

RIFLE SHOOTING

LOCATION/ENVIRONMENT	Indoor Range			
NGB GUIDELINES	NSRA Youth Proficiency Scheme Manual Firearms Act 1968			
		LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRING IN NEXT YEAR	IMPACT IF OCCURS	OVERALL SCORE
		1 = Low, 2 = Med, 3 = High		
POTENTIAL RISKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Injury from fired pellet Eye injury Person allowed to handle rifle when prohibited by law Injury to spectators Contravening Criminal Law Theft of rifles Lead Poisoning 	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p>
WHAT EVENTS ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE THE ABOVE RISKS?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participants not given appropriate safety briefing. Rifle fired away from target / towards people. Participants not obeying range commands. Participants stealing pellets and using them while people are in front of firing line. Splashback of fired pellets. Participants being in front of firing line whilst shooting is in progress. Participants allowed to shoot without completing the OYC Rifle Shooting Declaration. Participants entering the range whilst shooting is in progress Splashback of fired pellets. Not obtaining completed declarations for all participants prior to starting a session. Firing rifles in a location that makes it possible for pellets to travel into a neighbouring property. Carrying a rifle without reasonable excuse. Minors having access to rifles when adult supervision is not present Allowing ammunition to leave the premises with minors, resulting in them carrying ammunition in a public place. Rifles left in vehicles during transit to and from the site. Rifles stolen from the site. Allowing participants to carry rifles to the range, and leaving them unsupervised. Consuming food after handling lead pellets and not washing hands. 			
WHAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MINIMISE THE RISKS?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Display safety notice and run through safety briefing at the commencement of EVERY session. Shooting may not commence until instructor is sure it has been understood by everyone. Have a range officer or assistant stand directly behind participants whilst they have rifles in hand to ensure rifles are never shot off target. Display range commands and discuss them before firing begins. Range commander to keep pellet tin on them at ALL times, and only hand out pellets as required. Ensure fingers are only placed on triggers once target is in sight. Design and test backboards to ensure that pellets are stopped at the 			

	<p>target end of the range. Safety glasses must be worn by every person within the range area. Only allow people forward of the shooting line once all rifles are fired and checked to be safe. Allow one entry point to the range area in front of the shooting line. This will be patrolled by the range officer at all times.</p> <p>3. Ensure groups have forms well in advance of attendance to give them time to complete them. Shooting Declaration Forms must be signed by parents / guardians only.</p> <p>4. Lock all doors in the inside range except for the double doors on the southern side of the building and the fire exit on the northern side of the building. Also ensure that dining room doors are unlocked to provide another fire exit route. Post “Shooting in progress” notices in all doorways / entrances while session is in progress.</p> <p>5. Make a thorough check before commencing that all participants have completed the declaration. Remove anyone who is prohibited from using firearms from the range. Liaise with leaders of visiting group prior to their arrival to ensure that those who are prohibited do not attend shooting sessions. Shoot rifles either indoors, or on a purpose built outdoor range that is at least 100m from the nearest boundary. Once the rifles have been taken out of storage take them immediately to the range, without stopping. Once rifles have been moved to the range, an adult must remain with them at all times, or the range locked if indoor. Range Officer is to keep ammunition with them at all times, only dispensing pellets at the start of each detail.</p> <p>6. Only carry rifles in vehicles directly from the site to their destination – no stops en route. Keep rifles locked in gun cabinet whenever they are not in use for a shooting session. Ensure rifles are in sight of a responsible adult at all times when out of the gun cabinet, or the indoor range if locked.</p> <p>7. Alert shooters to the risk of lead poisoning, and provide hand washing facilities. Always wash hands after handling pellet catchers, where large amounts of lead dust collect.</p>
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