

RANGE STANDING ORDERS

Packers Creek Rifle Range

Location

The range complex is located at Packers Creek within the Hira forest at GR E1629009, N5430293 on NZTopo50 – BQ26 Nelson. Access is via Sharland Creek Road off Maitai Valley Road.

General

- 1 The Nelson Branch of New Zealand Deerstalkers Association is responsible for the control and maintenance of the Packers Creek Range.
- 2 Nelson Branch NZDA has a licence by the occupier of the Hira Forest, Tasman Bay Forests Company (now Tasman Pine Forest Ltd.). Access and security is managed on Tasman Pine Forest's behalf by Action Forest Management Ltd.)
- 3 Hira forest is a production forest and forest operations and fire are identified hazards. Logging trucks, forest operational vehicles and recreational motorcycles and mountain bikes on narrow forestry roads are identified as hazards. Intrusion by motorcyclists into the range safety zone is an identified hazard
Access to the forest and therefore the range is subject to operational and safety priorities.
- 4 Access to and use of the range requires the express consent of Nelson Branch of NZDA communicated directly to its members. In the case of non-member organisations a permit is also required from Action Forest Management LTD.

Description

There are two firing ranges

- The 200 metre range with a centre line of fire of 68 degrees Grid. This range is a Reduced Danger Area Range with bullet capture berms at 100 and 200 metres. The range has a markers gallery with 10 target frames.
The 100 metre berm serves as a firing point.
The 200 metre firing point is covered and contains 20 bench rest positions.
- The 50 metre range with a centre line of fire of 338 degrees Grid. This range is a Reduced Danger Area Range with a near vertical hill immediately behind the target line. There is a raised firing point at 25 metres and two sighting in benches at 50 metres.

The main range building has toilet facilities accessible from the outside and unlocked.

Communications

Cell phone reception is possible at the Sharland Creek gate and at the range hut (beside the range flag).

Restrictions

- 1 The range is restricted to small arm calibre firearms and shotguns. Maximum muzzle energy of 7500 joules applies.
- 2 Practices involving military and police weapon systems must comply with Annex A (automatic weapons) Annex B (moving targets) Annex C (hand guns)
- 3 Only firearms and ammunition in a safe condition may be used.
- 4 Incendiary or Tracer ammunition is categorically prohibited.

- 5 All projectiles must be captured by the bullet stops at the 200 metre butts or the 100meter bund. All targets must be constructed to avoid ricochet and positioned so that projectiles do not ricochet off the range floor and compromise the safety template.
- 6 Cross firing is prohibited
Note—Firing at a target other than one squarely in front of the shooter’s designated position on the firing mound may compromise the safety template.
- 7 Poles (red painted) are sited to indicate the left and right limits of bullet stops. NO projectiles must impact outside those poles.
- 8 An Air Danger Height of 500 meters will be observed. If aircraft are observed flying in a manner that would intrude on the range or its danger zone, ALL FIRING MUST CEASE until the aircraft has passed.

Priority of use

The following is the order of priority for the use of Packers Creek Range.

- 1 NZDA Nelson Branch members.
- 2 Local rifle and gun clubs, including Nelson College, by arrangement.
- 3 Armed Services, including Police, by arrangement.
- 4 Other groups as approved by the Range Committee.

NB All users of the range will comply with the requirements of these Standing Orders as laid out in the following paragraphs.

Appointments

- 1 A range officer will be designated when the range is in use for organised events and be responsible for range safety.
- 2 Any individual using the range must comply with range standing orders and ensure the range is safe to use.

Range Signs and Flags

- 1 ‘Warning Signs’ are permanently positioned on the three access roads.
 - a. 100 meters before the eastern entrance gates
 - b. 1100 meters up the 4WD track E1629635: N5431137 to the north east
 - c. 1100 meters up the 4WD track E1629949:N5430697 starting to the south of the entrance.
 Both a and b have locked gates in addition to the permanent signage.
- 2 ‘Range Status Signs’ are positioned at the entrance gates and must be displayed when the range is open for use.
- 3 Red Flag is to be flown at the 200m firing point when the range is open for use.
4. Red Flag flown at the butts signifies that - NO FIRING MAY TAKE PLACE AND ALL FIREARMS ON THE FIRING LINE ARE TO BE CLEARED.

NB. No personnel will be in the butts during live fire unless the Butts flag is available and all personnel at the range have been briefed on the significance of the flag,

Safety Rules

The following safety rules must be complied with on the range:

- 1 No firearm may be loaded unless the user is at the firing point and then only when under the orders of the Range Officer.
- 2 Firearms may only be loaded when pointed down the range.
- 3 Actions will be open at all other times.
- 4 When persons need to advance in front of the firing line (to check targets etc.) all firearms will be unloaded and cleared by the Range Officer.

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- 5 Persons advancing in front of the firing line should wear hi viz to aid identification.
- 6 No person may touch or adjust any firearm while persons are in advance of the firing line.
- 7 The clearance to recommence firing must be given by the Range Officer
- 8 No person should shift or handle another person's firearm unless directed by the Range Officer.
- 9 Firearms must be safely secured between events.
Individual shooters not participating under the management of a Range Officer will act as their own range officers and must secure their firearms while they are down range.
- 10 Only firearms in safe condition may be used.
- 11 Sporting or ball ammunition only may be used. Use of incendiary or tracer ammunition is specifically prohibited.
- 12 All firearms will be cleared prior to departure from the range.

First Aid

- 1 First Aid facilities are available in the range building during NZDA events.
- 2 All other users must provide First Aid facilities.

Fire Precautions

- 1 The following fire equipment shall be on site during events.
 - a) Fire extinguisher (2kg dry powder)
 - b) Fire back packs (x 2)
 - c) Shovels (x 3)
- 2 All reasonable precautions must be taken against fire and any fire quickly extinguished.
- 3 All fires will be reported immediately. * **Dial 111**
* **Rural Fire Lookout 03 546 5613**
* **Action Forest Management 021 547 818**

Toilets

Adequate toilet facilities should be provided during events.

Vacating the range

- 1 All waste and litter is to be removed from the site.
- 2 Range status signs closed and flag lowered.
- 3 Gates at the entrance secured as found.
- 4 Any damage or concern reported to:
The 'Range Committee'
NZDA
P O Box 495
Nelson or contact phone **03 547 6202**
027 2450452

FIREARM INCIDENT PROCEDURES

Following a firearm incident causing death or serious harm these procedures must be followed –

- 1. Cease firing and clear all firearms.**
- 2. Render first aid**
- 3. Seal off the area.**
- 4. Secure but do not remove or strip the firearm involved in the incident.**
- 5. Advise the NZ Police that there has been a firearm incident on the range.**

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