

Range Rules

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As with every range, the Wedgnoek ranges have a set of operating and safety rules that all users of our facilities (member or otherwise) must abide by. Below is an abridged set of range rules covering the most important aspects of using our ranges. A full set of range rules are available from the MLAGB.

1. Shooting Times - RECENTLY UPDATED

WEEKEND SHOOTING - NON-SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

10:00 - 14:00hrs All cleared types of firearm, air rifle and calibre.

WEEKEND SHOOTING - SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ONLY

09:00 - 18:00hrs
(16:00hrs during Non-FAC Air Rifles
winter)

10:00 - 14:00hrs All other cleared types of firearm and calibre. Both Section 1 and Section 2.

WEEKDAY SHOOTING - SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ONLY

09:00 - 18:00hrs
(16:00hrs during Non-FAC Air Rifles
winter)

10:00 - 14:00hrs All other cleared types of firearm and calibre. Both Section 1 and Section 2.

2. Winter Shooting Rules - RECENTLY UPDATED

- Winter rules apply from 1st November to 31st March.
- On the first two Saturdays of each month during this period, shooting is restricted to Non-FAC Air Rifle ONLY. The use of any Section 1 and Section 2 Firearms is NOT PERMITTED.

3. Range Officer Restrictions

- There must be one Range Officer active at all times that there is shooting on ranges A and B. The Range Officer should sign the range book located on the range when they begin their time as 'RO' and again when someone else takes over. **This is mandatory.**
- On C range, the three separate firearms sections require a Range Officer to be signed in for each active section. One Range Officer cannot control the entire range. As with A and B Ranges, there must be an RO signed in the book for each section at all times

that shooting is taking place. *The Air Rifle Range does not require a Range Officer to be signed in the book. However, Air Rifle shooters using other sections of C Range (when allowed by the Range Manager) are required to observe the Range Officer rules.*

- ***Should there be more than FOUR (including the Range Officer) shooters present on the range (or section on C range) at any one time, then the Range Officer must not partake in shooting.***
- All shooters on the range must abide by any instructions given by the Range Officer. The Range Officer's decision on safety rules is final.

4. Range Classification

- The maximum muzzle velocity for firearms cleared for use at Wedgnock is 2150 ft/s.
- The maximum muzzle energy cleared for use at Wedgnock is 1496 ft/lbs.
- The only exception to this rule is .17HMR which is cleared for the range.
- Shotguns must not be loaded with more than three shots at any one time, regardless of their magazine capacity.
- It is the responsibility of the range user to ensure that their firearms do not breach this rule.
- Any member suspecting a shooter is using a calibre/firearm that does not comply with these rules should contact the range manager or a committee member as soon as possible.

5. General Rules - RECENTLY UPDATED

- ***Updated Oct 2016*** All members and visitors are required to wear eye protection whilst shooting whilst the range is live and a detail is in progress. This may be in the form of prescription glasses, shooting glasses or sunglasses. Contact lenses do not count as eye protection.
This also applies to anyone at the firing point including trainers, assistants, range officers and markers.etc. **The firing point is classed as anywhere forward of the metal barrier.**
- ***Updated Oct 2016*** All members and visitors are to wear hearing protection at all times regardless of whether shooting is in progress or their location on the ranges.
- All members should have their Membership Card/Season Ticket on their person whilst on the range so that it can be shown on request from another member or the range manager.
- ***Updated Oct 2016*** On arrival at the range, all shooters must report to the range office and sign-in providing details of the firearms being used (firearm type, make and serial number), this includes weekdays. This is in addition to ensuring that there is an active Range Officer signed in on your range and your own shooters record sheet. **Failure to do so means that you are not insured whilst using the range facilities, the addition of the firearms being shot is a new Home Office club requirement.**
- ***Updated Oct 2016*** On arrival at the range, all non-shooters and visitors must report to the range office and sign-in on the visitors register.
- Firearms must not be handled away from the firing point or whilst their are members moving forward.

- All users are expected to have conducted a full safety training course and must be competent in making theirs and (if need-be) making others firearms safe.
- UKPSA practices must be approved by a trained UKPSA member using number 5 shot or similar. The placing of targets is at the discretion of the range manager.
- Shooting alone is not permitted when the range manager is not on duty. In these circumstances, weekday lone shooting rules apply.
- "Firebird" or other brands of explosive target are not permitted on the Wedgnock Ranges.
- All shooting must take place at the firing point, no shooting forward of the red line.

6. Weekday Shooting

- Only Season Ticket holders can use the range on a weekday.
- Lone shooting is not permitted, shooters must be accompanied by a responsible person capable of making their firearms safe. This does not have to be a holder of a Firearms Certificate (FAC). However, only the FAC holder, RO, or another FAC holder may handle firearms to make them safe. In the event of an FAC holder being taken ill during the week with a non-shooting person accompanying them, if that FAC holder was taken to hospital then the Police should be called to make the firearms safe and take them and the ammo into storage until the FAC holder was well enough to reclaim them.
- Should two FAC wish to shoot on different ranges, they must communicate with each other that they are present and when they have finished shooting so that lone shooting rules are complied with.
- All weekday shooters must abide by the Site Security rules, a copy of these are available in the Articles section in the Members Area.