

# RANGE RULES



## SPRINGVALE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX

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# **To ensure safety of all users of the range, everyone must observe the strictest safety precautions at all times.**

To achieve this end

- **THE RANGE OFFICER MUST BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES;**
- **The following range rules must be observed and applied all times:**
  - Any person breaking the rules governing the Springvale Range may be held personally liable for any damage or injury to person or property which may result there from and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria).

## **The rules in this document are for your safety.**

Please observe them carefully and make sure that everyone adheres to them.

Discuss any problems you may have with the Range Manager, Chief Range Officer or on-duty Range officer. The Range Manager may vary these rules to accommodate special circumstances provided such variations do not compromise safety or range integrity.

No shooting may be conducted on a SSAA Victoria Range unless a currently qualified range officer (per section 7) is present and has given the appropriate command to commence firing. The range officer must be immediately identifiable to persons on the range, preferably by a range officer's jacket or similar.

**Range discipline requires the full involvement and co-operation of every person on the range.**

## 1. GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY ORGANISATIONS

The following regulations must be observed at all times unless the SSAA Victoria and/or Range Manager notifies of changes to rules under certain conditions that may arise:

### 1.1 SSAA VICTORIA RANGE ENQUIRIES and ADMINISTRATION:

The Springvale Range at Springvale is managed by the Facilities Manager employed by SSAA Victoria. The daily operations of the range are overseen by the Assistant Range Manager who is based at the range during operating times.

Range address: 714-716 Princes Hwy  
Springvale, Victoria 3171

Operating hours: Monday - Friday -5.00pm – 9.00pm  
Saturday -10.00am – 6.00pm  
Sunday -10.00am – 5.00pm

Refer to SSAA Victoria website for range closures for the following public holidays:

Easter  
ANZAC Day  
Christmas and New Year holiday period.

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Box Hill, Victoria 3128  
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### 1.2 VICTORIA POLICE - LICENSING AND REGULATION DIVISION

These Range Rules have been compiled in consultation with the Victoria Police – Licensing and Regulation Division (LRD) to ensure that all sections of the Springvale Range comply with all Victoria Police regulations and standards.

Rules for each range are determined by the regulations stipulated in the Victorian Police Range Standards. These standards are controlled and enforced by LRD. Any modifications to the ranges or alternate uses must be approved by LRD through the SSAA Victoria offices.

See attachment B for LRD range approval.

## 2. GENERAL RANGE RULES

### (TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH RULES SPECIFIC TO EACH RANGE)

- 2.1. Only legally owned firearms may be used on the premises. Owners must ensure that all firearms used on the range in a serviceable condition. The on-duty range officers have the authority to stop the use of any firearm they believe is not safe.
- 2.2. The Range Manager and the on-duty range officers have the discretion to limit the use of firearms.
- 2.3. No person may proceed beyond the range office until their name is recorded on the daily attendance sheet or had their membership card scanned at the range office.
- 2.4. By recording their name in the range register, members and public visitors certify that they are not "Prohibited Persons" under the Firearms Act and are covered by insurance.
- 2.5. Enclosed footwear must be worn on the range (in front of the yellow control line on each range). Thongs and sandals are not permitted on the firing line. Excessively open neck tops are not permitted on the firing line (including singlets).
- 2.6. Ranges 1-5 are accessible only to members of the SSAA Victoria Springvale sub-clubs, visitors attending SSAA Victoria group event or visitors who have obtained express permission from the range office and/or Range Manager.
- 2.7. Scheduled activities have priority on ranges and club firearm usage.
- 2.8. All safety or Range Rule violations must be reported to the range officer.
- 2.9. Unlicensed shooters may only shoot under instruction of a licensed shooter.
- 2.10. A 'Notification of Receiving Instruction' form MUST be filled in before an unlicensed person commences shooting (pistol only).
- 2.11. A red flag must be flown when the range is open and removed at the close of the range each day.
- 2.12. Sub-clubs are responsible for the actions of their members during their allocated times on each range. Currently qualified SSAA Victoria or recognised range officers as per 7.7 must be present on each range that is booked by the sub-club.
- 2.13. On completion of a shoot, all empty shells & targets are to be removed and disposed of in the appropriate receptacles.
- 2.14. Chrono graphing is permitted with the permission of the on-duty range officer or Range Manager.
- 2.15. The range office and strongroom are "**out of bounds**" to all but authorised personnel.
- 2.16. Members and guests are welcome to use the clubhouse but are at all times responsible for their behaviour.
- 2.17. Inappropriate or antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated and the offending person(s) will be asked to leave the range.
- 2.18. Carbine kits are prohibited on all ranges.

## 3. HANDLING FIREARMS

- 3.1. Firearms to be loaded ONLY on the firing line.
- 3.2. **Always** point the firearm in a safe direction – down range if at the firing line, vertically upright, holstered or pointing at the ground for shotguns - whilst in transit around the range.
- 3.3. No shooter is to occupy a place at the firing line, or handle firearms in the range area, before they have attended the range office and have permission from the on-duty range officer.
- 3.4. No person under the age of twelve may handle a firearm. Persons between 12 and 18 years are required to have parental or guardian's permission to shoot on the range and must be under the supervision of an adult licensed shooter or on-duty range officer.
- 3.5. **No person** is to load a firearm until the "**commence fire**" or "**range open**" command or similar has been given and will then do so only when in a safe position at the firing line and about to fire. Safety lights signal **RED** when the range is live and **GREEN** during a cease fire.
- 3.6. Whilst loading and when loaded, the firearm **must** be kept pointed at the stop butt, down range or a safe direction as dictated by the on-duty range officer.
- 3.7. **No firearm** is to be loaded or discharged unless it is held in such a position that there is a physical barrier (stop butt, baffle, etc.) preventing any accidental shot escaping from the range.
- 3.8. No persons are permitted to shoot at anything other than their own authorised targets.

- 3.9. Shooting at any wildlife is not permitted and any breaches will be reported.
- 3.10. No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at rocks, side walls, berms or baffles.
- 3.11. Firearms are to be cleared by the on-duty range officer before they are removed from the firing line.
- 3.12. Firearms are permitted to be brought into the clubhouse but must be secured in their appropriate bag or case.
- 3.13. Firearms may not be handled in the clubhouse without the express permission of the Range Manager and only then under exceptional circumstances.
- 3.14. It is the responsibility of owners of firearm(s) to ensure that they secure their firearms at all times. Unattended firearms or those not under the control of a licensed shooter will be removed from the location and secured until claimed by the owner.
- 3.15. Unlicensed persons are not permitted to remove live ammunition from the firing line and range.
- 3.16. No person, other than the on-duty range officer may handle any firearm belonging to another shooter without the express permission of that shooter.

#### 4. CEASE FIRE

- 4.1. During ceasefires and other shooting breaks, all firearms on benches and the ground at the firing line must be unloaded, actions open and have a **visible EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATOR (flag)** inserted. Detachable magazines are to be removed and emptied.
- 4.2. Emergency "cease fire", "cease fire", "cease fire" is called, all shooting stops immediately, firearms unloaded and made safe as per 4.1.
- 4.3. On the order "cease fire", unload, open all actions, remove all detachable magazines" or similar commands from the on-duty RO, shooting must stop and all firearms made safe as in rule 4.1. The shooter must move back from the firing line and stand behind the yellow control lines on the floor or at an appropriate distance from the firing line as deemed by the on-duty range officer.
- 4.4. No shooter, without the on-duty range officers' permission, is to approach or handle a firearm at the firing line during a "cease fire" period. All shooters are to remain behind the yellow control lines or area identified by the on-duty range officer until the "commence fire" instruction is given.

#### 5. SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- 5.1. **Alcohol and Drugs:** It is SSAA Victoria policy that no shooter who is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be permitted to shoot at the range. Shooters who appear to the on-duty range officer to be thus affected will be not be permitted on the range.
- 5.2. No alcohol may be introduced to the range by members or guests as it is in breach of the range Liquor Licence.
- 5.3. No alcohol is permitted outside the Clubhouses whilst the range is open for shooting and then (at the cessation of shooting) only in areas defined in the Liquor Licence.
- 5.4. Smoking is **not permitted** on the firing line. Refer to the on-duty range officer if you require assistance.

#### 6. SHOOTING ALONE OR OUTSIDE SUB CLUB BOOKINGS

- 6.1. SSAA Victoria members may use ranges outside of sub-club booked times under the following conditions:
  - 6.1.1. The member must seek permission from the Range Manager or range office to use the range.
  - 6.1.2. If the member is on the range with no other shooters, (alone) they must have a current SSAA Victoria Range officer accreditation (section 7.7) plus endorsement from their Springvale sub-club or by approval of the Range Manager.
  - 6.1.3. If a shooter is instructing an unlicensed shooter(s), the licensed shooter must have a current SSAA Victoria range officer (section 7.7) plus endorsement from their Springvale sub-club or by approval of the Range Manager.

- 6.1.4. If there are 2 or more licensed shooters on a range, at least one shooter must be a range officer and not be shooting at the same time. The individual that is nominated as range officer must be a currently qualified SSAA Victoria range officer (section 7.7) plus endorsement from their Springvale sub-club or by approval of the Range Manager.

## **7. RANGE OFFICERS (RO)**

- 7.1. Range officers must carry their range officer accreditation with them at all times when on-duty as a range officer and/or sub-club range officer accreditation if applicable. They must produce their accreditation(s) on request by the Range Manager or senior SSAA Victoria range officer on-duty at the range.
- 7.2. The RO:
  - 7.2.1. Has absolute authority in respect to safety issues both on and behind the firing line.
  - 7.2.2. Has the authority to caution shooters who he/she believes are acting in an unsafe manner.
  - 7.2.3. May order individuals from the range if he/she believes it is necessary to do so in order to ensure the safety of other range users or spectators.
- 7.3. The ROs' decisions in these matters of safety are to be obeyed immediately and without argument.
- 7.4. No person shall refuse to obey the instruction of the RO or interfere in any way with the RO in the execution of his/her duties. Any dispute between range users and an RO is to be resolved as per the procedures below and is not to be the subject of debate at the range. The aggrieved party is to obey the ROs instruction in the first instance and follow up any complaint later.
- 7.5. All disputes between the RO and others are to be referred to the Range Manager.
- 7.6. SSAA Victoria may take disciplinary actions against any members or visitors who disobey, argue with or interfere with the on-duty RO.
- 7.7. SSAA Victoria recognises the following RO qualifications as equivalents for SSAA Victoria RO accreditations: VAPA, IPSC, SASA. For organised security or law enforcement training, SSAA Victoria recognises firearms safety instructor qualification.

## **8. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION**

- 8.1. Ear protection (ear plugs or earmuffs) is mandatory on all ranges. It is recommended that ear protection of minimum standard class 4 be worn by all shooters.
- 8.2. Eye protection is recommended for any person using a firearm.
- 8.3. Eye protection is mandatory for all juniors (under 18 years old).
- 8.4. Ear and eye protection must be worn by spectators on the firing line and immediately behind the firing line of a range in accordance to rules 8.1-8.3.

## **9. HOLSTERS**

- 9.1. Only HOLSTER QUALIFIED MEMBERS may draw and fire loaded firearms from the holster (with the on-duty ROs permission) unless under the direct supervision of a trainer. Proof of such qualification must be produced if required by the on-duty range officer.
- 9.2. Firearms may be loaded and holstered during the course of a competition. At all other times firearms must be unloaded and cleared before being holstered.
- 9.3. Firearms must not be withdrawn from the holster unless on the firing line or in a safe handling or staging area.
- 9.4. Holstered firearms are permitted to be worn on the public walkways of the range but must be cleared and visibly 'safe' (magazines removed in semi-automatics) and be secured with a safety strap (or similar device) when moving between ranges. All magazines must be unloaded when walking in these areas.
- 9.5. Holstered firearms are not permitted in the clubhouse unless approved by the Range Manager for exceptional circumstances.

## 10. SAFE HANDLING AREA

- 10.1. No ammunition is to be taken into a designated safe handling area.
- 10.2. Other than the firing line, designated safe areas are the only areas in which firearms are to be handled unless approved by the relevant sub-club or Range Manager.
- 10.3. No loaded firearms are to be brought into a safe handling area and must be cleared prior.

## 11. MALFUNCTIONS

- 11.1. Firearms malfunctions must be immediately reported to the on-duty range officer.
- 11.2. For stuck live rounds refer to the SSAA Victoria Policy – Attachment A

## 12. TARGETS

- 12.1. Only **approved targets** are to be used on the range (the Range Manager or on-duty range officer may approve the use of a non-standard target).
- 12.2. All targets are to be mounted directly in front of the shooter and all firing is to be conducted from an approved firing point at 90 degrees to the firing line, except where allowed under discipline-special competition rules.
- 12.3. Excessively high or low shots that are outside the 'cone of fire' along with cross-range fire are not permitted.
- 12.4. No steel targets may be used on the Springvale Range unless contained in a bullet trap or of a design approved by the Range Manager.
- 12.5. All target mounting frames / stands shall be of soft material such as pine or plastic. If frames are of steel construction, material must be placed at the front of the frames to stop direct contact with the steel by projectiles.
- 12.6. Any shooting at target frames, frame supports or other range fixtures is prohibited.

## 13. AMMUNITION

### 13.1. Rimfire

- 13.1.1. Only rifles using .22 rimfire short, long or long rifle ammunition are permitted on the Springvale Range. This rule does not prohibit the use of air rifles or air pistols, but **DOES NOT PERMIT** the use of **.22 Rimfire Magnum** ammunition and **.17HMR Rimfire** ammunition or its other derivative forms.
- 13.1.2. **HIGH VELOCITY .22 RF LR** ammunition exceeding 1400fps is **NOT** to be used on the range on Sundays or any evening after 8:00pm except with the express permission of the Range Manager or on-duty range officer.

### 13.2. Centrefire Pistol

- 13.2.1. All centrefire projectiles must be either lead or semi jacketed (jacketed soft nose or jacketed hollow point). **Fully jacketed projectiles are prohibited at all times on all ranges**
- 13.2.2. No ammunition with power factor in excess of 180,000 is to be used on the ranges:  
Centrefire ammunition must be of a power factor of 180,000 or less as defined in the range specific rules and will be calculated by the formula;  
**Velocity (in feet per second) x Weight of projectile (in grains)**  
(e.g. 180 grain projectile at 1000 FPS = 180,000 power factor)  
Care must be taken that high velocity or magnum type rounds must not exceed 180,000 power factor.
- 13.2.3. Unlicensed pistol shooters are not permitted to collect ammunition from the range office. On duty range officers must collect on behalf of the shooter and take to the range in use.

### 13.3. Shotgun

- 13.3.1. Shotguns loaded with "Stagecoach Loads" of #6 - #9 shot may only be used during a club sponsored event or competition where ammunition will be supplied by the club hosting the event, except with the express permission of the Range Manager.

## **14. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

In the event of a serious accident/incident, the on-duty range officer is to immediately take action to prevent any further incident; close the range and clear all firearms on the firing line as soon as practical to do so. The on-duty range officer or range attendant is to ensure that First Aid is administered where appropriate.

If the accident requires urgent medical, police or MFB intervention, the range attendant is to contact the emergency services as soon as possible. He/she may delegate this task to another person if required.

**The contact number for urgent emergency services and assistance is 000.**

The following SSAA Victoria staff members must be called if any emergency service is contacted. These calls are to be made after 000 has been contacted.

**SSAA Victoria Assistant Range Manager - 0415 924 445**

**SSAA Victoria Facilities Manager - 0407 657 028**

The on-duty range officer is to take the names and addresses of those involved in, or witnessing any accident/incident in order to meet the reporting requirements. It is particularly important if the accident involves the misuse or accidental use of a firearm.

The range is to be closed until the emergency services have cleared the area and controlled the situation. It is to remain closed until declared safe by the appropriate authorities.

### **14.1 ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTING**

The on-duty range officers are responsible for the reporting of any incidents on the range involving personal injury or property damage. In accordance with SSAA Victoria policy, such reports are to be compiled on the proforma sheets available at the range office. The completed sheets are to be handed to the range attendant to be submitted to State Office.



## 15. SPECIFIC RULES FOR MAIN RANGE

### RANGE OFFICER POLICY

All shooting on Main Range **must** be under the control of a currently qualified SSAA Victoria range officer (RO)

- 15.1. All shooters must report to the on-duty RO on arrival, after registering at the office.
- 15.2. All RO commands and instructions in accordance with the Springvale Range Rules must be obeyed.
- 15.3. Unlicensed shooters may only shoot from the prone position under instruction of a licensed shooter or an on-duty RO.
- 15.4. Licensed shooters may shoot from the prone position, booths and benches.
- 15.5. Firearms being carried into or on the range must be visible, in a safe condition; (action open, magazine removed) and the muzzle pointed vertically upwards unless they are in a case.
- 15.6. Use of Company firearms (Rifles):
  - 15.6.1. is restricted to members of the Association and visitors for use on the range only;
    - 15.6.1.1. If the user is a junior (between the ages of 12 and 18) with or without a junior shooters permit, is only acceptable where the parent, guardian or instructor is the holder of a current shooters licence as required under the Victorian State Legislation.
  - 15.6.2. requires the shooter to leave identification in the custody of the range attendant or on-duty RO whilst they use the Company firearm.
  - 15.6.3. All malfunctions must be reported to the on-duty RO and no attempt is to be made to clear stuck live rounds.
  - 15.6.4. Adjustments to firearms is prohibited.
- 15.7. No shooter is to fire shots at a rate faster than once every three seconds except with the permission of the on-duty RO or for discipline-specific rapid fire competitions.
- 15.8. When firearms are not actually in use, the bolt or breech **must** be open, unloaded with all detachable magazines removed and empty chamber indicator (flag) inserted. Unloaded magazines may be left on the firing line adjacent to the firearm.
- 15.9. On the order "cease fire", shooting must stop and all firearms made safe as per rule 4. The shooter must move back from the firing line and stand behind the yellow control lines on the floor. Once all firearms have been cleared, on instruction from the on-duty RO, shooters may cross the yellow line to enter the range.
- 15.10. Handling of firearms or approaching a bench/mat is prohibited during a cease fire.
- 15.11. Targets are to be fixed only to the frames provided and placed in positions so that the supporting timber frames will not be damaged by shots.
- 15.12. Shooting at target frames, frame supports or other range fixtures is prohibited.
- 15.13. No steel targets may be used on the range unless contained within the bullet trap or of a design approved by Range Manager.
- 15.14. No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at the ground, baffles or the range side walls.
- 15.15. Firing at ranges LESS than total range distance is **strictly forbidden** unless target position, type and distance are authorised by the on-duty RO or Range Manager.
- 15.16. All shooting **must** be directly down range at 90 degrees to the firing line.
- 15.17. Shooting diagonally across the range is considered a breach of safety.
- 15.18. All Shooting shall be from behind the fixed red firing line under cover on the concrete hardstand.
- 15.19. **Under no circumstances** may any shooter fire at anything on the range other than an approved target placed IMMEDIATELY in front of the stop butt.
- 15.20. Used targets, cartons, cans etc. are to be placed in the receptacles provided and spent cases swept off the mats or from around the benches.
- 15.21. Use of booths:
  - 15.21.1. A shooter less than 170 cm (5' 7") in height who is firing from a booth must stand on a stable platform to raise their rifle to a safe height relative to the baffle in front of the booth.
  - 15.21.2. Only one shooter to be on the platform at a time. (Except when under instruction).
  - 15.21.3. Booths may be used for standing, sitting post and offhand shooting at fixed stationary targets.
  - 15.21.4. Fixed stationary targets may only be attached to the frames in the target area.
  - 15.21.5. Only one shooter to shoot at a time.

- 15.21.6. Offhand shooting must be performed with the shooter standing fully upright and rifle butt against the shoulder.
- 15.21.7. On completion of shoot, all booths to be swept & targets removed.

## 16. SPECIFIC RULES FOR RANGE 1

### RANGE OFFICER POLICY

All shooting on Range 1 **must** be under the control of a currently qualified SSAA Victoria range officer (RO) or recognised RO as per 7.7.

- 16.1 All shooters must report to the on-duty RO on arrival, after registering at the office.
- 16.2 All RO commands and instructions in accordance with the Springvale Range Rules must be obeyed.
- 16.3 The on-duty RO must be notified prior to allowing visitors to shoot.
- 16.4 Public visitors must be accompanied by and are the responsibility of the inviting member and/or on-duty RO.
- 16.5 Public visitors (Non-licensed) can only shoot under the supervision of a licensed person and with the permission of the on-duty RO.
- 16.6 Eye and ear protection is required as per rule 8.
- 16.7 All shooting must be directed at 90 degrees to the firing line unless competing in or practicing for rapid fire events when only three shooters may shoot at the one time from the designated positions and engage only the bank of 5 targets directly in front of them.
- 16.8 Only approved targets are to be used on the range (the Range Manager may approve the use of a non-standard target).
- 16.9 Excessively high or low shots that are outside the 'cone of fire' along with cross-range fire are not permitted.
- 16.10 Any shooting at target frames, frame supports or other range fixtures is prohibited.
- 16.11 No steel targets may be used on the range.
- 16.12 No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at the ground, baffles or the range side walls.
- 16.13 Firing at ranges LESS than the total range distance is strictly forbidden.
- 16.14 All Shooting shall be from behind the fixed red firing line under cover on the concrete hardstand.
- 16.15 No ammunition with power factor in excess of 180,000 is to be used on the range as per 13.2.
- 16.16 Firearms with compensators/muzzle breaks must be approved by the sub-club.
- 16.17 On completion of a shoot, all empty shells and used targets are to be placed into the appropriate receptacles.

## 17. SPECIFIC RULES FOR RANGE 2

### RANGE OFFICER POLICY

All shooting on Range 2 **must** be under the control of a currently qualified SSAA Victoria range officer (RO) or recognised RO as per 7.7.

- 17.1 All shooters must report to the on-duty RO on arrival, after registering at the office.
- 17.2 All RO commands and instructions in accordance with the Springvale Range Rules must be obeyed.
- 17.3 The on-duty RO must be notified prior to allowing visitors to shoot.
- 17.4 Public visitors must be accompanied by and are the responsibility of the inviting member and/or on-duty RO.
- 17.5 Public visitors (Non-licensed) can only shoot under the supervision of a licensed person and with the permission of the on-duty RO.
- 17.6 Eye protection is required as per rule 8.
- 17.7 Range 2 is for the use of air rifles and air pistols of .177 in calibre only with a muzzle velocity of less than 1200fps. If muzzle velocity exceeds 800fps, an aluminium backing plate must be used.
- 17.8 Targets must be placed at 10m only from the firing line.
- 17.9 All targets are to be mounted directly in front of the shooter and all firing to be conducted from an approved firing point at 90 degrees to the firing line.
- 17.10 Excessively high or low shots that are outside the 'cone of fire' along with cross-range fire are not permitted.
- 17.11 Any shooting at target frames, frame supports or other range fixtures is prohibited.
- 17.12 No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at the ground, roof, baffles or the range side walls.
- 17.13 No combination of firearm or projectile with grainage producing a power factor in excess of 15,000 is to be used on the range as per 13.2.
- 17.14 On completion of a shoot, all used targets to be place into the appropriate receptacles.

## 18. SPECIFIC RULES FOR RANGE 3

### RANGE OFFICER POLICY

All shooting on Range 3 **must** be under the control of a currently qualified SSAA Victoria range officer (RO) or recognised RO as per 7.7.

- 18.1 All shooters must report to the on-duty RO on arrival, after registering at the office.
- 18.2 All RO commands and instructions in accordance with the Springvale Range Rules must be obeyed.
- 18.3 The on-duty RO **must** be notified prior to allowing visitors to shoot.
- 18.4 Public visitors **must** be accompanied by and are the responsibility of the inviting member and/or on-duty RO.
- 18.5 Public visitors (Non-licensed) can only shoot under the supervision of a licensed person and with the permission of the on-duty RO.
- 18.6 Eye and ear protection is required as per rule 8.
- 18.7 A shooter must be holster qualified or under supervision for holster qualification and must present proof of such qualification if requested by the on-duty RO when engaging in a pistol shooting.
- 18.8 The shooter must be in a standing position – no sitting or prone shooting.
- 18.9 Shotguns loaded with “Stagecoach Loads” of #6 - #9 shot may only be used during a club sponsored event or competition where ammunition is supplied by the club hosting the event, except with the express permission of the Range Manager.
- 18.10 Rifles chambered with handgun ammunition may be used during a club sponsored event or competitions where ammunition is supplied by the club hosting the event, except with express permission of the Range Manager.
- 18.11 Targets are to be mounted directly in front of the shooter and all shooting shall be from the firing line as determined by the RO.
- 18.12 Targets and associated mounting frames that are placed at intermediate distances must be at the height, size and position required to assure that projectiles impact into the steel stop butt.
- 18.13 Low targets that are in line with the timber are prohibited.
- 18.14 Excessively high or low shots that are outside the ‘cone of fire’ along with cross-range fire are not permitted.
- 18.15 Any shooting at target frames, frame supports or other range fixtures is prohibited.
- 18.16 No steel targets may be used on the range unless of a design approved by the Range Manager.
- 18.17 No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at the ground, roof, baffles or the range side walls.
- 18.18 On completion of a shoot, all empty shells and used targets to be place into the appropriate receptacles.

### STATIC TARGET

- 18.19 A maximum of three shooters at a time when using static targets.
- 18.20 Firing at ranges LESS than the total range distance is permitted adhering to rules above.
- 18.21 No ammunition with power factor in excess of 180,000 is to be used on the range as per 13.2.

## 19. SPECIFIC RULES FOR RANGE 4

### RANGE OFFICER POLICY

All shooting on Range 4 **must** be under the control of a currently qualified SSAA Victoria range officer (RO) or recognised RO as per 7.7.

- 19.1 All shooters must report to the on-duty RO on arrival, after registering at the office.
- 19.2 All RO commands and instructions in accordance with the Springvale Range Rules must be obeyed.
- 19.3 The on-duty RO must be notified prior to allowing visitors to shoot.
- 19.4 Public visitors must be accompanied by and are the responsibility of the inviting member and/or on-duty RO.
- 19.5 Public visitors (Non-licensed) can only shoot under the supervision of a licensed person and with the permission of the on-duty RO.
- 19.6 Eye and ear protection is required as per rule 8.
- 19.7 Shooting is permitted between 7 to 25 metres from the stop butt. Firing line to be determined by the on-duty RO.
- 19.8 No shooting is permitted at less than 7m from the stop butt.
- 19.9 Shotguns loaded with "Stagecoach Loads" of #6 - #9 shot may only be used during a club sponsored event or competition where ammunition is supplied by the club hosting the event, except with the express permission of the Springvale Range Manager.
- 19.10 Rifles chambered with handgun ammunition may be used during a club sponsored event or competitions where ammunition is supplied by the club hosting the event, except with express permission of the Springvale Range Manager.
- 19.11 All shooting must be directed at 90 degrees to the firing line unless competing in an approved competition.
- 19.12 Targets are to be mounted directly in front of the shooter and all firing to be conducted from the firing line determined by the on-duty RO.
- 19.13 All targets must be in line with steel butt stop
- 19.14 Excessively high or low shots that are outside the 'cone of fire' along with cross-range fire are not permitted.
- 19.15 Any shooting at target frames, frame supports or other range fixtures is prohibited.
- 19.16 No steel targets may be used on the range unless contained within the bullet trap or a design approved by Range Manager.
- 19.17 No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at the ground, roof, baffles or the range side walls.
- 19.18 No ammunition with power factor in excess of 180,000 is to be used on the range as per 13.2.
- 19.19 On completion of a shoot, all empty shells and used targets to place into the appropriate receptacles.

## 20. SPECIFIC RULES FOR RANGE 5

### RANGE OFFICER POLICY

All shooting on Range 5 must be under the control of a currently qualified SSAA Victoria range officer (RO) or recognised RO as per 7.7.

- 20.1 All shooters must report to the on-duty RO on arrival, after registering at the office.
- 20.2 All RO commands and instructions in accordance with the Springvale Range Rules must be obeyed.
- 20.3 The on-duty RO must be notified prior to allowing visitors to shoot.
- 20.4 Public visitors must be accompanied by and are the responsibility of the inviting member and/or on-duty RO.
- 20.5 Public visitors (Non-licensed) can only shoot under the supervision of a licensed person and with the permission of the on-duty RO.
- 20.6 Eye and ear protection is required as per rule 8.
- 20.7 Shotguns loaded with "Stagecoach Loads" of #6 - #9 may only be used during a club sponsored event or competition where ammunition is supplied by the club hosting the event, except with the express permission of the Range Manager.
- 20.8 Rifles chambered with handgun ammunition may be used during a club sponsored event or competitions where ammunition is supplied by the club hosting the event, except with express permission of the Range Manager.
- 20.9 All targets to be mounted directly in front of the shooter and all firing to be conducted from the firing line.
- 20.10 Targets and associated mounting frames that are placed at intermediate ranges shall be at the height, size and position required to ensure that projectiles impact into the steel backstop at the far end of the range (50 metres).
- 20.11 Excessively high or low shots that are outside the 'cone of fire' along with cross-range fire are not permitted.
- 20.12 Any shooting at target frames, frame supports or other range fixtures is prohibited.
- 20.13 No steel targets may be used on the range unless contained within the bullet trap or a design approved by Range Manager.
- 20.14 No firing shall be conducted that directs fire at the ground, baffles or the range side walls.
- 20.15 Firing at ranges LESS than total range distance is permitted adhering to rules 20.9 to 20.14.
- 20.16 Shooters wishing to shoot at ranges less than 50m should use ranges 1 and 4 where possible .When the competition involves shooting at less than 50m rules 20.9 to 20.14 will be strictly enforced.
- 20.17 No ammunition with power factor in excess of 180,000 is to be used on the range as per 13.2.
- 20.18 On completion of a shoot, all empty shells and used targets to place into the appropriate receptacles.

### SHOOTING POSITIONS

- 20.19 All shooting shall be from behind the fixed red firing line under cover on the concrete hardstand.
- 20.20 No shooting of firearms below the yellow line on the side wall, behind the yellow line or in front of the red line marked in each shooting bay (this is the allowable position template for the range).
- 20.21 All prone shooting shall be from the benches provided which shall be positioned at the firing line for this purpose. Shooting from sitting or kneeling positions shall be conducted from the benches unless the on-duty RO is satisfied that the allowable position template is not violated.





## **Attachment A - Stuck Live Round Policy**

In 1995 the SSAA National Conference established a policy as follows.

“In the event of a shooter experiencing a jammed live round (stuck live case), the firearm is to be made safe by the removal of the bolt if applicable, or by some other method if the firearm is not a bolt action. The Range Officer is to ensure that the firearm is immediately removed to a safe place. Where applicable the bolt is to be taken out of the firearm while the stuck case is in the chamber. It is recommended that the firearm be taken to the nearest gunsmith as soon as possible. Under no circumstances is the removal of the case to be attempted or undertaken on Range property.

This policy is to be adhered to at all SSAA Victoria Ranges.



VICTORIA POLICE

**LICENSING REGULATION DIVISION**

*This is to certify that the shooting range operated by*

**S.S.A.A. Victoria**

*and situated at*

**714-716 Princes Hwy, Springvale**

*is approved under the provisions of Section 179 of the Firearms Act 1996 as an approved shooting range subject to the conditions detailed in the attached schedule*

*dated this day*

**16th December 2016**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Armstrong', is written over a dotted line.

**Andrew Armstrong**  
**Senior Sergeant 27927**  
**Regulation Support Unit**

**Range Approval Number S-Vale 002-2016**

## Schedule of conditions for approval of shooting range

Club/organisation name            **SSAA (Vic) Ltd Victoria**  
Location                                **714-716 Princes Hwy, Springvale**

### General Conditions

1. All shooting activities on the shooting range must be covered by a current public liability insurance policy.
2. The shooting range must be maintained in a condition so as to comply with the requirements listed in the "Firearms Ranges - Standards For Approval" manual.
3. The shooting range must comply with all conditions imposed by the responsible Local Government Authority (if applicable)
4. No alterations or extensions shall be made to the shooting range without the prior approval of the Chief Commissioner.
5. This shooting range approval may be revoked or the conditions of the approval varied by the Chief Commissioner at any time.
6. A copy of the Range Safety Orders must be visibly displayed in a prominent place for all persons at the shooting range to see.
7. This Range Approval Certificate and the Schedule of the Conditions or a copy thereof must be visibly displayed in a prominent place for all persons at the shooting range to see.

### Special Conditions (if applicable)

1. The SSAA Victoria **Main Range (Public Range A and Public Range B)** are approved for rimfire rifle (.22LR only) and air rifle (.177 or .22) shooting from the prone position in accordance with the rules and regulations of SSAA (Vic) Ltd.
2. The SSAA Victoria **Main Range moving target range Booths 1&2** are approved for rimfire rifle (.22LR only) and air rifle (.177 or .22) shooting in accordance with the rules and regulations of SSAA(Vic) Ltd.
3. The SSAA Victoria **Range 1 (25m)** is approved for handgun shooting and rimfire rifle (.22LR only) or air rifle (.177 or .22) from the standing position unless shooting from the disabled platform at the southern end of the firing line in accordance with the rules and regulations of SSAA(Vic) Ltd.
4. The SSAA Victoria indoor air **Range 2** is approved for air pistol (.177 only) and air rifle (.177 only) shooting in accordance with the rules and regulations of SSAA (Vic) Ltd.

5. The SSAA Victoria target **Range 3** (25m) is approved for target pistol shooting from the standing position in accordance with the rules and regulations of SSAA(Vic) Ltd.
6. The SSAA Victoria **Range 4** is approved for shotguns, handguns and rimfire rifle (.22 LR only) or Air rifle (.177 or .22) shooting in accordance with the rules and regulations of SSAA(Vic) Ltd. **Range 4** is further approved for Security Industry training in Semi Auto and Revolver pistol calibres
7. The SSAA (Vic) **Range 5** (50m) is approved for handgun. Shotgun, rimfire rifle, centrefire rifle of pistol calibre & air rifle of .177-.22 calibre shooting in accordance with the rules and regulations of SSAA (vic) Ltd
8. All shooting on indoor and outdoor ranges must be from an effectively baffled firing position and conducted in accordance with the Range Orders provided to the Licensing Regulation Division.
9. Any previous approval for this range is replaced by the approval number S-Vale 002-2016 dated 14/12/2016

**NOTE: Failure to comply with any condition of the shooting range approval may result in the revocation of the approval**