



HRC-Newsletter

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HAHNDORF RIFLE CLUB INC.

Rules to Allow Recommencement of Shooting Activities under COVID 19

Your Committee has been working hard and has had its protocol plan approved by the Office Recreation Sport and Racing (ORSR). Below is the protocol that ORSR requires the club to follow. The Committee has also modified this plan to meet ongoing changes to COVID 19 regulations. Following the below requirements is non-negotiable and please be advised that if a member or the club breaks the rules there are \$1000 fines for individuals and \$5000 fines for offending clubs. Please note that SAPOL advised that it will be conducting audits on clubs.

The new regulations will not permit German Style shooting with all shooting now being conducted as continuous shooting i.e. Centrefire 3 sighters 12 shots to count.

Protocol for Opening and Operating the Hahndorf Rifle Club Inc. under COVID 19 Regulations

The responsibility lies with the Club Committee and members to ensure that: they are fully aware of and compliant with South Australian Government legislation advice, and all of these guidelines are adhered to and engage any members required as necessary to fulfil the guidelines.

- Hand sanitiser to be made available and used at the entrance to the Club range and beside each shooting booth in use.
- Disinfectant spray must be made available in the shooting preparation area. After each shoot, all areas must be thoroughly cleaned before being used again.
- Any club equipment used by members is to be thoroughly cleaned before and after use with disinfectant wipes.

- The Club Committee will implement a booking system to facilitate range bookings, to conform with State guidelines. Best practice is that a register of attendees will be kept with Names, addresses and contact numbers, just in case a communicable illness were to occur.
- Any gatherings held on the Club premises will employ physical distancing of 1.5m and be limited to the number of people determined by social gathering laws and a limit of ten people.
- Shoots will consist of 10 people made up as follows – Range Officer and nine shooters.
- Individuals to leave the Range and Club premises immediately after the conclusion of organised shoots / meetings.
- Outdoor toilets will be open and hand washing facilities will be available.
- No barefoot or open foot ware to be worn, will be permitted on the range.

Shooting Activity:

- Subject to the social gathering and distancing legislation / restrictions, only 10 people are allowed to shoot together and the 1.5m physical distancing rule is to be observed at all times.
- A maximum of 10 persons is allowed at the range at any one time. There will be a booking system in place to facilitate.
- Shooters should practice safe hygiene at all times, including washing hands for at least 20 seconds before and after shooting.
- Individuals must leave the premises immediately after conclusion of shooting and cleaning of equipment.
- Coaching should be limited to no more than a coach and two other people at the time and all practicing physical distancing of 1.5m during the coaching session.

People at a higher risk of severe illness (those aged over 70 and/or those with chronic medical conditions or compromised immune systems) are encouraged to remain at home whenever possible. Source:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/advice-for-people-at-risk-ofcoronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-older-people>

Any further proposed guidelines will be introduced in line with the State and National Principles.

If you require any further information, please contact the President of the Hahndorf Rifle Club on 0400 808 284.

Bryan Robertson – Club President (2/5/2020)

Additional changes

- To cover costs of hand sanitiser, signage and cleaning club areas after each shoot, shooting costs have been raised. Centrefire events will be \$15 and Rimfire events will cost \$10.
- To maximise shooting opportunities for members, Ring target and Service rifle be on alternating Saturdays and Rimfire be moved to every second Sunday.
- Anyone who oversees a shooting event under COVID restrictions will receive a credit for a free shoot of the type of shoot they oversaw.

When you enter the shooting range the following will occur;

1. A Register of shooters to be maintained, shooters are required to lodge their intention to shoot via e-mail with the Secretary (info@hahndorfrifleclub.org.au), stating the date, morning or afternoon squad and the discipline.
2. This intention to shoot nomination is to be sent to the Secretary by e-mail no later than Thursday afternoon.
3. Shooting squads (8 shooters morning / 8 shooters afternoon) will be allocated on first come – first served basis, a maximum of 16 per day.
4. Walk-in shooters will not be accepted unless prior booking is made to the Secretary.
5. No visitors, no spectators.

Please note that the first few shoots under these restrictions are being run by committee members and once other members are competent or willing to take charge this will change. This applies to Rimfire shooters as there is opportunity to shoot every Sunday if members want to manage and administer this opportunity.

Summary of Rules, HRC regulations from now on until further notice will be:

1. If anyone has any flu like symptoms or elevated temperature you will not be allowed to participate and will be asked to leave.
2. HRC will be required to inform the SA Health if anyone that has been at HRC does eventually develop symptoms.
3. 1.5m distance to be maintained between all people at all times.
4. No competitions allowed for, all activity is training.
5. A record of all people attending as per current SAPOL requirements. Our sign in book system will cover this requirement.
6. No visitors allowed.
7. Canteen closed, all food and drink will be BYO.
8. BYO spotting scopes.
9. Signs and barriers to be erected to make new directives clear.
10. Hand sanitiser and disinfectant spray to be in ample supply around the shooting area.

11. 8 shooters maximum for Rimfire and Ring shoot, 10 shooters maximum for Service rifle.
12. Support staff 3, i.e. RO, Range Administrator (RA), Cashier.
13. Two shooting groups provided for, 10:00 to 12:00 than 1:00 to 3:00. Participants are expected to arrive on time and leave promptly after they finish so the appropriate areas can be cleaned.
14. Shooters detailed for the afternoon shoot must NOT arrive at HRC any earlier than 1245hrs - to permit the first detail to pack up and depart without unnecessary mingling.
15. Second detail shooters are not to approach or enter the Clubhouse until called down by the R.A. They must remain in the carpark and inside their vehicles.
16. Clubhouse will be cordoned off from carpark during the shooting sessions.

The Changes to Centrefire Ring shooting will be:

1. 8 shooters per session,
2. 4 booths to operate, so the non-shooting members will be required to mark the targets in the pits. After the string of shots these members will swap rolls.
3. The procedure for C.F. will be 4 shooters to remain in the Clubhouse/booth, fire both their details (8 and 7 rounds) by string fire. The other 4 shooters in the pits marking,
4. CF Shooters will need to score their own shooting from inside the booths.
5. Attendees will need to be able to walk to and from the 200 yrd mound as we cannot move more than 1 person in a vehicle to maintain social distancing.

Rimfire:

Maximum of 8 persons to attend. 4 will shoot in the 4 booth's, i.e. booth 1 shoots targets 1 and 2, booth 2 shoots 3 and 4 etc. there will be 13 shots and 10 shots. The targets will be changed and the next 4 will shoot. 13 and 10 shots. Time permitting this will be repeated with 10 and 10 shots per person.

Service Rifle:

1. Maximum 10 shooters per session, and non-shooting members required to mark targets.
2. 4 booths to operate with a max of 2 targets to be operational, shooters assigned to a booth during sign on and must only stay either at that booth or within designated prep area (No cross mingling).
3. After one group of shooters complete their detail, shooters and markers to swap roles.
4. All shooters are to mark own scoresheets whilst shooting (No marker provided).
5. Once they complete their shoot, the assigned range discipline captain will clear rifles.
6. All shooters equipment are to be cleared by the shooter (No general club equipment provided, but those living at the same address may share their own equipment ONLY).

7. If larger numbers (between 6-10 people) are present, all round count will be shortened to 1 sighter and 7 counting shots per session (under 6 shooters will run a full 2 sighters and 10 counting shots).

These current restrictions will be in place for at least 3 weeks, then after shooter numbers may increase to 20 shooters subject to Government declarations.

Please do not turn up earlier than your allocated times as there will be no time for sighting in and any shooting on the 50 yard range unless done in the allocated 2 hour window.

The Committee is trying to get members back shooting but we all have to adhere to Government Covid 19 regulations if we are to continue.

HRC Committee