



CANTERBURY BLACKPOWDER SHOOTERS CLUB WOODSTOCK RIFLE COMPLEX

RANGE LAYOUT

1.1 The Woodstock range complex is **for Black Powder Rifle and Shotgun** use only. The Woodstock Range Complex comprises of 5 ranges.

- A. Range One: 25 meter range.
This range also incorporates a 15 meter range.
- B. Range Two: 50 meter range.
This range also incorporates a 35 meter range.
- C. Range Three: Shotgun trap range.
- D. Range Four: Bush walk/Gong range
- E. Range Five: Long range (across the river)

Annex A contains a range complex diagram, Maps and aerial photographs of the area.

Range Restrictions - Weapons

- 1.2 The following lists those firearms and maximum caliber size that may be used on the Woodstock range complex.
- A. All approved Black powder muzzle loading and black powder cartridge rifles up to and including .77 caliber.
 - B. Black powder shotguns up to and including #4 bore.
 - C. Only soft lead projectiles are to be used on ranges one, two and four.
Hard lead projectiles may be used on range five only
 - d. No center fire rifles using nitro propelled and jacketed ammunition is to be on the Woodstock range complex
 - E. The Woodstock Range complex is not approved or certified for use as a pistol range.

Range Restrictions - Stock

- 1.3 The Range officer must ensure that no stock is left in the range complex enclosure prior to shooting commencing.
- A. Should stock wander onto the range complex while shooting is in progress the Range Officer is to cease firing and clear all weapons while the stock is removed.
 - B. There is to be **NO** shooting when stock is present on the range.

Range Restrictions - Public and Environmental

- 1.4 Woodstock Range complex is on private land and is used on the goodwill of the land owners. The following restrictions of use apply at all times.
- A. The Woodstock range complex is not open to shooters at any time other than those days published for use by the Canterbury Black Powder Shooters Club.
 - B. Woodstock is a base for commercial tourist jet boat operations. All firing on ranges three, four and five will cease when the jet boat operator has clients at the Kowhai lodge. Firing on these ranges may

- C. re-commence only after the operator has departed with his clients either up river or by road. It is the responsibility of all shooters to ensure that the line of fire is clear of river users before firing on both ranges three and five. If there is either the sound of jet boats down stream or jet boats visible up stream shooters must ceasefire and unload until advised by the RO that it is safe to re-commence firing.
- D. All shooters on range 5 must maintain the designated cone of fire. Firing at targets outside the designated cone of fire is prohibited.

Range Flags and Warning Signs

- 1.5 Warning signs that live firing may be in progress if the red flags are flying and a red flag, are attached to the entry gate.
- 1.6 A red flag, is to be raised next to each range when live firing is in progress.

Safety Rules

- 1.7 The following is a list of safety rules for the Woodstock Range Complex which are to be emphasised where ever possible:
 - A. No one shall use the range while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - B. The red flag at the firing point must be hoisted prior to the commencement of any live firing.
 - C. Firearms must be handled with the utmost care and carried with actions open.
 - D. When picking up or receiving a firearm, the receiver must verify that it is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction.
 - E. All shooters and those waiting to shoot must obey the instructions of a range officer immediately and without dispute. In case of disagreement with an issued instruction in no case would disagreement justify failure to obey.
 - F. Action closed and/or cocked only when the firearm is pointed directly at the butts from the firing mound. The trigger is not to be touched until sights are on target and you are ready to fire.
 - G. On the command "CEASE FIRE" all firing must stop immediately, all cartridges extracted from the breech and leave all actions open.
 - H. All firearms on the range must be in good mechanical condition and adjusted to function safely.
 - J. Any person who is aware of any misbehavior, firearm or cartridge condition likely to cause danger or damage, must notify the range officer immediately.
 - K. Prior to moving down range to check targets etc all firearms are to be checked by the RO or his assistant for open bolts and clear chambers and laid on the mound with muzzles facing down range..
 - L. Whilst anyone is down range checking targets etc, no one is permitted to go forward onto the mound.
 - M. If for any reason a firer wishes to remove his weapon from the mound, it must be done after being declared safe by the RO or his assistant and prior to shooters moving forward to inspect targets. Under no circumstances may any person venture onto the mound when any person is forward of the mound.
 - N. No spectator is permitted closer than 5 meters from the firing mound at any time.
 - O. Individual shooters not participating in a match or organised event act as their own range officers and must secure their firearms against theft while they are down range.
 - P. In the event of an accident, misfire or malfunction call the range officer immediately. Do not open the firearm. Leave the firearm pointing down range.
 - Q. (a) Other people's firearms or equipment are not to be touched without the owners permission.
(b) When moving between ranges all rifles must be unloaded, ie. No charge or ball loaded and un-primed.
 - R. All targets are to be placed on approved fixtures.
 - S. All targets are to be at the set range marks only.
 - T. Targets placed in any other position on the range must be placed in such a position that they remain within the cone of fire as dictated by the target frames at the butts.
 - U. Targets: Only Canterbury Black powder Club authorised targets may be used on this range.
 - (a) Metal Targets. Any metal target which will not cause rebounds when shot, as appropriate for the discipline being shot. Metal targets , plates, must only be shot at using soft lead projectiles.
 - (b) Other reactive or indicating type targets. Beer cans, coffee tins, shotgun clays or other reactive targets t that will not produce a ricochet may be placed at closer ranges than 50m.

Health & Safety

- 1.9 All persons on the range complex must be in possession of suitable hearing protection.
- (a) Spectators behind the firing mound must be wearing suitable ear protection at all times when shooting is in progress.
 - (b) All shooters on the firing mound or in the general vicinity must be wearing suitable ear protection at all times when shooting is in progress.
 - (c) Approved safety or shooting glasses must be worn when firing any form of black powder rifle, muzzleloader or cartridge rifle.

Range Book

- 1.10 All users of the range must sign the range book. The signing of the range book signifies the user as having read and understood the Range Rules / Standing Orders. It is the users responsibility to comply with the Range Rules / Standing Orders. There are no exceptions! The range book is located in the possession of the range administration officer.

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