS SCOTIAN.

Authority for Operation

3. Range exercises shall only be conducted under the authority of the CO of the unit.
4. Range exercises shall only be in support of Air Rifle Training, in accordance with the relevant Course Qualification & Standard Plan (QSP).

Range Supervision

5. An RSO shall be present at all range exercises and shall be responsible for safe operation of the range.
6. A qualified First Aider must be present at every range activity.

Range Safety

7. Control flags , and signs shall be used for all range practices
8. All range users are to be familiar with the location and contents of the First Aid kit.
9. It is mandatory for all personnel on the range to wear safety goggles or prescription shatterproof eyeglasses
10. The use of aural protection is not required.
11. Rifles will be proved safe when picked up, handed to or received from another person.
12. Rifles are never to be pointed at another person.
13. Horseplay is forbidden on or near the range.
14. Rifles whether loaded or not will always be pointed down range.
15. The RSO has the authority to remove rifles from the firing line and conduct inspections, adjustments or repairs as required.
16. Any rifles handled off the range must be UNLOADED and PROVED safe prior to handling.
17. If a loaded rifle must be passed from one person to another, it will be passed with the safety catch on and with the verbal warning, 'THIS RIFLE IS LOADED'
18. Eating is not permitted on or near the range or around pellets.

19. All personnel shall either read or be briefed on the contents of the Range Standing Orders.

20. No person shall enter or leave the range without authorization of the RSO

21. Personnel may only proceed to the target area under the instruction of the RSO.

22. All personnel shall remain behind the firing point whenever shooting is in progress

23. Firing shall not commence until the RSO has determined that it is safe to do so.

24. Personnel shall not be permitted to enter or leave the range while firing is in progress unless authorized by the RSO.

25. All personnel will abide by the instructions of the RSO.

26. The command **Cease Fire** may be given by any personnel on the range any time a safety violation is deemed to be occurring or about to occur.

Range Training

27. All cadets shall have attended the elementary training session in rifle handling and have passed an examination prior to firing on the range.

28. Cadets shall be briefed on the Range Standing Orders prior to firing on the range.

Firing Procedures

29. The following firing procedures shall be followed at every range exercise.

30. All firing shall be from the prone position

31. No one shall handle a rifle, ammunition or leave the range unless authorized by the RSO

32. The following commands and actions shall be used:

1. Relay Number ... Advance to the Firing Line
2. Change flags to red
3. This practice is rounds. Targets will be ... at the end of the practice lay your rifle down and rest
4. Adopt the prone position
5. Ammo party distribute rounds
6. Relay load
7. At your own targets, on your own time, commence firing
8. Relay unload
9. Prepare for inspection
10. Relay stand up and change targets
11. Change flags to green

Emergency and Medical Procedures

33. In the event of an emergency with immediate threat to life call 911
34. The CO shall be immediately advised of any accident or incident occurring on the range after all appropriate action has been taken to care for any injuries that may have been sustained by the participating personnel.
35. Serious injuries shall be reported in accordance with Ship's Standing Orders.
36. In the event of a near miss, a DND 663 shall be completed and forward in accordance with Ship's Standing Orders.

Authorized Rifle and Ammunition

37. The only rifle authorized for use on the range is a DND issued Daisy 853C .177 calibre single shot air rifle.
38. No other rifles or handguns shall be used on the range.

Ammunition Control

39. A log shall be kept of all ammunition fired during a session.

40. The tampering with any ammunition for any purpose is prohibited

41. All expended pellets will be disposed of in the proper manner as per regulations through supply

42. Ammunition and rifles will be removed from the firing line and secured in the lockup when the RSO is not present at the firing line.

Rifle Maintenance

43. All rifles shall be maintained to ensure they are capable of performing their primary function to the best possible standard. The maintenance program shall consist of operator maintenance and scheduled maintenance.

44. Operator maintenance shall be performed each time the rifle is used. It shall consist of the mechanical inspection of the rifle, the reporting of any mechanical faults so that the rifle can be repaired by the appropriate tradesperson and the cleaning, lubrication and upkeep of the rifle. The mechanical inspection shall be performed prior to and following each range exercise during which the weapon is used.

45. Cleaning, lubrication and upkeep of the rifle shall follow each range exercise during which the rifle is used.

46. Scheduled maintenance of the rifles shall be performed every 30 days if a rifle has not been used and operator maintenance not performed. Scheduled maintenance is performed to prevent corrosion and other forms of material degradation when the weapon is being stored.

47. Mechanical inspection by the operators and RSO shall consist of checking for the presence, function, fit security and finish components. This shall be performed in accordance with the operator's manual and applicable publications.