

LUDERITZ SPORT SHOOTING CLUB



SAFETY RULES 2023-07



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SAFETY RULES OF THE LUDERITZ SPORT SHOOTING CLUB Revision July 2023

The safety rules are of primary importance – failure to observe the safety rules may result in disqualification from an activity or event, disciplinary action as imposed by the range officer, safety official or executive committee, and if warranted, revocation of club membership.

1 GENERAL MAIN SAFETY

The following general safety rules shall always apply:

- 1.1 Always keep the muzzle of any firearm pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION – the muzzle may never, whether loaded or unloaded or on safe – not even temporarily in a movement - point at any person or part of any persons or your own body. Under no circumstances may any muzzle be pointed at any person whatsoever even if the firearm is unloaded and/or on safe.
- 1.2 Always keep your finger OFF the trigger until authorized by the range officer and you are ready to shoot.
- 1.3 Always keep any firearm UNLOADED until you are at the firing range, on the line, and the range officer or safety official has given the “load and make ready” command and/or the range has been declared “hot”.
- 1.4 Firearms must be safe when arriving, entering or exiting the range: *unloaded and magazines removed*. Rifle actions must be open or with chamber-flag inserted and handguns must be holstered in an approved holster with full trigger-guard or inside a closed handgun case.
- 1.5 Ammunition and magazines, separated from any fire arm, may be handled and manipulated with relevant care and safety outside of the safety areas.
- 1.6 All firearms may only be handled and manipulated in the designated SAFETY AREA(s) under the applicable conditions (see section 2).
- 1.7 Outside of the SAFETY AREA(s) and off the firing line or course of fire, handguns must have magazines removed, be unloaded and always remain in an approved holster and may not be removed from the holster if not in a designated SAFETY AREA.
- 1.8 Handguns may only be removed from the approved holster while inside the SAFETY AREA(s) or while the shooter is on the firing line or course and shooting with the permission of the range officer / safety official in charge of the stage.
- 1.9 Outside of the SAFETY AREA(s) rifles must be unloaded, magazines removed and action open or chamber flag inserted.
- 1.10 From rifles, chamber flags may only be removed and actions closed while inside the SAFETY AREA(s) or while the shooter is on the firing line or course and shooting with the permission of the range officer / safety official in charge of the stage.
- 1.11 Cease Firing: Immediately stop shooting when anyone calls "Cease firing" or “STOP”
- 1.12 COLD Range: Shooters must check with others to ensure firearms are unloaded, actions open and firearms laid down on the shooting bench before going down range. No one is permitted to handle firearms or stand at the firing line while there is a cold range.
- 1.13 HOT Range: Shooters must check with others to ensure there is no one down range; when the range is declared "hot" by the safety official shooters are permitted to commence firing. Only shooters are permitted on the firing line.



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- 1.14 All shooters are responsible for their rounds staying within the confines of the range. Shooters may shoot only from the firing line at a target which is ensured that a miss or a shot passing through the target shall hit the berms and not escape the range.
- 1.15 The consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited while any shooting activities are still ongoing and the range is open. Only once all shooting activities have been stopped and the range declared closed, the members may decide to allow such consumption. If the land owner or authority prohibits alcohol on the range, no alcohol shall be brought to the range.
- 1.16 It is every members responsibility to ensure that they are in a competent, sober and responsible state before engaging in any shooting activities. If you are in any way negatively affected by medication, illness or other factors it is your duty to desist from or cease in participating in any shooting activities.
- 1.17 Tracer, armor piercing and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
- 1.18 When going downrange, stay on the designated walkways to ensure you are fully visible to everyone. Access from behind backstops or any way where you might be concealed from or not fully visible to persons up-range, is prohibited.
- 1.19 Respect the Range: Please manage your trash and your spent brass and take it home with you.
- 1.20 Respect Yourself: While on the range, you should always wear eye and ear protection. While on the firing line eye and ear protection are mandatory. Food, beverages and smoking are not allowed on the firing line. You should wash your hands and face after shooting.
- 1.21 Respect Others: Wait your turn, don't waste time when it's your turn, help where necessary, look out for everyone's safety, conduct yourself in good sportsmanship.

2 SAFETY AREA(s)

Members are permitted to use designated SAFETY AREA(s) unsupervised for the activities stated below – and such activities are ONLY allowed in the SAFETY AREA(s) - provided they remain within the boundaries of the SAFETY AREA(s) and the firearm is always pointed in a safe direction:

- 2.1 Casing, uncasing, holstering and unholstering UNLOADED firearms.
- 2.2 Practice the mounting, drawing, dry firing and re-holstering of UNLOADED firearms.
- 2.3 Practice the insertion and removal of EMPTY magazines and/or to cycle the action of an unloaded firearm.
- 2.4 Conduct inspections, stripping, cleaning, repairs and maintenance of firearms, component parts and other accessories.
- 2.5 Under NO circumstances may live or dummy ammunition be taken into the SAFETY AREA(s). Live rounds or dummy ammunition, whether loose, packaged or contained in magazines or speed loaders, may NOT be handled in the SAFETY AREA(s) under any circumstances.

3 OTHER SAFETY REGULATIONS

While not specified in this document, any directions or aspects relating to safety shall apply as specified in the following additional references:

- 3.1 The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) rules and procedures for IPSC shooting days.
- 3.2 The Namibian Acts and Regulations pertaining to firearms in Namibia at all times.

Club members are responsible to study and have sufficient knowledge concerning the above to ensure their own personal safety and that of any other persons with respect to firearms.