

## NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION SECTION 7(3) FIREARMS

### HERITAGE PISTOL RANGE REGULATIONS.

#### General

1. Heritage Range Days are NRA events, they are not club specific. Dates will be planned and promulgated by the NRA.
2. An NRA representative, normally the armourer, will be present to oversee the event and has ultimate authority over all attending. The NRA representative will control access/egress.
3. Only firearms stored within the Armoury may be used on the ranges. Any firearms brought in to the Range are to be handed in to the NRA Armourer for safe keeping.
4. Competitive shooting for sporting purposes with firearms stored under Section 7.3. of the 1997 Act is not permitted.
5. During a Heritage event there are 3 indoor areas within the Cheylesmore Range that will be utilized. There are safety constraints imposed in each area:
  - a. **Administrative/Social Area.** (The central area where the main entrance is located). The Armoury staff will conduct firearm checks in this area, however members attending are not permitted to have ammunition exposed in this area.
  - b. **Reloading Room.** Firearms are not to be exposed in this area whilst reloading is taking place, conversely ammunition is not to be reloaded whilst firearms are being cleaned or inspected. A reversible notice on the door is to be oriented to identify which activity is taking place.
  - c. **CNC Classroom.** This area is designated for firearm cleaning and inspection. Ammunition is not to be exposed in this area.
6. All trading, including the delivery of purchases, is strictly prohibited within the range complex.
7. Nominated RSOs are to be authorized to conduct Section 7.3. Practices by the NRA and are to have attended a Section 7.3. briefing delivered by the NRA within the last 12 months.

#### Prior to the Event

8. Members attending a Heritage event are to notify their attendance to the armoury staff at least 2 days prior to the event. Notification is to be via e-mail. (NRA.armoury@nra.org.uk)
9. Members are to ensure that their firearms have been transferred to the range prior to attending.

10. A minimum of 2 x qualified Range Safety Officers (RSO) are to be nominated to the NRA Armoury for each event. Nominated RSOs are not required to pay to attend the day on which they are acting as RSO.

### **Conduct of the Event**

11. Only personnel taking Part in the Section 7(3) event and on duty NRA representatives are permitted to enter the range.

12. All members intending to shoot must have been assessed for competence and be in possession of a Shooter Certification Card that entitles them to shoot Heritage pistol.

13. Spectators are not permitted to attend Section 7.3. Range Days.

14. The RSO is not to take part in any firing detail whilst on duty.

15. Members attending the Heritage event are to report to the range office to collect any ammunition that is required and pay for the event. On arrival at the range the receipt for payment is to be handed to the armourer.

16. The armourer is only permitted to issue firearms when the range is secure. All boxes issued to individuals are to be secured with a padlock when the contents are not in use.

17. Section 7(3) firearms are not to be taken outside of the Range complex unless authorised by the CEO for specific exhibitions and lectures.

18. Personnel may only handle and fire Section 7.3. firearm(s) identified upon their FAC.

### **Conduct on the Range**

19. Bisley Range regulations are to be adhered to at all times, in addition:

- a. There are to be 2 x RSOs nominated for each Heritage Event
- b. The RSO will control all movement onto and off of the firing point. Members shooting are only permitted onto the firing point with permission from the RSO.
- c. The RSO will dictate distances to be shot by each detail.
- d. All firearms are to remain "sleeved/boxed" until the RSO gives permission to remove them.
- e. There is only to be one firearm per shooter on the table at any one time.
- f. All firearms that have been exposed are to be "cleared" by the RSO prior to being placed in a box/sleeve.

- g. Indiscriminate shooting is forbidden. The requirement to maintain accuracy is paramount and is not to be compromised by a high rate of fire. Individuals assessed as causing undue damage to target frames or infrastructure through excessively rapid shooting is will be stopped from shooting.
- h. Shooters wishing to leave the firing point before the end of the detail are to request firearms to be cleared by the RSO prior to placing them back in the sleeve/box.
- i. Movement forward of the firing point is not permitted until all firearms have been cleared by the RSO. It is forbidden to handle any ammunition or firearm that may be exposed on the firing point whilst members are forward of the firing point.
- j. The RSO will grant permission to move forward when he/she is content that it is safe to do so, no one else may grant that permission.
- k. Firearms are not to be exposed to the rear of the firing point.
- l. In the event of a stoppage, that cannot be cleared, or a mechanical failure NRA armourer assistance is to be sought before the firearm is permitted to leave the point.
- m. On completion of the event the RSO is to clear all firearms that are on the point

20. All incidents and infringements of Bisley Range Regulations are to be reported to the NRA representative by the RSO as soon as it is safe to do so.

## **ACCIDENT/INCIDENT PROCEDURES**

As per the NRA Range Action Safety Plan which will be initiated by the Range Office on notification of a major incident/accident

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