



BLESBOK SHOOTING RANGE

RANGE SAFETY RULES (2019 V1.0a)



The following rules must be observed at all times:

1. Upon Arrival or departure

- a. Persons on arrival or engaged in shooting (shooters, target changers, ancillaries etc) shall not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- b. No loaded firearm to be brought onto the Shooting Range grounds / Range; Duty Range Officers are the only people allowed to carry loaded firearms (and will do so to protect all at the grounds).
- c. All firearms to be bagged or cased until an instruction given by the Range Officer to unpack the firearms.
- d. Always sign the Register / Indemnity book at the range (regardless whether you are shooting or not) for S.A. Police inspections and your own interest.
- e. Non-shooters to remain at least 5 meters behind the firing line.
- f. The duty Range Officer's instructions shall be obeyed at all times and shall be complied with unconditionally.
- g. Other people's firearms shall not be touched without the express permission of the owner and Range Officer
- h. The firing point shall not be left with a loaded firearm.
- i. Empty cases (Fired Brass) must be picked up before leaving the range.
- j. Membership cards and licenses must be produced at the Shooting Range.

2. Shooting

- a. Firearms shall only be loaded at the firing point on instruction from the range officer and the barrel pointing down range at the backstop / bullet trap.
- b. Only 1 firearm will be allowed on the shooting table, and only the ammunition for the firearm being used to be on the shooting table. It is the shooters responsibility to ensure he uses the correct ammunition for the rifle on the firing-line.
- c. Turning around on the firing line with a firearm is forbidden.
- d. Firearms shall be holstered (handgun range) or put down unloaded; whenever shooting is interrupted for target changing etc. Under no circumstances may firearms be handled whenever anyone is in front of the firing points in use at the time or at any other time anywhere else on the Range's grounds if not on the firing line under supervision! The exception is the load / unload at the designated safety area.
- e. Hearing and eye protection must be worn at all times when shooting. Rifle shooters will have the right to sign indemnity to exclude them from using eye protection.
- f. All persons to be behind the red line when shooters are at the targets. Range is open! Only Range Officers can then be on the firing line.
- g. Red flags must be used in rifles to help the RO to see which rifles are safe. (Red flags are for sale / rent at the range)
- h. No Shooting on the Rifle ranges while handgun shooting takes place in the pit.
- i. No Shooting on the handgun range while auto weapons are in use on the 200m range (3rd Sat of the month)

3. Targets

- a. No shooting shall be done at targets, tin cans, or any other item placed on the floor of the range, since this poses a ricochet hazard.
- b. Under no circumstances shall glass bottles etc. be used as targets.
- c. Targets to be erected at least 1 metre off the ground (to avoid ricochets) and used in such a way that the bullets would hit the backstop.
- d. Personal target frames can be constructed based on a Blesbok Shooting Range approved frame.
- e. Frame material must be such that ricochet's are prevented.
- f. Provide your own targets, masking tape etc.

4. Metallic Targets / Gongs

- a. No magnum calibre rifles / ammunition to be used on metal silhouettes.
- b. The minimum distance for shooting metallic gongs (or any metallic target) with centre-fire cartridges is 180 metres.
- c. The minimum distance for shooting metallic gongs (or any metallic target) with Black Powder firearms is 50 metres.

5. Handgun shooting on the Rifle ranges:

- a. Due to the possibility of ricochets and damage to the cement slabs (used for .22 silhouettes) no handgun of a calibre bigger than .22 may be used on the .22 Range.
- b. Handgun shooting on the 200m range will be facilitated on the far left of the range, and the target must be placed at such a position to ensure that shooting is done in the direction of the backstop. Special attention must be given not to shoot in the direction of the angled wall at the left of the range.
- c. When handgun shooting is conducted on the 300m Range while the 200m Range is in use, all shooters on the 300m Range must move 100m forward to be in line with the 200m Range shooting point.
- d. When the 200m and 300m are in use simultaneously, handgun shooting on the 200m Range will only be allowed when the ranges are coordinated to open & close simultaneously. (And point C above must still be applied)

6. Shooting Schedule / Other

- a. Minimum of 2 adults on the range at any time, one of whom **MUST** be a qualified Blesbok Shooting Range officer.
- b. Shooting on the range at a non scheduled time, a Blesbok qualified Range Officer must be contacted and if in agreement will open the range. Anyone other than a Blesbok qualified Range Officer who opens the range will be barred from the range for life.
- c. Ranges open Saturday, Sunday and public holidays but closed during a working week due to Zincor personal working in the area.
- d. Duty range officer must be advised at the latest, Thursday evening if you want to shoot on the weekend following.
- e. The shooting Schedule for the year is available on the website.