



# RANGE ETIQUETTE & PROCEDURES

## CLUB SHOTS

This document outlines the key matters to consider when undertaking club shoots with the Brisbane Mariners Rifle Club. In all cases the key principles are to always act in a safe manner and always show respect and consideration for fellow shooters, officials and visitors. The rules are designed to protect your safety, the safety of others, ensure the shoot is enjoyable, and encourage your skills to improve.

- At all club shoots there will be a **Chief Range Officer (CRO)** and each club will also nominate a **Club Range Officer (RO)**. The Chief Range Officer has overall responsibility for the safe operation of the range. You must always follow the CRO and RO instructions. If you are unsure about anything then refer the matter to the CRO or RO.
- You, the **Scorer** shall:
  - Ensure the safe actions of the shooter and the person setting up to shoot, be aware of any CRO & RO instructions, and ensure those on the mound comply with such instructions;
  - Witness bolt cycle tests, where required;
  - Enter the shooters details, shooting class and grade, shooting stage, number of sighters and number of counting shots into the scoring monitor;
  - Following the sighting shots being taken, confirm with the shooter on how many sighters are to be converted to scoring shots and then enter that in the scoring monitor;
  - Watch the shooter fire the shot, rather than the monitor, then in a loud clear voice call the shot number and the score. Ensure all shots are properly discharged and are registered on the monitor screen. Advise the RO should there be any misfires or stray shots and
  - At the conclusion of the string, confirm the shooter's barrel is clear and that an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) has been fitted.
- You, the **Shooter**, shall
  - Be responsible for all your actions on the range;
  - Always act in a safe manner - your firearm is your responsibility;
  - Obey the instructions of the CRO, RO and the Scorer and understand the shooting rules;
  - Ensure your equipment is serviceable and always use the correct ammunition;
  - Ensure you have zeroed the rifle for the range;
  - Promptly move onto the mound when it is your turn to shoot and promptly vacate the mound when your string is concluded; and
  - Following completion of your string, and after securing your equipment, return to the mound to replace the Scorer;

Other matters to be aware include:

- The first shooter has the choice of firing position (left or right – not the middle!)
- Have consideration for the person shooting. Don't disturb them when you are setting yourself up on the mound, don't cast shadows on them, and wait until between shots before you move.
- If you are at the scoring position, don't have loud conversations that may disturb the shooter.
- The only time a rifle may have a bolt inserted is when on the mound and the CRO has indicated the range is open and firing may commence.
- The rifle may only be loaded when you are on the mound, the rifle is shouldered and it is pointing towards the target.
- If at any time the CRO or RO declares '**cease fire**', immediately cease fire and open the bolt. If the CRO or RO then instructs '**unload**', remove the bolt, have the rifle cleared and insert the ECI.