

**New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association  
North Auckland Branch.**



## **RANGE STANDING ORDERS**

### **RIVERHEAD RANGE 848 Coatesville Riverhead Highway**

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 NZDA 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:**

These orders are applicable to all persons who enter the property owned and administered by the North Auckland Deerstalkers. These orders are to be promulgated to all Club members and all other user organisations. A Copy of these Range Standing orders must be displayed on the Club Notice Board.

#### **2. General:**

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association, North Auckland Branch is responsible for the control and maintenance of this range.

These orders apply to all persons who enter the rifle range with a firearm and when discharging a firearm. A copy of these orders is to be presented to every member of the club, who must read and subsequently sign a range register stating that they have read, understood the orders and that they will abide by these orders at all times when using the range. A copy is to be made available to all visitors at the registration point. An abbreviated version of these orders, at Annex A, is to be permanently displayed at each range.

**3. Range Safety:**

- (a) Safety on the range is the responsibility of all users.
- (b) The range officer is responsible for ensuring that the range is safe prior to use.
- (c) That the bullet catcher is in good repair.
- (d) That the targets are approved for use on the range.
- (e) Ammunition restrictions are adhered to.
- (f) No person(s) in the danger area.
- (g) That hearing protection is worn.

**4. Location:**

The range is located at 848 Coatesville Riverhead Highway, NZTM Reference E1743653 N5931983, Lot 3 DP 64116 Block VI Waitemata Survey District.

From Riverhead School, travel north along Coatesville Riverhead Highway for 1.8 Ks.

The range entrance is on the left hand side of the road. The Range is sign posted, (NZDA Range). The range is approximately 700metres down the drive to the right hand side.

**5. Definitions**

- Range Operator – the organisation controlling the range: the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association North Auckland Branch.
- Range Officer – a person, having passed the required theory and practical examinations to competently execute the duties of a Range Officer, authorised by the Range Operator to act as a Range Officer for specified periods and activities.

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

**No firearms that have had alterations or modifications made to them that make 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.**

**6. Responsibilities**

**The Range Operator.** The Range Operator is responsible for ensuring that:

1. The ranges are marked and signed in accordance with current local body and NZ Police requirements,
2. The ranges are certified for the approved activities,
3. Appropriately qualified personnel are rostered to conduct events, and
4. The ranges are operated in accordance with these standing orders.

7. **The Range Officer.** The Range Officer is responsible for ensuring that:
- a. The range is prepared in accordance with these orders,
  - b. The range is operated in accordance with these orders,
  - c. All shooters are aware of their personal responsibilities towards safety and proper range conduct,
  - d. All shooting is supervised,
  - e. Safety breaches are dealt with immediately, recorded in the range register and subsequently reported to the Range Operator.
8. **Shooters.** All shooters are individually responsible under New Zealand law for their conduct whilst in charge of a firearm. Shooters are to read these range standing orders and adhere to them. Specifically, shooters are responsible for ensuring that:
- a. their conduct is in accordance with New Zealand law, specifically the Arms Act 1983, the Arms Regulations 1992 and the Arms Code 2001,
  - b. their firearm handling is of the highest standard consistent with their experience and licence category and the seven basic rules of the Arms Code 2001,
  - c. they report all breaches of safety to the Range Officer immediately, and
  - d. they assist the Range Officer by performing designated duties when requested to do so.
9. The Range operator reserves the right to deny access to any individual who has acted in contravention to these Range Standing Orders. Any shooter who breaches these orders may be cautioned, directed to leave the range, or have their membership terminated, depending on the severity of their actions and the particular circumstances.

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10. **Access to the Ranges.** Restricted combination lock issue controls access to the Rifle Range. The range may only be opened for firing for approved club activities according to the annual calendar. Access gates and buildings are to be locked at all other times.
11. **Signage.** The Range Operator is to establish and maintain warning and advisory signage in accordance with international standards and current best practice as advised in the current edition of the New Zealand Police Range Manual. Range Officers are to ensure that all signage and flags are positioned correctly before any firing commences.
12. **Days of Operation.** The Range Operator is to publish a range calendar that schedules the days of operation in accordance with its charter and local body approvals. The ranges are only to be opened for firing on published days of operation.
13. **Preparation for Shooting Activities.** In preparation for shooting, the designated Range Officer is to check and ensure the following:
- a. Gates are opened for vehicle entry.
  - b. Flags are raised on all required points.

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- c. Signs are present, in good repair and visible to their intended audience.
  - d. Target frames and targets are positioned in accordance with the approved range layout.
  - e. Physical control measures for firing points are established.
  - f. All range equipment is in good working order.
14. **Registration of Attendance.** All people who intend to discharge a firearm are to be registered, and a copy of the register kept with the Range Operator's records. All shooters are to present their firearms licence and club membership card for registration, prior to setting up any shooting equipment or conducting any shooting.
15. **Vehicles and Visitors.** Vehicles are to be parked only in designated places in such a way as to not interfere with the safe operation of the range. Visitors to the Rifle Range are to be shown the abbreviated orders and are not to be allowed onto the firing point unless escorted by a senior club member and with the approval of the Range Officer.
16. **Permitted Firearms.** Firearms permitted on ranges are as follows:
- a. **200m range and 25m range:**
    - (1) Category A and E rifles in a permitted calibre.
    - (2) Black powder rifles up to .58 cal
  - b. **Running boar range: . CLOSED**
  - c. All firearms not in the permitted category are prohibited, and are not to be displayed or presented at a firing point. Regardless of its type or calibre, a Range Officer may prohibit a particular firearm from use on any range if, in the Range Officer's opinion, the firearm is unsafe, could be harmful to the shooter or other range users, or could be a nuisance to other range users or neighbours.
17. **Permitted Calibres.** :The intent of these RSOs is to allow the use of cartridges derived from such parent cases as the 7x57, 30-06 and .308, while restricting the use of magnum cartridges and prohibiting the use of any cartridge with excessive range and energy.
- a. **On the 200m and 25m ranges:**

**Allowed:**

    - (1) Standard centre fire smokeless cartridges up to and including 8mm (7.92mm/.323")
    - (2) Black power cartridges and muzzle loading rifles up to 58cal
    - (3) Pistol/revolver cartridges fired from a rifle up to 45 cal.

**Restricted:**

    - (1) Magnum cartridges up to and including 8mm calibre may be used in the prone supported position or from a bench with the rifle supported front and rear.

### **Prohibited:**

- (1) The use of any magnum cartridge more than 8mm (.323") calibre.
- (2) .50 cal BMG
- (3) Wildcat cartridges more than 8mm calibre.

### b. **Running boar range:** **CLOSED**

- (1) Rim fire cartridges. .22 long rifle rimfire.

18. **Permitted Ammunition.** The ammunition permitted for use on any range is to be that designed for hunting or target shooting in a rifle of the approved type and calibre. The Range Operator expressly prohibits the use of tracer, penetrating or incendiary ammunition. Range Officers are instructed to further prohibit any ammunition that in their opinion might be unsafe or cause excessive damage to butts and backstops.

19. **Permitted Targets.** Permitted targets for general range activities are paper and/or cardboard. For silhouette matches the provided steel silhouettes are approved for use with .22LR rim fire ammunition at ranges equal to or greater than 25m. Centrefire silhouette targets are approved for use at ranges equal to or greater than 100m.

20. **Conduct of Shooting.** The carriage of firearms and all shooting is to be conducted in accordance with these range standing orders and any prescriptive publications that the Range Operator may from time to time publish for the purposes of regulating competitions. No general or competitive activity is to be conducted in such a manner as to contravene these standing orders, or in such a manner as to use the range or any part thereof in a way that contravenes the design authority.

21. **Safety.** Safety is the responsibility of every shooter. Breaches of safety are to be reported immediately to the Range Officer. The safety standards mandated by these orders are listed below:

- a. The ranges are only to be used when prescribed in the annual shooting calendar.
- b. Ranges are only to be opened for use by a Range Officer, and are only to be used in the continuous presence of a Range Officer.
- c. Firearms are to be carried to and from firing points with actions opened, chamber flag inserted into the breech and (where not part of the action) magazines removed.
- d. Entry to and from the firing point is to be through the marked access point.
- e. All firearms are to be inspected by the Range Officer before moving onto, or from, the firing point.
- f. Firearms and magazines are only to be loaded either when so instructed by a Range Officer, or during a firing session after the Range Officer has declared the range "Open".
- g. All people on the firing point are to wear ear protection at all times the range is declared "Open" for firing.

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- h. Only approved firearms and ammunition are to be used.
- i. Only approved targets are to be fastened to the target frames provided: ad-hoc targets and stakes are expressly prohibited.
- j. Malfunctions and misfires are to be reported to the Range Officer. Any shooter experiencing a misfire is to keep the action closed for at least 30 seconds.
- k. All commands given by the Range Officer are to be obeyed immediately.
- l. When on a firing point, shooters are to keep the muzzle of their firearm pointed towards the targets/butts at all times. At all other times the muzzle is to be pointed in a safe direction.
- m. No person is to move forward of the firing point unless so instructed by the Range officer.
- n. No person is to touch a firearm, including their own, while the range is "Closed". Shooters wishing to adjust sights or clean firearms are either to do so while the range is "Open" for firing, or are to remove their firearm from the firing point to a designated safe place.

### 22. **Cone of Fire:**

**The Cone of Fire for this range is 1.125 degrees,(20mils) standing unsupported.**

At 25 metres 491mm radius(981mm dia).

At 50 metres 981 mm radius (1963mm dia).

At 100 metres 1963 mm radius (3926mm dia).

**The Cone of Fire for supported is .56 degrees, (10mils)**

At 25 metres 244 mm radius (488mm dia)

At 50 metres 488 mm radius (977 mm dia)

At 100 metres 977 mm radius (1954 mm dia)

At 200 metres 1954 mm radius (3908 mm dia).

### 23. **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.

- The shooter is to immediately stop firing or be stopped from firing.
- The shooters next shot is to be observed and if it falls within the cone of fire the shooter is permitted to continue firing.
- 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.
- 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 programme with a firearm.

24. **Emergency Information.** Emergency information is to be posted in conjunction with these orders, in a prominent place, and updated as required by the Range Operator. The minimum information to be posted is as follows:

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a. Emergency telephone numbers for:

- (1) Police Ambulance and Fire services. Ring 111.
- (2) 24 hour emergency medical service is available at 74 Taharoro Rd, Smales Farm. Phone 0800 746 732.
- (3) Alternative emergency care (24 hr) is available at the Henderson Medical Centre at 131 Lincoln Rd. Phone 0800 600 111.

b. The first aid kit is located in the Club rooms.

**25. Amendment of These Orders.** Amendments to these orders are only to be authorised by the Range Operator. A record of amendment is to be kept with the master copy of these orders.

Signed and issued by the authorities below:

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Club Chairman  
Range Operator  
Date .....original

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Senior Range officer  
Date .....

Annexes:

- A. Range Standing Orders – Condensed version for public display.

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## RANGE STANDING ORDERS (condensed version)

1. These orders are to be displayed at each firing point to inform all shooters of their required conduct and responsibilities.
2. These orders are published by the Range Operator – the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (NZDA) North Auckland Branch.
3. These orders apply to every person carrying or shooting a firearm on the Rifle Range.
4. **Permitted Firearms.** Firearms permitted on ranges are as follows:
  - a. **200m range and 25m range:**
    - (1) Category A and E rifles in a permitted calibre.
    - (2) Black powder rifles up to .58 cal
  - b. **Running boar range:** **CLOSED.**
5. All firearms not in the permitted category are prohibited, and are not to be displayed or presented at a firing point. Regardless of its type or calibre, a Range Officer may prohibit a particular firearm from use on any range if, in the Range Officer's opinion, the firearm is unsafe, could be harmful to the user or others, or could be a nuisance to other range users or neighbours.
6. **Permitted Cartridges and Calibres:** The permitted cartridges are listed below:  
**On the 200m and 25m ranges:**  
**Allowed:**
  - a. Standard centre fire smokeless cartridges up to and including 8mm (7.92mm/.323")
  - b. Black power cartridges and muzzle loading rifles up to 58cal
  - c. Pistol/revolver cartridges fired from a rifle up to 45 cal.  
**Restricted:**
  - a. Magnum cartridges up to and including 8mm calibre may be used in the prone supported position or from a bench with the rifle supported front and rear.  
**Prohibited:**
  - a. The use of any magnum cartridge more than 8mm (.323") calibre.
  - b. .50 cal BMG
  - c. Wildcat cartridges more than 8mm calibre.  
**On the 50m Running Boar Range.** .22LR rimfire cartridges only
7. **Permitted Ammunition.** The ammunition permitted for use on any range is to be that designed for hunting or target shooting in a rifle of the approved type and calibre. The Range Operator expressly prohibits the use of tracer, penetrating or incendiary ammunition. The Range Officers are instructed to further prohibit any ammunition that in their opinion might be unsafe or cause excessive damage to butts and backstops.
8. **Permitted Targets.** Permitted targets for general range activities are paper and/or cardboard. For silhouette matches the provided steel silhouettes are approved for use with .22 rim fire ammunition at ranges equal to or greater than 25m, and for centrefire ammunition at ranges equal to or greater than 100m. Frangible (clay) targets may be approved by the Range Operator for specific competitions.
9. **Safety.** Safety is the responsibility of every user. Breaches of safety are to be reported immediately to the Range Officer. The safety standards mandated by these orders are listed below:
  - a. This range is only to be used when prescribed in the annual shooting calendar.
  - b. This range is only to be opened for use by a Range Officer, and is only to be used in the continuous presence of a Range Officer at each range.
  - c. Firearms are to be carried to and from firing points with actions opened, chamber flag inserted in the breech and, (where not part of the action), magazines removed.
  - d. Entry to and from the firing point is to be through the marked access point.
  - e. All firearms are to be inspected by the Range Officer before moving onto, or from, the firing point.
  - f. Firearms and magazines are only to be loaded either when so instructed by a Range Officer, or during a firing session after the Range Officer has declared the range "Open". Magazines are to be unloaded and inspected as part of the firearm clearance procedure.
  - g. All people on the firing point are to wear ear protection at all times the range is declared "Open" for firing.
  - h. Only approved firearms and ammunition are to be used.



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- i. Only approved targets are to be fastened to the target frames provided: ad-hoc targets and stakes are expressly prohibited.
- j. Malfunctions and misfires are to be reported to the Range Officer. Any shooter who experiences a misfire is to keep the action closed for at least 30 seconds.
- k. All commands given by the Range Officer are to be obeyed immediately.
- l. When on a firing point shooters are to keep the muzzle of their firearm pointed towards the targets/butts at all times.
- m. No person is to move forward of the firing point unless so instructed by the Range officer.
- n. No person is to touch a firearm, including their own, while the range is "Closed". Shooters wishing to adjust sights or clean firearms are either to do so while the range is "Open" for firing, or are to remove their firearm from the firing point to a designated place.