

West Suffolk Rifle Club

Thetford CGR Safety Briefs

Location

Thetford Converted Gallery Range,
London Road, Thetford, IP24 3ST.

O.S. Map Ref. TL 848 816.

Lat/Long N 52° 24' 5.6" E 0° 42' 54.4"

Sign posted from the new roundabout.

Tel. (Range Warden) 01 842 821 685

All shooters must be in possession of a current Shooter Certification Card, Club Membership Card and Firearms Certificate (if appropriate). This will be verified at registration.

Before use all firearms will be checked on the firing point by the RCO and by each individual shooter for serviceability and correct zero.

Times

Shooting starts at 09:00 and ends at 16:00. We must be off the range by 16:30.

Ammunition Limits

Maximum permitted caliber is 7.62 mm. Maximum permitted muzzle velocity is 1000 m/sec (3280 fps). Maximum permitted muzzle energy is 4500 j (3320 ft/lbs). Tracer and armour piercing ammunition are not permitted.

Car Park

When shooting at 300 yards use the park to the left of the console building, at greater distances the only car park is left of and behind the 600-yard point.

Programme

300, 500 and 600 yards: half of you will man the safety telephone, gate guard/air sentry, mark targets and RCO while the rest shoot. There will be a short lunch break.

The barrier before the road to range office must be placed across the road when shooting beyond 300 yards.

The RCO's permission is required before you;

- Go onto the firing point
- Put any kit on the firing point
- Remove breech flags, insert bolts or close actions
- Load, Fire, Dry fire, Test aim your sights or
- Leave the firing point when you must first remove the bolt and prove to the designated person that the chamber and loading platform or magazine of your firearm is clear.

Firearms must not be handled or kit put on the firing point if the butts flag is raised or if anyone is down range. This is a Limited Danger Area Range, so when loading, unloading, dealing with a malfunction or proving that your firearm is clear, it must be held horizontal along your lane so that any unintentional shot hits the bullet catcher. You must shoot only along your lane at your target. Additional aiming marks/targets must not be attached to any target.

Fire trench covers must be replaced before leaving the firing point. Report any unsafe covers.

The emergency command is "**STOP! STOP! STOP!**" You must then stop shooting immediately and await the RCO's instructions. Anyone who sees a potentially dangerous situation must shout this command.

Access to the Range Warden's Office is prohibited when shooting takes place further than 300 yards.

Ear protection must be used within 10 metres of the firing point and is recommended in the butts. Eye protection is recommended when shooting and in the butts.

Misfire: Remain "on aim" for at least 30 seconds then raise your arm to attract the RCO's attention.

If you have a malfunction or incident that you cannot resolve attract the RCO's attention.

Do not touch anything unusual because this is an active military training area.

Rake the firing point level after you have shot.

Consider keeping skin covered because the ticks that feed on the indigenous deer may be vectors of Lyme disease.

No child under the age of 14 years is allowed on the premises. The minimum age to live fire is 14 years.

Butts Brief:

Butts Supervisor, Safety Telephone Operator (in the console building) and Gate Guard/Air Sentry must check radios before taking up positions. The safety telephone must be manned **at all times**.

Gate Guard/Air Sentry

Take up your position by the main gate and confirm communications with the RCO.

Close but do not lock the gate so that you can control access to the range.

Stop anyone attempting to enter the range, determine their destination and inform the RCO.

If appropriate allow access, pointing out the firing point in use and emphasize that they must stay on the tarmac road and must not go beyond the junction to Range Control, where they may turn off to the left to Range Control or the ETR range.

Safety Communication (Console Building)

On arrival confirm communications with the RCO.

The safety telephone in the console building must be **manned at all times**, so ensure that you hand over to your replacement before leaving.

Inform the Ops Room when shooting has finished.

Access

Use the road to the left of the range. Use the track to the right of the range if the ETR range is in use.

Car Park

Butts party must park to the left of and behind the 600-yard point.

On arrival in the butts

Check that butts flag has been raised, Radio RCO to check communications.

Butts Flag

The butts flag must only be raised or lowered on the RCO's order. The only exception to this is an emergency. You will then raise the butts flag, lower the targets, and radio the RCO to inform him of the emergency/danger and **wait for his instructions**.

When the butts flag is lowered, markers must remain in the gallery under cover until the RCO gives permission/the order to leave.

Communications Failure

Raise the butts flag, lower the targets and **wait for the RCO to send a runner**.

Targets

Rig and counter balance targets in the frames (two to carry a target).

Patch as necessary. Additional aiming marks/targets are prohibited.

Brief markers, and confirm marking/scoring procedure.

Closing down

Un-rig targets (two to carry a target) and stack 6' screens with legs away from the door.

Return club radios, wedges and first aid kit to the Armourer; spotting disks, marker panels and repair kit to the RCO; wind flags, patches etc to the target store.

Leave the butts tidy.

Leave the keys in a door for the Range Warden.