

NZDA AUCKLAND BRANCH RANGE SAFETY RULES.

Welcome to the NZDA Auckland Branch Rifle range. To ensure that you enjoy your shooting at our range there are a number of basic safety rules and procedures that you need to be aware of.

1. The Range Officer in charge has absolute control over the range.
2. Careless or unsafe behavior with any firearm will not be accepted. Any person who is aware of any behavior, firearm or cartridge condition that is likely to cause danger or damage must notify a Range Officer immediately
3. Leave **all your equipment** in your vehicle until you have completed your checking in formalities.
4. The duty Range Officer will do a safety brief after which you will sign in, show your firearms Licence etc. and pay the appropriate range fee.
5. When transferring firearms from your vehicle to the mound "**All actions must be open**". Firearms must be carried with barrels pointing in a safe direction.
6. When on the mound place your firearm in the rack provided, with "**actions open**". If instructed by the Range Officer you may place it on a bench or the mound with the barrel pointing down the range with "**actions open**".
7. On hearing "**Range is Open**" from the Range Officer you may approach your firing point and prepare to load and fire. Your hearing protection must be in place before you fire. Your loaded firearm must always be pointed towards the target and not up into the air. Do not leave a loaded firearm unattended.
8. In the event of an accident, misfire or malfunction you must notify a Range Officer immediately. **DO NOT** open the action. Keep the muzzle pointing downrange.
9. Concentrate on what you are doing.
10. "**Ceasefire, Range Closed**" is controlled by the Range Officer's whistle. When you hear this you must.
 - A. **Ceasefire immediately.**
 - B. **Open the action.**
 - C. **Clear the magazine.**
 - D. **Stand away from the bench.**
 - E. **Do not touch your firearm. Wait for instructions.**
11. The Range Officer will then check and clear all actions. Once all firearms are checked he will allow you to go forward and change your target.
12. While the range is closed no one is to touch a firearm that is on a bench.
13. No one may touch or handle other people's firearms or equipment without the owner's permission.
14. If you have finished shooting and wish to leave the mound or change over firearms, open the action, stand back and have the Range Officer clear the firearm. Remove the bolt or ensure actions are open before packing the firearm away.
15. When removing your firearm off the bench, always point it in a safe direction.
16. Carry your firearms Licence.
17. There is **NO SMOKING** at any time while in the forest area.
18. Turn on your vehicle lights before leaving.

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