

West Suffolk Rifle Club

Barton Road Rifle Range Safety Briefs

Location

Barton Road Rifle Range,
Cambridge Road (A603), Barton, CB23 7AR.
(Nearest address 98 Cambridge Road)
O.S. Map Ref. TL 41631 56169 (TL416561)
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Lat/Long N 052.185589 E 0.010276558
Tel. (Range Warden) 01 223 262 403

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 15:30. We must be off the range by 16:00.

The Main Gate must be fastened before shooting.

The Firing Point Flag must be in place when shooting at 800 yards and above.

Ammunition Limits

Maximum permitted civilian caliber is 7.62mm. Maximum permitted muzzle velocity is 1000 m/sec (3280 fps). Maximum permitted muzzle energy is 7000 j (5160 ft/lbs), but HME zero verification is compulsory if it exceeds 4500 j (3320 ft/lbs). Tracer and armour piercing ammunition are not permitted.

Car Park

In the designated areas.

Programme

All practices are supported (prone or in fire trench with the rifle supported by a sling/bipod/front rest).

Short/Medium Range

300m, 500 and 600 yards. HME is prohibited.

Long Range

HME zero check (if required), 800, 900 and 1000 yards.

In each case half the shooters will provide the RCO, two sentries, butts supervisor and markers, while the other half shoot. There is no lunch break.

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.

The fire trenches are not covered, do not fall into one.

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.

Ear protection is compulsory within 10 metres of the firing point and eye protection is recommended when shooting. Ear

and eye protection is compulsory in the butts when HME firearms are used.

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.

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

The minimum age to live fire is fourteen years.

Butts and Sentries Brief

Butts Supervisor and Sentries must check radios before leaving to take up positions.

Sentries

Take up your position in the sentry boxes to the right (East) and left (West) edges of the range and confirm communications with the RCO. Sentries must wear a high visibility jacket and remain in their boxes until relieved.

Politely persuade anyone attempting to cross the range to detour around it. If necessary use the issued air horns to attract attention. If unsuccessful inform the RCO.

Access

Use the tarmac road to the markers gallery.

Car Park

In the designated areas.

Butts Supervisor: 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 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 return to target shed.

Return radios to the Range Warden; wind flags to the store; spotting disks and marker panels to the RCO; wedges and ropes to the Armourer.

Leave the butts tidy.

*RCO or appointed deputy.