

RANGE STANDING ORDERS November 2012 – November 2017

Hutt valley New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Range (Kaitoke)

Range Standing Orders are written to ensure all **Club Members and users are aware** of the conditions that apply to these ranges. **Safety MUST be your prime consideration when using the Hutt Valley New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Range.** All persons not involved in the match being shot are to remain at least 1m behind the shooting line or starting position and must remain quiet so as not to interfere with the giving of instructions by any Range Officers

1. INTRODUCTION:

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

[b]These orders are applicable to all persons who enter the property administered by the Hutt Valley New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (HVNZDA). These orders are to be promulgated to all HVNZDA members and all other guests /user organisations. A Copy of these Range Standing orders must be displayed/ on hand during all events.

[c]The use of handguns is PROHIBITED unless the ranges are under the sole control of a NZ POLICE approved Club or Organisation.

[d]The use of any firearm is prohibited unless the user is a member of or approved by HVNZDA to use the range.

2. General:

- The HVNZDA is responsible for the control and maintenance of the HVNZDA Ranges. All users of the range are to read these Orders in conjunction with the above references.

3. Range Safety

[a]Safety of the range is the responsibility of all range users.

[b]The Range Officer is responsible for ensuring that the range is safe prior to use.

1. That the stop butt is in good repair.
2. That the targets are approved for use on the range.
3. Ammunition restrictions are adhered to.
4. That there is no activity in the danger area.
5. That hearing & eye protection is worn by all range users

4. Location:

- The range complex is located at Grid reference BP33 E 1783590, N 5448974

The complex has two outdoor ranges.

- **Range 1.** 200 metre outdoor range. Targets may be placed at ranges from 25 to 200 metres from the defined firing line.
- **Range 2.** Closed
- *The range has a solid clay base and are well grassed.*
- *The range is able to be used all year round*

5. Restrictions:

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

➤ **All Ranges**

[a] Pistols up to and including .50 Calibre (including all approved Black powder small arms)

[b]Rifles up to and including .45 Calibre including all approved Black powder small arms up to and including .75 calibre)

[c]Shotguns up to and including 8 Gauge

No fully automatic firearms may be used on these ranges at any time.

- **All steel targets to be engaged at a minimum distance of 7 metres for rimfire and centre fire pistol calibres, 50 metres for centre fire rifle calibres.**
 - **All targets are placed in manner so as not to enhance ricochets.**
 - **Steel Shot shells are not to be used when engaging steel targets.**
- **No firearms that have had alterations or modifications made to them that makes them illegal or unsafe may be used on these ranges at any time**
- **No Firearms that are held against a “C” Category firearms Licence may be used on these ranges at any time.**

☞ **Range 1. Restrictions are as follows:**

- **No one is to advance beyond the Red Line marked shelter floor, benches and mound boarders until ALL FIRING HAS CEASED.**
- **All targets are to be placed to ensure all rounds are fired into the bullet catchers at either the 100m or 200m line (Targets placed at the 25/50/75m lines are to be elevated to ensure the rounds are captured by the 100m bullet catcher.).**
- **When firing from the uncovered Firing Line in front of the Shelter (covered area) the area behind is closed for firing.**

☞ **Range 2. Closed**

6. Priority of Use:

- The following is the order of priority for the use of the Kaitoke Pistol Club ranges and no other individual may use the range unless they are fully authorised members of one of the associations listed below.
 - [a] Hutt Valley New Zealand Deerstalkers Association
 - [b] Kaitoke Pistol Club Inc
 - [c] Target Sports Club Inc
 - [d] Wellington Service Rifle Association
 - [c] New Zealand Police
- The ranges are not to be allocated for use by non-members or non-affiliated organisations without the express authority of the President or Vice President of the Hutt Valley New Zealand Deerstalkers Association.

7. Red Range Flags - Warning Signs

- Red range flags **MUST** be positioned at the following points and are to be hoisted prior to commencement of any live firing:
 - [a] North east corner of the firing line
- Warning signs **MUST** be positioned at the following points prior to commencement of any live firing:
 - [a] Access road to the Range
 - [b] Forestry road surrounding the range.

8. Appointments:

- The following person will be required at any live shoot:
 - [a] Qualified Range Officer
 - [b] Any other Safety Officer as may be necessary or as required by Match Rules

9. Safety Rules:

- The following is a list of safety rules which are to be emphasised wherever possible

[a]Loaded firearms must always be pointed down the range

[b]Do not leave firearms unattended at any time

[c]Firearms only to be handled under the control of a Range Officer

[d]Pistols must be cased or holstered, not carried in the hand, at all times when moving about the range, unless under the control of a Range Officer except as part of an action match.

[e]Where a Safety zone or safe handling area has been declared, firearms may be cleaned, repaired or tested by cycling or dry firing ONLY in such zone. Ammunition or anything resembling ammunition including dummy or drill rounds is **NOT PERMITTED TO BE HANDLED** in the Safety Zone **UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**.

[f]The established CONE OF FIRE for the range are:

- **HVNZDA Members**

Rifle(Moving): Horizontal 1.1 degrees / Vertical 1.125 degrees (at 25m this is .48m Horizontal / .49m Vertical each way of the aiming point, 50m this is .96m Horizontal / .98m Vertical each way of the aiming point.) ALL SHOTS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE CONE OF FIRE.

Rifle(Static): Horizontal .56 degrees / Vertical 1.125 degrees (at 25m this is .24m Horizontal / .49m Vertical each way of the aiming point, 50m this is .48m Horizontal / .98m Vertical each way of the aiming point.) ALL SHOTS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE CONE OF FIRE.

Shotgun(Aerial): Vertical 14.91 degrees (at 25m this is 6.65m each way of the aiming point, 50m 13.3m each way of the aiming point.) ALL SHOTS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE CONE OF FIRE.

- **Approved Pistol Clubs / Organisations**

Handgun(Static / Moving) : Horizontal 1.3 degrees / Vertical 1.5 degrees (at 25m this is .56m Horizontal / .65m Vertical each way of the aiming point, 50m this is 1.12m Horizontal / 1.3m Vertical each way of the aiming point.) ALL SHOTS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE CONE OF FIRE.

- **Police**

Rifle(Static) :Horizontal 1.7 degrees / Vertical 1.125 degrees (at 25m this is .75m Horizontal / .5m Vertical each way of the aiming point,50m this is 1.5m Horizontal / 1.0m Vertical each way of the aiming point.) ALL SHOTS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE CONE OF FIRE.

Handgun(Static) :Horizontal 5.6 degrees / Vertical 4.87 degrees (at 25m this is 2.45m Horizontal / 2.13m Vertical each way of the aiming point, 50m this is 4.9m Horizontal / 4.26m Vertical each way of the aiming point.) ALL SHOTS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE CONE OF FIRE.

[g]Targets are placed at various distances on bases/ timber frames, the placement of which is controlled by the Range Officer. This is overseen by the Club Safety Officer who has the responsibility to ensure that any target set up is deemed safe and complies with the range specifications. Targets are placed to ensure they are not placed above the line sight from the standing position nor should they be placed to cause divergent ricochets..

10. Application of Range Instructions

- All users of the HVNZDA Ranges are subject to these Range Stand Orders. (There are no exceptions) User organisations permitted use of these facilities will have use approvals withdrawn if they do not adhere to these Range Standing Orders.
- It is the responsibility of the executives of the Club or Organisation using the range to ensure that all users are familiar with these Range Standing Orders

11. Moving Targets

- For moving targets at ranges of 25 metres or closer, left and right arcs are to be indicated by brightly painted posts. Firing outside of these arcs is strictly prohibited.

12. Individual Discipline Safety Rules

- Individual safety rules for each discipline are to be complied with in conjunction with existing rules for the operation of the ranges of the HVNZDA.

13. Steel Plate Targets.

- **ONLY** Approved and certified steel plate targets may be used on the HVNZDA Ranges
- All steel targets to be approved by the Club Safety Officer Prior to use.
- The **MINIMUM** distance permitted for engaging a steel target is 7 metres for rimfire and centre fire pistol calibres, 50 metres for centre fire rifle calibres.

14. Ammunition Restrictions

- The following ammunition must **NOT** be used on any range administered by the HVNZDA as certified by a NZ Police approved Range Inspecting Officer.
 - [a] Tracer Ammunition
 - [b] Incendiary Ammunition
 - [c] Armour Piercing Ammunition.
 - [d] Steel Shot shell Ammunition when engaging steel targets.

15. Inability to Contain Shots within Cone of Fire

If for any reason any person notifies the range officer or is identified as having fired a shot outside the cone of fire, the following procedure is to occur:

1. The shooter is to immediately stop firing or be stopped from firing.
2. The shooters next shot is to be observed and if it falls within the cone of fire the shooter is to be permitted to continue firing.
3. If the next shot does not fall within the cone of fire, the shooter is to be provided a competent coach with the intention of bringing the spread of shot to within the cone of fire in the next five shots.
4. Shooters who are unable to achieve the cone of fire within five shots are to be prevented from further firing. Shooters prevented from firing in this way may resume firing following a club approved training program with a firearm.

16. Accident Procedures:

Following an accident the following procedure is to followed:

- [a] Cease Firing
- [b] Render first aid or evacuate the injured to the nearest medical facility.
- [c] Seal off the area
- [d] Make no attempt to remove or strip the firearm
- [e] Advise the Police.
- [f] Advise the Club President or Vice President.

17. Medical:

First Aid facilities are available at the shelter during events.

19. Fire Precautions:

All reasonable precautions are to be taken against fire and all fires are to be extinguished quickly

20. Range Clearance:

All users are ensure that all range rubbish, including used targets, is removed from the range and stored in the appropriate place. No rubbish is to be left on the range.

21. Unauthorised Use of the Range Complex

Any Individual or organisation given use of the Range Complex will have been provided with written authority from the Club. Any individual or Organisation unable to provide this approval as proof of authority must be asked to leave the property immediately.

Any refusal to leave should be reported to the Police as soon as Possible.

22. Domestic Animals

Domestic animals are permitted on the range with the approval of the Duty Range Officer and must remain on a leash at all times.

23. Children

All children are to be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.

24. Eye and Hearing Protection.

All members and visitors to the club are to wear eye and hearing protection at all times with the exception of within the car park.

25. Amendments.

Any amendments made and approved by the Kaitoke Pistol Club c o m m i t t e e to these Range Standing Orders shall be promulgated in the Club Newsletter and forwarded to all users named on the distribution list.

26. Air Danger Height.

- An air danger height of 450 meters applies to the HVNZDA range complex.
- If aircraft are seen to be approaching the club in a manner they may see them fly over the club property whilst live firing is in progress, the **DUTY RANGE OFFICER** must immediately call for a stop to all shooting until the aircraft clears the area.

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

1. *All HVNZDA Members*
2. *NZ Police. National Headquarters*
3. *Any other range users (Individuals or Organisations)*
4. *NZPA Range Certification File.*

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