Childers Rifle and Pistol Club Inc.

Standing Orders

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL

These Range Standing Orders (SO's) cover the use of the range facility operated by the Childers Rifle and Pistol Club Inc.

All Range Officers and range users are required to read and sign these SO's yearly.

Requests for exemptions from any provisions of these SO's shall be submitted in writing to the Club Executive for consideration.

Security

Licence MUST be available for inspection at all times when on the ranges.

All members are responsible for the security of their firearms at all times.

Key Holders

Keys to the complex are a privilege granted by The Management Committee; they are for the use of the holder exclusively and are not to be given to anyone except by express permission of a member of the Management Committee.

All key holders **must** return the key within **7 days** of membership cessation / termination.

Keys are only issued to current members of the Management Committee, Active Range Officers and Life Members. Members previously issued with keys may retain them for the period of their membership subject to their compliance with the Club rules and by-laws.

Revisions

These SO's have been published and revised on the dates listed below:

Original publication - April 10, 2006
1st revision - May 2, 2006
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3rd revision - September 28, 2008
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Compliance with Range Standing Orders

All persons present on the range must comply with the Club rules including Range Standing Orders at all times. Failure to comply with the Range Standing Orders may

lead to the Management Committee imposing disciplinary action, which may include, but is not limited to, exclusion from facilities and expulsion from membership of the Club.

The Management Committee may authorise a variation of, or exception from, these rules at its discretion. Requests for exemption from the previsions of these SO's shall be in writing to the Management Committee for consideration. However members are reminded that in joining the Club or renewing membership of the Club they have agreed to abide by all Club Rules.

SECTION 2 - RANGE FACILITY

Only Category A Weapons (Air Rifles) and Category H Weapons (Air Pistols) no larger than .177 Calibre with a muzzle velocity not to exceed 600 feet per second (182.88 metres/second) are permitted for use on the Air Weapons Range.

Only non-jacketed projectiles are permitted for use on the outdoor range.

Shotgun ammunition no larger than number 4 shot permitted for use on the outdoor range.

Category A/B (Rifles) and Category H (Pistols) are permitted on the outdoor range with the following limitations:

- Muzzle velocity of centre fire ammunition not to exceed 1400 feet per second (426 metres/second)
- Muzzle energy of centre fire ammunition not to exceed 500 foot pounds (678 joules).
- Muzzle velocity of rim fire ammunition used not to exceed 1710 feet per second (521 metres/second)
- Muzzle energy of rim fire ammunition used not to exceed 210 foot pounds (285 joules).
- Muzzle velocity of black powder ammunition not to exceed 1400 feet per second (426 metres/second)
- Muzzle energy of black powder ammunition not to exceed 500 foot pounds (678 joules).

Approved Matches

RANGE APPROVAL No. 81000267

The following matches may be held at this range:

AIR PISTOL MATCH
AIR RIFLE MATCHES
BLACK POWDER PISTOL
BOWLING PIN MATCH
CENTRE FIRE PISTOL
COMBINED SERVICES PISTOL MATCH
FREE PISTOL **(now 50m Pistol)**
INTERNATIONAL 1920 MATCH **(now Action Pistol)**
IPSC PISTOL
MAYLEIGH (CUP)
MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE MATCHES
POLICE AND SERVICE

RAPID FIRE PISTOL
RIM FIRE RIFLE SILHOUETTE
RIM FIRE/S-BORE RIFLE MATCHES
SERVICE PISTOL
SHOTGUN SPORTING CLAYS
SILHOUETTE PISTOL AIR
SILHOUETTE PISTOL C/FIRE lOOM
SILHOUETTE PISTOL RIM FIRE 50M
SILHOUETTE PISTOL RIM FIRE lOOM
SPORT PISTOL **(now 25m Pistol)**
STANDARD PISTOL
SINGLE ACTION SHOOTING MATCH
WA 1500 MATCH

For Category H matches only, the following applies:

Match Rules

Whichever approved matches are being shot, the club and shooter must abide by the rules for those matches as set by the controlling Shooting Association. That is:

- Pistol Australia(PA)/Pistol Shooting Queensland(PSQ) registered matches: PSQ is the controlling Shooting Association: use the appropriate rule books and holster accreditation.

Acceptable Variations

a) using two hands instead of one
b) sitting, instead of stated match positions

but only if:

a) there are acceptable extenuating circumstances such as:
    - the age of shooter (minor or elderly)
    - a medical condition
    - the inexperience of the shooter

All the above are in the consideration of safety.

The following variations are acceptable, but a participation ***cannot*** be registered:
a) number of shots for the match differs
b) the firearm used is of a lesser calibre
c) scoring requirements are not met

Unacceptable Variations

a) using different target types
b) using different distances
c) using firearms not approved for the match

PLEASE NOTE

- *Variations listed are not limited to those mentioned, but if there is any doubt contact the relevant Association or Weapons Licensing Branch.*
- *All variations considered are primarily to do with education, safety and registering legitimate participation records.*
- *Our Club's insurance cover for its members is dependent on the above requirements being met.*
- *The Club requires that where the weapons class differs that the weapons class used in this non-participation mode it is not of a higher calibre.*
- *These variations are acceptable only at Club level competition - all Open, Zone, Regional Games, Masters Games, State, National and International events must be shot to the Rules for the events contested.*

Range Description

This range complex has multiple ranges. The descriptions of the operational range/s sections are listed below:

- 999 - Range 1 is a 100 metre LDA Range
- Range 2 is a 2 x 10 Bay 25metre LDA Range
- Range 3 is a 20 Bay 90m LDA Range
- Range 4 is a 1Om Indoor Air Pistol/ Air Rifle Range
- Range 5 is a Shotgun Range with a DTL Layout applied.

RANGE 1

Location:	Left hand side (North)
Description:	100 m Pistol and Rifle range
No. Firing Points:	10

Firing Distances:	Varied for events up to 100 m. All shooting positions including bench rest.
Approved Firearms:	Centre-fire, Rim-fire and Air Pistols, Rim-fire and Air Rifles, Shotguns and Muzzle Loading Black Powder Rifles.
Approved Targets:	Paper targets and Steel reactive targets.

RANGE 2

Location:	Middle of range
Description:	25m Handgun range (Turning Target Frames)
No. Firing Points:	20
Distances:	Varied for events up to 25 m
Approved Firearms:	Centrefire and Rimfire Pistols
Maximum Approved Calibres:	Centre-fire Pistols up to .38”
Approved Targets:	Paper targets.

RANGE 3

Location:	Right hand side (South)
Description:	90m Small Bore Rifle range. All shooting positions including bench rest
No. of Firing Points:	20
Firing Distances:	Out to 90m
Approved Firearms:	Rimfire and Air Rifles, Centrefire, Rimfire and Air Pistols
Approved Targets:	Steel reactive and paper targets

RANGE 4

Location:	Air Range Building
Description:	Indoor 10m Air Pistol / Air Rifle range. All shooting positions including bench rest.
No. of Firing Points:	12
Firing Distances:	10m
Approved Firearms:	Air Pistol and Air Rifles (4.5mm / .177")
Approved Targets:	Paper targets.

RANGE 5

Location:	Between Long. 152.338630 Lat. -25.229990 and Long. 152.339690 Lat. -25.231710 facing west.
Description:	Sporting Clays and Simulated Field Shotgun Range
No. of Firing Points:	Various
Approved Firearms:	Category A (Shotgun), Category B (Muzzle Loading Shotgun) and Category C (Shotgun). Shotgun ammunition no larger than number 4 shot permitted.
Approved Targets:	Clay Targets.

SECTION 3- PERSONNEL

Range Officer (RO)

Range Officers are approved by the Club Management Committee to conduct matches at the Club in the events and at the times decided by the Club Management Committee.

RO's must hold a current Queensland weapons licence. RO's are encouraged to complete relevant training when available conducted by Pistol Shooting Queensland or Queensland Target Sports.

The RO has complete authority on the range property to conduct authorised shooting practices and matches. The Range Officer's name is to be clearly displayed at any active range.

RO's have the responsibility to supervise all personnel (shooting and non-shooting alike) present on the property and may have members and/or non-members removed at his/her discretion.

Any member concerned with the conduct of a match by a RO will not disrupt the match but may raise their concerns with the RO or any member of the Management Committee after completion of the match. Disrupting the match may result in disciplinary action including eviction from the range and/or suspension and/or termination of membership.

The RO may request Queensland Police assistance where a person when directed by the RO to leave the firing line and/or range refuses to comply.

Unlicensed Shooters

In accordance with Section 53 of the Weapons Act, Unlicensed shooters or licensed shooters who are not authorised to possess the weapon he/she proposes to physically possess and use must complete a Form 33 / 33A and the Range Register. The Range Officer must then sign the Form 33 / 33A in accordance with Sect 53(3) of the Weapons Act.

All unlicensed pistol shooters must have one to one supervision by a RO or by a category H licensed person appointed by the RO.

All unlicensed rifle or shotgun shooters must have supervision by a RO or by a category A/B licensed person appointed by the RO.

Visitors

Visitors may be:

- Members of other clubs
- Guests of members
- Spectators
- People wishing to come and try the sport

- People interested in joining the club.

Members of other clubs must sign the range register, produce their club membership card and their firearms licence. They must shoot the scheduled club event according to the PSQ/PA rules with the appropriate firearms and other equipment. They may only shoot from a holster if they have produced to the RO a current PA holster accreditation card.

Guests of members are to be supervised by the inviting member at all times. If not shooting they must sign the Visitors Register. If shooting they must complete the Range Register and if unlicenced Form 33/33A. They must be have suitable footwear, clothing and photo id.

Spectators must sign the Visitors Register and remain at the rear of the range. They are not permitted in or near firearms. The RO must supervise the visitors/spectators or must nominate a licenced member to supervise them when members are forward of the firing line.

Visitors may only participate in a maximum of 3 club shoots. They must apply for membership and have their membership approved by the Committee if they wish to continue to shoot at the club.

Holster Accreditation

Shooters wishing to participate in matches where a holster is necessary **must** present a current PA holster accreditation card to the RO (no exceptions).

Attendance and Membership

All unlicenced members are required to complete an approved safety course during their first 6 months of membership if they have not already done so.

All unlicenced pistol members must apply for their Category H licence after 6 months and before 12 months.

All unlicenced rifle members must apply for their Category A/B licence within 6 months of completing an approved safety course.

All members are expected to purchase their own firearms within 6 months of receiving their licence as continued use of club firearms may not be available.

To retain club membership, licensed members who possess Category H firearms must meet the legally required participation in each July - June financial year. Members' participation records must be completed at the end of a qualifying shoot and be countersigned by the range officer.

Members with 1 class of category H firearm must participate in 6 approved matches per financial year. Members with 2 or more classes of category H firearm must participate in 4 approved matches for each pistol class on separate days.

Members who are unable to meet the Club attendance requirements should advise the Management Committee and seek advice regarding response to the Weapons Licensing Branch. The Management Committee will consider all such requests at their regular meetings.

In accordance with the legislation, licensed category H shooters must advise the Club Representative or Club Secretary of their attendances and all classes of firearms in their possession during July of each year by providing a copy of their participation record or on the form supplied by the Secretary.

Classes of firearms are:

HA	Air Pistol
HB	Centre fire not more than .38 calibre or black powder pistol
HC	Centre fire more than .38 but not more than .45 calibre
HD	Rim fire pistol

Membership Affiliation

The Management Committee will review the eligibility of all individual club members at least once per financial year.

All members of Childers Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. who wish to shoot category H firearms at the range must join the club as a pistol member, satisfy all Qld Police Service and club requirements, and affiliate with PSQ ltd.

All members of Childers Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. who wish to compete in small bore rifle competition or events must join the club as a rifle member, satisfy all Qld Police Service and club requirements, and affiliate with either Target Rifle Australia (TRA) or Qld target Sports (QTS).

All members of Childers Rifle and Pistol Club Inc who wish to use a small bore rifle or a shotgun at the range for practice or sighting must affiliate with PSQ or QTS or TRA.

Juniors

Juniors (under 18) must have a parent or guardian present on the Range at all times.

Risk Management

The Childers Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. has adopted the Shooting Australia (SA) Risk Management Policy and Member Protection Policy a copy of which is available from the Club Secretary on request.

SECTION 4 - RANGE OPERATIONS

Flags

A RED flag must be flown from the flagpole at the main entrance to the complex and to the immediate rear of the active firing line when firing is being conducted on any range within the facility (flags to be no less than 1.2m by 0.9m). Red flags are not to be flown when there is no shooting on the range. During night shoots, red flags are to be either clearly illuminated or replaced by red lights.
If the flag at the main entrance is at half-mast the Council are accessing the range and shooting is not permitted.

Targets

Range 1	Paper targets or Steel reactive targets
Range 2	Paper targets
Range 3	Paper or Steel reactive targets
Range 4	Paper targets
Range 5	Clay targets

At no time is glass, soft drink cans or any other non-approved or impromptu targets to be used on the range facility without the clearance of the Management Committee.

Event Times

Club approved events and starting times are published every 6 months, emailed to all current members, and are available for viewing or download from the Club website https://www.childersrifleandpistol.org.au/#calendar .

Members should arrive 30mins prior to the advertised event start time to assist with range setup and completion of paperwork. Members arriving less than 30mins prior to the start time may not be permitted to participate in the event. Members arriving after the advertised start time for an event will not be able to participate in that event.

Only events advertised on a Club calendar can be included for compliance with the participation requirements under the Weapons Act and advice to Weapons Licencing Group.

Range Register

Each Section (Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun) is to have its own Range Register (Form 20 must be used and cannot be amended). This is to be maintained in accordance with the Weapons Act. Range Officers are to pay particular attention to the additional recording requirements for Category H participation.

The Range Officer is required to physically sight participants' firearms licences and association affiliation cards. Club members and visitors who are not able to produce their licence will not be permitted to shoot as this would be in contravention of the Weapons Act.

Range Registers are to be tightly controlled to ensure that unauthorised people cannot access the details within them.

Ammunition

All spent cartridge cases or spent shells must be collected and disposed of in containers provided or removed from the range.

The use of tracer, incendiary, explosive or similar ammunition is prohibited.

The muzzle velocity and muzzle energy of ammunition is to conform to the conditions of the Range Approval/s. (Refer Section 2 for Specific Details)

Jacketed and ball ammunition are prohibited.

Permitted Arcs of Fire

The maximum permitted arcs of fire for each range are listed below:

- Range 1 No greater than 5° to the centre line
- Range 2 As per Range approval template
- Range 3 As per Range approval
- Range 5 As per Range approval template

Firing

The following firing guidelines are applicable to all ranges on the complex:

- Shooting is only to occur between 8 AM and 6 PM except when shooting is permitted to 10 PM on selected evenings.
- No firing if target visibility is reduced as determined by the RO.
- Shooters with loaded firearms must be under RO direction.
- Firearms shall never be left unattended.
- Any person who believes there may be a risk to people, livestock or property must call a cease-fire.
- Also refer to the rules for closures described in the paragraph, Road/Range Closure during Operations.

Safety Zones

Each range has a safety (danger) area designed for specific firearms and calibres. These areas are out of bounds (no trespassing) areas designed to contain overshoot and ricocheting bullets. Every reasonable effort shall be extended by the RO to ensure that the safety area does not have people in it during range operations.

Road/Range Closure during Operations

Due to the configurations of the range complex specific road and range closures must be in effect during the operations of certain sections of the range. These closures are listed below:

Active Range Closure	
Range 1	Range 3 except when there is a combined pistol/rifle shoot.
Range 2	None
Range 3	Range 1 except when there is a combined pistol/rifle shoot.
Range 4	None
Range 5	None

Fumble/Practice Area

The designated safety areas (Fumble Zones) are situated at the rear of the shed on Range 2. These are for gun handling / dry fire practice during competition. **No Live Ammunition** may be taken into or handled in any designated safety area under any circumstances.

Firearm Storage

All handguns must be cased except while on an active firing line or while in the inspection area.

Firearms may only be carried in a holster while on an active firing line.

Firearms are always to be pointed downrange when not holstered or cased.

All rifles must be cased with bolt and magazine removed except while on an active firing line or while in the inspection area. Firearms are always to be pointed downrange.

All shotguns must be cased or with action open except while on an active firing line or while in the inspection area. Firearms are always to be pointed downrange or in a safe direction.

Club Firearms

Any member who signs out a club firearm is responsible for the security and care of that firearm.

Club firearms are not to be removed from the club premises nor is it to be further lent to another club member without having been signed out to that club member.

Club firearms will only be issued for participation in shooting in Club Competition.

Members are not allowed to attempt to repair or adjust club pistols unless with the express permission from a Committee Member.

The firearm will be signed out by a designated person approved by Committee.

The club member being issued with a firearm is responsible for:

- the safe handling of that firearm;
- security of that firearm;
- ensuring the firearm is not handled carelessly in a way that might cause it damage;
- ensuring the firearm is not lent or given to another person;
- returning the firearm to the Range Officer(or Committee member or designated member approved by Committee) at the completion of the competition/practice shoot – in any case prior to the cessation of the days club activities.

Match Completion

At the conclusion of all matches or practices the RO will ensure that:

- all targets are returned to the storage shed;
- timing equipment, target frames, ropes and any other equipment are stored in the appropriate areas;
- firing points are checked and brass and other debris removed;
- all firearms and ammunition have been removed from the range;
- all paperwork – range registers, attendances etc are complete and stored in the appropriate locked shed;
- all computer equipment is either stored in a locked shed or removed so that batteries can be charged for future matches;
- all monies are deposited in the lock box with receipting paperwork, handed to the Treasurer or removed from the range for delivery to the Treasurer at a later date;
- all range flags are lowered;
- all club firearms are returned to the safes and paperwork completed;
- safes are secured;
- buildings are locked; and
- entrance gate is locked and entrance flag lowered.

SECTION 5 -RANGE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Communications

When Range 1 is active, Range Officers are to maintain verbal contact.

When Ranges 1and 2 are active, Range Officers are to maintain verbal contact.

When Range 2 is active, Range Officers are to maintain verbal contact.

When Range 3 is active, Range Officers are to maintain verbal contact.

Spectators

Spectators will follow all directions given to them by the Range Officer or delegated Club member. Spectators must remain 5 meters behind any active firing line or in the designated spectator areas.

Pets

Pets are not permitted on the range if any range is active.

Members must seek approval of the RO to have a restrained pet on the grounds when the ranges are not in use.

Hearing and Eye Protection

Hearing protection for all attendees at the range in near proximity to an active pistol firing line where Class B, C or D firearms are in use is mandatory.
Eye protection for all attendees at the range in near proximity to an active pistol firing line is mandatory.
Eye protection MUST be worn when black powder firearms are being used or loaded.

Alcohol/Drugs

Any person deemed by the RO to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to shoot and will be required to leave the range.
The RO will be permitted to examine any containers brought onto the range where he considers the member or visitor is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Members or visitors who fail to allow the RO access to any such containers will be required to leave the range immediately and may also be refused range access for a period to be determined by the Management Committee (Range Operator).

Smoking

Due to the extreme fire hazard in the range area, smoking is not permitted in wooded areas.
Smoking is not permitted within the Air Range building.
Smoking is not permitted within 10m of any black powder firearms being used or loaded.

Smoking is not permitted on any firing point. Smoking is only permitted in the designated areas.
Smokers should be encouraged to wash their hands after shooting and before smoking due to the hazard posed by the possible ingestion of lead.

All smoking materials (butts, etc.) are to be disposed of in the containers provided.

Protective Clothing

Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times. Clothing must provide protection to the shooter but not hinder the safe operation of the firearms being used.

Appropriate enclosed footwear is to be worn at all times.

An appropriate shirt or top that covers the upper torso is to be worn.

Clothing that assists the shooter and is contrary to the rules of the competition being shot is to be removed from the range.

First Aid Kit

A first aid kit is located in the shed at the rear of Range 2 and in the Air Range building. The locations of first aid kits are to be clearly visible by a Red Cross logo.

SECTION 6 - EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Phone Numbers

The following are non-emergency contact numbers in Childers. For emergencies call 000.

Fire	4150 7900
Ambulance	4199 7404
Police	4192 1444
Doctor	4126 1635
Hospital	4192 1133

If Childers Police are unavailable call Policelink 131444.
A list of these emergency phone numbers is to be clearly displayed at the clubhouse and to the rear of the firing lines.

Committee Members Contact Details

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