

Range Procedures

A recent hang-fire incident with one of the club rifles has highlighted the importance of adhering to procedures at all time. The incident was dealt with safely and correctly, but even so I think both the RCO and shooter got a surprise when the firearm discharged rather than the more usual result upon attempting to open the bolt.

I'd be grateful if **ALL** shooters can familiarise themselves with CR&GC's expectations of **BOTH** shooters and RCOs.

Shooters

As a shooter, you are responsible for the safe operation of your firearm and ammunition. At every briefing, you are explicitly reminded about the 70mil rule and the misfire drill. These are **NOT** optional. Any member seen to be in breach of these, whatever the reason, can expect to receive a formal warning from CR&GC. This may be verbal or written and will be recorded by CR&GC. Future infringements may lead to termination of CR&GC membership.

Marksmanship

As a shooter, you are expected to hit the target. Please do not bring newly fitted sights to a 300-600yd range day unless you have taken reasonable steps to set the sights up correctly. We have plenty short range days suitable for this and we also have a collimator. If you need to perform some adjustments, inform the RCO and fellow shooters that you are using one of the paddles. Fall of shot can then be observed, feedback provided to the shooter and sights corrected. If after several shots you cannot make the desired corrections, then the firearm should be withdrawn. This should **NEVER** take place during a competition day.

Loading/Extraction Problems

If you have to use excessive force to close the bolt on a live round or if you cannot easily open the bolt after firing, then you must inform the RCO and the cause must be determined/rectified before continuing the detail. This may be as simple as switching to a different batch of ammunition. However, if switching ammunition does not rectify the fault this will necessitate withdrawal of the firearm. ***CR&GC may request the firearm be inspected by a qualified gunsmith before the rifle is allowed to be used in future.***

If you are observed doing either of the above without informing the RCO, then disciplinary action may be taken by CR&GC.

Misfires

CR&GC has a zero-tolerance of **ANY** non-adherence to the misfire drill. We will accept no excuse for this and this **WILL** result in disciplinary action.

CR&GC's Expectations of Shooters

The behaviour of shooters impact on all of us and our continuing safe use of the range. We all need to be proactive in informing the RCO of any observed breaches **WHEN THEY ARE HAPPENING**. Please do not wait until after the detail to raise concerns, as this makes them much harder to deal with.

If you are challenged by the RCO, then you **MUST** follow their instructions. Bear in mind the briefing statement, "**The RCO on duty is in charge of the range at all times, and everyone using the range will follow their instructions.**" If you feel they have acted inappropriately, then please inform Chair/Secretary.

RCOs

When you are acting as RCO, you may have to deal with a variety of incidents. You are in charge of the range at that time, and CR&GC will support your decisions, especially in regards to breaches of safety protocols. The RCO box now contains a notepad and pen to record details of any such incident which you have observed and this should be passed to the Chair/Secretary as soon as possible to enable the appropriate action to be taken.

Marksmanship

If after observing fall of shot and advice given, the shooter cannot correct after two or three shots the firearm should be withdrawn from shooting on the detail. The shooter may use the collimator on the firing point with the bolt removed to make adjustments while the other shooters complete their detail, as long as this doesn't interfere with the detail. After carrying out this procedure, the shooter may be allowed to shoot on a subsequent detail. If still unable to adjust correctly, the firearm should be withdrawn. This cannot be allowed to take place while a competition is being shot.

Chambering/Extraction Problems

If a shooter informs you of any difficulty, then you will take action as required. If it is a one-off, then there is no issue. If it continues, then the shooter **MUST** change ammunition. If this doesn't rectify the problem, then the firearm must be withdrawn and details recorded.

If you observe a shooter carrying this out without first informing you, then the shooter should be withdrawn from the detail. If the firearm can be cleared without interfering with the other shooters then it can be removed. If not, the firearm must stay on the firing point until the end of the detail. The incident must be recorded. The firearm will not be allowed to be used again until the shooter explains what has been done to rectify the problem.

Misfires

When a shooter notifies you of a misfire, you will deal with it appropriately. In the event of continual misfires, insist that the shooter changes ammunition or withdraws the firearm from use as necessary. Continual misfires must be recorded.

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CR&CG's Expectations of RCOs

RCOs are there to ensure the safe-running of the range and to ensure that everyone using the range adheres to the rules. Genuine mistakes happen, and as long as the correct procedures are followed should present no risk. However, there have been several incidents which have given members cause for concern. CR&CG expects you to apply the rules fairly and to everyone. What we are trying to avoid are historic reports which CR&GC cannot realistically act upon. As stated above, it is all of our interests to ensure the correct procedures are followed.