

These notes should be read in conjunction with the Handbook and do not replace the need to be familiar with the Handbook. The Handbook will take precedence.

Role of Chief Range Officer (CRO):

(See HB B2.3 P28)

- · Assigned by MD to a range.
- Responsible for safety, discipline and efficiency.
- Responsible for all RO's and ensuring they are familiar with relevant rules and conditions, especially for events being run.
- Must be constantly alert, impartial and courteous, but firm/clear.
- Deal with challenges, protests or disciplinary issues calmly and quietly at the firing line, or by taking a competitor to one side. Any disturbance or involvement of other competitors to be avoided.
- Identify any competitors with limited experience and provide additional support/oversight as required.

Range Safety:

(See HB A3.2 P16-17)

- At Bisley, for all NRA Meetings, eye and ear protection is mandatory in the vicinity of the firing line. This is good practice on any range. Be a role model.
- All firearms must remain boxed/cased until RO permission to remove given.
- No competitor must touch an unboxed/uncased firearm except under RO supervision and no competitor may load a firearm until ordered to do so by an RO on the firing point. Detachable magazines and speedloaders may be precharged but must not be inserted in the gun until the order to load is given.
- When stationary on the range the muzzles of all firearms being held must be pointed downrange in a safe direction.
- The handbook should be referred to for specific instructions for moving around the range during an event under the control of an RO and moving around the range when not on the firing point. (See HB A3.2.6 P17)
- ROs will provide specific instructions for moving between positions. This will either be at the start of a practice, when the firearm will be loaded, but not made ready, or during a practice when the firearm must be clear and the action open. (See HB B6.2 P33)

Overlay Gauges:

(See HB B8.5 P37)

- A shot may be gauged in if the black circle of the same calibre touches or goes over the edge of the scoring ring.
- Late shots, as indicated by an extended hole in the target may count, if the hole is not larger than 1.5 times the normal size. Some overlay gauges have an outside band to indicate this.
- The competitor may appeal a scoring decision but must not touch the target prior to the appeal.

Role of Range Officer (RO):

(See HB B2.4 P29)

- Assistant to the CRO and co-operative with other ROs and officials.
- Responsible for safety and discipline of all people in the part of the range to which they are assigned.
- Responsible for ensuring they are familiar with relevant rules and conditions, especially for events being run.
- Must be constantly alert, impartial and courteous, but firm/clear.
- Raise any challenges, protests or disciplinary issues calmly and quietly with the CRO.
- Identify any competitors with limited experience and provide additional support/oversight as required.

Clearing of Firearms:

(See HB A3.2.8 P17-18)

It is the responsibility of the firer to unload and clear their firearm before presenting it for inspection. No firearm may be boxed, cased, holstered or held muzzle up until it has been confirmed clear by an RO. The clearance procedures for the various gun types is follows:

- GRSB Competitor removes magazine, locks action open, confirms that chamber, action and boltface are clear of live rounds, misfires and empty cases.
- **GRCF with fixed magazine** Competitor opens the action, confirms that magazine, chamber, action and boltface are clear of live rounds, misfires and empty cases, racks three times for RO and leaves action open.
- LBP As GRSB. When empty and proved clear the firearm must be pointed in a safe direction; the slide must then be put forward and the action fired so that the hammer is down. If the competitor is concerned about possible damage to the LBP, the hammer may "eased" down.
- LBR Competitor opens cylinder, ejects all cases, confirms that chambers and frame are clear of live rounds, misfires and empty cases and presents for inspection. RO confirms clear.

Foot Faults:

(See HB B6.7 P34)

 In the case of any sort of marked line, feet may be on the line, but not extend over the line, unless event conditions allow.



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