



Portishead Shooting Club

Safety Guidelines

Safety Guidelines for the Indoor Range

- A maximum of four people are allowed to shoot at one time
- No person (apart from a designated range officer) should enter the range until the previous detail has finished and come out
- All rifles must be placed in the gun rack when not being used (break barrel air rifles may be closed when placed in the rack but should be broken as soon as they are removed – all other rifles should be visibly unloaded in the rack, e.g. bolts open)
- All pistols must be kept in a case when not being used

Safety Guidelines for the Outdoor Air Range

- A maximum of six people are allowed to shoot at one time in the covered section – entry/exit to this section must be via the rear door only
- A maximum of one person is allowed to shoot at one time in the open area to the right of the covered section – no visitors or probationary members are allowed to shoot in this area
- The red flag must be raised when shooting is taking place
- No person is allowed forward of the firing point until the range officer has checked “all clear” from both the covered and open sections
- Only air rifles may be used in this range – air pistols and live firearms are not permitted for safety reasons (FAC air rifles are considered to be in the same category as live firearms and are therefore not permitted on this range)
- Shooting is only allowed during daylight hours

Overall Safety Guidelines

- Never point a gun at anyone
- Always assume that a gun is loaded, even if you know it is not Never load a gun until it is safe to fire and pointing down the range
- Always check that a gun is unloaded when you pick it up
- Always check for yourself that a gun is unloaded when you are passed it by someone else
- Never shoot at anything which is not a designated target – including wildlife



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1. Always allow others to see that your gun is unloaded when you are not shooting
 2. Rifles Bolt open, marker in breech, bolt removed or action open
 3. Black powder Nipple uncapped, hammer at half cock
 4. Air rifles Bolt open or barrel broken; magazine removed
 5. Air pistols Slide back, cylinder or loading gate open or barrel broken
 6. Long Barrelled revolvers/pistols Cylinder or loading gate open
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- Never handle a gun on the range when anyone is forward of the firing point
 - All guns must be checked “all clear” and laid down, pointing down the range, before anyone moves forward of the firing point
 - All guns must be carried in a gun slip or case at all times, except when being prepared for shooting at a range
 - No gun should be dry fired except when pointing down the range
 - All persons under 16 must be supervised by a senior club member when shooting
 - A range officer must be designated for each range in use
 - The range officer’s instructions must be complied with immediately
 - You must know and abide by the laws relating to your gun