



## St Marys Indoor Shooting Centre

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Welcome to the St Marys Indoor Shooting Centre. Please take time to read this important information for first time visitors to our range. Please retain this information and always check with range staff on future visits as rules may be amended at any time.

While safety is the bottom line at all ranges, you will find some differences in range procedures and operation from range to range. It is the responsibility of the shooter to be aware of and comply with the rules of any range that they shoot at.

**Upon arrival:** You may bring your firearm into the centre upon arrival. Proceed to the front counter where the range staff (all Range Officers) will greet you. You will need to show a current firearms licence for the category of firearm to be used, and to gain member privileges, your current SSAA membership card. Advise staff on your first visit for a briefing on range procedures. Pistol shooters require proof of current pistol club membership.

**All firearms are to be covered:** All firearms brought into the centre must be covered in either in a hard case or gun bag and must remain covered until on the firing line or at the shop counter. Uncovered firearms are not permitted in the lounge area.

**Approved firearms:** The range is approved for use with firearms from 4.5mm to 12mm (.17 cal to .470 cal). The use of shotguns is not permitted.

**Hearing protection:** Hearing protection is mandatory for all range users regardless of the firearm type used. Hearing protection must be in place prior to entry to the range. Shooters should always use the best hearing protection available; a minimum of level 5 protection is recommended.

**Eye protection:** The use of eye protection is mandatory for all shooters on this range.

**Enclosed footwear:** Enclosed footwear is mandatory for all range users.

**Malfunctions:** From time to time all shooters will encounter stoppages and minor malfunctions. Most will be little more than the failure to feed or to properly eject a round, and rectifying either of these can be done by the average shooter in a safe orderly fashion, but sometimes help from an RSO will be required. Even in the case of the simplest malfunction the shooter must remain constantly aware of their muzzle direction and the safety of all present. Please advise a Range Officer immediately if you have a firearm/ammunition malfunction.

**Clearing firearms:** All firearms taken onto the range are to be cleared as safe by one of the centre's Range Officers before removal from the bench/firing line. This procedure is not optional and is a major safety rule that applies to all members (and visitors) using firearms at this range. Remember safe handling procedures always. Muzzles must point downrange only at all times.

**When you have finished shooting:** Use the red button on the control panel on the partition wall to call a Range Officer. All firearms presented for clearing should be in a safe condition i.e. action open, unloaded (magazine removed wherever possible) and pointed down range only. Remember you must have all magazines cleared as well. Please leave the shooting area tidy – place any rubbish, used cleaning patches or empty brass in the bins provided.

**Deliberate damage to property:** The range is here for the use and enjoyment of members and visitors. Any person caught deliberately damaging target hangers or any other fixtures will be removed from the range immediately and faces a lifetime ban on the use of this shooting facility. Any person caught deliberately damaging property will be reported to the police, which may in turn lead to loss of licence and firearms.

**Time limit:** Please be aware that during busy periods, Range time is limited to one hour per attendance. Enforcement of this rule is at the Duty Supervisors discretion.



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**SSAA St Marys Indoor Shooting Centre Range Rules** - A brief point form copy of the *SMPC Range Rules* can be found at the entrance to the lounge area.

- ❖ The Range Officer has total control over range activities.
- ❖ Shooting is not to commence until the Range has been “*OPENED*” by the Range Officer.
- ❖ Red means Danger. A red light at the entrance door of each range means that shooters are in attendance at the range and permission from the Range Officer is required before entering the Range Danger Zone (forward of the firing line). A red light on the firing line indicates that it is not safe to go forward of the firing line.
- ❖ No-one may go forward of the firing line without the permission of the Range Officer. The Range Officer will indicate that it is safe for the target crew or other designated persons to go forward of the firing line by calling “*THE RANGE IS CLOSED*” S/he must also display a green light on the firing line.
- ❖ Handling of firearms on the firing line is not permitted when the Range is “*CLOSED*” (green light showing)
- ❖ EAR and EYE protection plus ENCLOSED FOOTWEAR is mandatory for all shooters on all ranges.
- ❖ Eating or drinking is not permitted inside the range.
- ❖ Shooters must report to a Range Officer at the front counter, show a valid Firearms licence and current SSAA membership (if they are a member seeking member benefits), and pay all fees required before entering the range. Members and visitors attendance at the range will be recorded at this point.
- ❖ Firearms are to be carried in a case or gun bag. Firearms may only be uncased or uncovered at the shop counter or on the firing line. No uncovered firearms are allowed in the lounge area.
- ❖ All firearms remain the responsibility of the licenced owner at all times.
- ❖ Once on the range all firearms are to be pointed down range at all times.
- ❖ Minors must be supervised and are not permitted near the firing line unless accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a Range Officer, Club Instructor or a supervisor delegated by the Range Officer. Junior shooters must be over 12 years old and possess a Minors Permit before being allowed to shoot. Minors are to wear a Hi Vis vest for easy identification for direct supervision purposes.
- ❖ Only one shooter is to be at each firing point. Coaches must stand behind or clear of the shooter when the firearm is loaded.
- ❖ Any firearm malfunction must be reported to the Range Officer immediately.
- ❖ Magazines are not to be loaded other than at the firing line and must be cleared ‘empty’ when firearm is cleared for removal from firing line.
- ❖ Firearms are not to be removed from the firing point until cleared by the Range Officer.
- ❖ Firearms are to be cleaned on the firing line only – muzzle pointed down range (toward targets) at all times. All range users are to wash their hands on leaving the range.
- ❖ Any adjustments to firearms that compromise range safety are not permitted behind the firing point (i.e. lightening of triggers, snapping actions, testing the fit of ammunition).
- ❖ The use of a magazine is acceptable on this range (many ranges allow only single loading).
- ❖ The use of shotguns on this range is not permitted (other than in SASA events held on range ‘D’ and ‘Rifle Intro’ courses).
- ❖ Smoking is not permitted on the Firing Line or anywhere else inside the building.
- ❖ Alcohol or drugs are not to be consumed or taken by a shooter prior to or during shooting.
- ❖ Holster practise or use is not allowed on the range except for authorised competition use such as Single Action, Service Match and IPSC. Holstered pistols are not allowed outside of the range, with the exception of range ‘D’ lounge area during competitions on that range.