RANGE ACTION SAFETY PLAN

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RANGE ACTION SAFETY PLAN (RASP) FOR RECREATIONAL SHOOTING AT THE NATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE (NSC) BISLEY

1. General

This RASP governs the safe conduct of shooting at the National Shooting Centre, Bisley. All users of the ranges are bound by this plan, except HM Forces and government agencies operating under their own procedures with prior approval from the National Rifle Association (NRA).

Recreational shooting is permitted seven days a week, up to 52 weeks per year, on the following ranges:

a) Stickledown
b) Butt Zero
c) Century
d) Short Siberia
e) Cheylesmore
f) Melville
g) Winans
h) Chobham Ridge
i) Bisley Sporting Rifle (BSR)
j) National Clay Shooting Centre (NCSC)
k) Bisley Sporting Ground (BSG)

For the purpose of this document, all NRA instructors delivering training or corporate events are classified as Range Officers (ROs).

2. Aim

The objectives of this RASP are to:

a) Ensure rapid and effective response to incidents and occurrences

b) Define the duties and responsibilities of NRA Range Staff

c) Detail points to cover in Range Safety Briefings

3. Incident Response

3.1 Immediate Action

On hearing the **Emergency Hooter** or **"STOP STOP STOP"**, all personnel must:

a) Cease firing immediately

- BSG to inform instructors / ROs within Cottesloe Heath

b) Remove finger from trigger and keep firearm pointed at the target

c) Lower manually marked targets (where applicable)

d) Await instructions from Range Staff / Range Control

The RO responsible for the area must inform Range Control immediately. All Range Staff are to switch to the Control radio channel (16), minimise traffic, and await further instructions.

e) Range Control are to call "**STOP STOP STOP**" over the control and admin radio channels

Range Safety will assume Incident Control on the ground, liaising with emergency services if not already contacted. A designated person will be determined to act as scene control.

Range Control will assume Incident Coordination and liaise with Range Safety/Scene control regarding assistance required.

f) Any staff or contractors who are situated on any range floors/danger areas are to remain in position until instructed otherwise by Range Control.

3.2 Medical Emergencies

3.2.1 First Aid Provision:

- NRA-qualified staff are available
- First aid kits and trauma packs are deployed at designated locations
- AED locations:
    - 24/7 access:
        - The Pavilion (model.repair.model)
        - RAFTRC Clubhouse (frames.moth.above)

        - The Spott Clubhouse (plenty.prone.year)
    - Accessible when ranges are open:
        - Range Office (retire.ritual.love)
        - 300yard car park (rear.obey.brain)
        - BSG Bothy (export.lights.taps)
        - Clays café (pots.runner.noted)
        - Lord Roberts Centre (nails.hips.steer)
        - Artists Rifle Clubhouse (below.goes.boring)

3.2.2 Actions for casualties or ill members:

a) If safety is compromised, initiate the Immediate Action Drill – "STOP STOP STOP"

b) Inform Range Control

c) RO clears the firing point to allow safe access when instructed by Range Staff

d) Range Control deploys a first aider with appropriate equipment

e) Range Safety calls emergency services (999) if required

f) Range Control deploy a guide to the Emergency RV – main gate if required

g) Range Control informs the CEO, COO, Head of Shooting and Range Services Manager if they are not on site

3.2.3 Additional Considerations Off-Range:

- First aid provisions must be evaluated before commencement of any off-range activity

3.3 Preservation and Reporting

RO responsibilities (when appropriate):

- Preserve all evidence
- Record witness names
- Complete an Incident Report promptly
- Cooperate fully with investigation teams

3.4 Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

If suspected UXO or military hardware is found:

a) Initiate STOP STOP STOP

b) Inform Range Control who will dispatch Range Safety

c) Range Safety are to coordinate the below actions:

- **Confirm** without touching that the object may be UXO
- **Clear** the area – Ensure all firearms are safe and move personnel out of the area (minimum **100m radius**)
- **Cordon** – ensure people or vehicles do not approach the object
- **Control** - manage the situation until specialist staff arrive

d) Range Control notifies:

- **HQ DTE Longmoor Ops Room:** 07484 516900
- **EOD Contact Line:** 01235 513377

4. Safe Persons and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Overall authority for NRA and NSC operations
Chief Operating Officer (COO)	Leading NRA and NSC operations
Head of Shooting	Oversight of shooting activities
Range Services Manager	Day-to-day range safety and maintenance
National Training Manager	Training oversight
Safety, Legal & Technical Manager	Regulatory compliance and guidance
Range Safety Personnel / Range Control Personnel	Direct supervision of firing and safety
Range Officer (RO)	Responsible for live firing, personnel, discipline, and adherence to Range Regulations
Butts Officer/Supervisor	Supervise target markers in the butts, PPE compliance, and target presentation

5. Safe Places and Range Familiarity

- ROs must have read, understood and adhere to the “Duties of the RO”, “NSC Range regulations”, specific Range Regulations, and the RASP documents.
- ROs must be fully familiar with the range, constraints and facilities.
- Ranges are maintained by the NRA and inspected monthly by the CNC and NRA.

6. Safe Firearms and Equipment

- RO ensures all firearms and ammunition are permitted per Range Regulations
- Users are responsible for ensuring that their firearm is safe
- NSC hire firearms are inspected and serviced by NRA armourers prior to issue

7. Safe Practices

7.1 Risk Assessment

- Standard shooting follows the NRA Safe System of Shooting
- Non-standard practices (e.g. movement drills) require prior Range Control approval and activity-specific risk assessment

7.2 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- RO ensures firers and bystanders have serviceable PPE before shooting begins

7.3 Safety Briefings

RO Briefing includes:

a) Communication and emergency procedures

b) Overview of range activity and neighbouring activities

c) Sequence of events (details of the practice)

d) Range-specific regulations (including permitted firearms)

e) Signals for **start and cessation of firing**

f) Emergency signal (**Emergency Hooter or "STOP STOP STOP"**)

- Cease fire immediately
- Remove finger from trigger
- Keep firearm pointed at target
- Follow CRO/RO instructions

g) Medical cover

8. Completion of Each Detail

a) Firers ensure firearms are cleared and independently inspected in accordance with NRA Safety Rules before being removed from the firing point.

b) Unloading procedures include:

- Safety catch applied

- Magazine removed
- Integral magazine/cylinder emptied
- Chamber and action cleared of rounds, misfires and empty cases
- Working parts fully open and locked

c) The chamber, action, bolt face and magazine may then be inspected with bolt removed / breech flagged / magazine blocked.

d) No forward movement of firing point until procedure is complete.

e) Final detail: clear firing points of empty cases, verify no live ammunition remains.

9. References

- Annex A – Requirements to Set Ranges Live During/Post Incident
- Annex B – Standard Operating Procedures for NRA Staff in the Event of and Incident
- NSC Ranges Risk Assessment
- Specific Ranges Risk Assessment
- Duties of an RO – NSC Bisley