

# **GUERNSEY PISTOL CLUB LBG**

## **RANGE STANDING ORDERS (RSO) – CHOUET 25m OUTDOOR NO DANGER AREA RANGE**

**Effective:** 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – **Not restricted.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1 All persons in the confines of the range must read, comply with and are bound by Range Orders. Revisions will be circulated to members and posted in the Club premises.
- 2 All persons attending the range must sign and date their presence in the Range Register before shooting declaring that you are not prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition by virtue of s.24 of the Firearms and Weapons (Guernsey) Law 1998 and agreeing to comply with Range Standing Orders.
- 3 Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the range confines at any time.
- 4 Range safety is the responsibility of **ALL** ranges users.
- 5 The range shall only be used for shooting during daylight hours at times as agreed by the Directors from time to time. Shooting on Liberation Day and Christmas Day is not permitted.

### **RANGE LOCATION AND EMERGENCY AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**Location:** Chouet Headland, Vale. Perry Page # 6 – A2

**EMERGENCY – Call 112 or 999**

**Ambulance Station: 01481 725211**

**Hospital: 01481 725241**

**Police: 01481 725111**

### **FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

- 1 All shooters are responsible that their firearms and ammunition are safe to use and for their safe custody at all times.
- 2 'Pistols' in these RSO means self-loading pistols (SLP), single shot pistols and revolvers. 'Rifles' means self-loading or single shot types regardless of loading mechanism. Any firearm capable of either 'burst' or 'fully automatic' fire is expressly forbidden and must not be used.



- 3 Only pistols or rifles chambered for calibres firing ammunition not exceeding the ammunition limitations may be used. The use of Tracer and Armour Piercing type ammunition is expressly forbidden.
- 4 Ammunition limitations on the Range Safety Certificate are Maximum Energy (ME) 2030J and Maximum Velocity (MV) 655m/s. Range users should satisfy themselves and the RO, if requested, that the ammunition is within the above ME and MV limitations.
- 5 The use of Black Powder (BP) pistols and rifles of any calibre is permitted, providing they do not exceed the above ammunition limitations.

## **RANGE ORDERS**

- 1 The range may be used only if two persons are present, one of whom must be either a Club Official or an approved RO. The Range Safety Certificate permits firing in the prone, kneeling, benchrest and standing positions at the following distances 7yd, 7m, 10m, 15m, 20m and 25m only. Firing at any other distance is expressly forbidden. These distances are clearly marked. All firers shall shoot at the same distance at any one time. ALL targetry must only be mounted on the target line. Shooting at less than 7yd is forbidden. The centre height of all targets is 1.4m only. The use of steel targets is forbidden.
- 2 A maximum of # 10 firers may use the range and be on the firing point at any one time. A coach(s) may be present provided they do not disturb the other firers, at the discretion of the RO.
- 3 The 'Range in Use' and 'Safety' flags must be visible to range users and the public outside the range at all times whilst firing is taking place. The RO or other delegated person must inspect the perimeter range safety fence before the 'Range in Use' flags are raised and the commencement of shooting. The perimeter range safety fence must be secure before firing commences. Any damage that would permit unauthorised access to the range environs must be repaired before the commencement of shooting under direction of the RO.
- 4 Hearing protection is mandatory on the firing point. Eye protection is strongly recommended.
- 5 Targets must be put up only as marked on the target boards at 25m. Only approved paper targets supplied by the Club are to be used. All shots fired shall be aimed at the bullet catcher stop butt. Shooting at the mantlet is not permitted under any circumstances.
- 6 Electronic targets for ISSF events and calibres only may also be installed with prior approval of Club Officials in accordance with these RSO. The maximum height of the centre of the target aiming mark shall always be 1.40m.



- 7 All firers **MUST** comply with all range commands and instructions given by the RO.
- 8 An RO shall be designated for each firing detail and give appropriate commands and instructions.
- 9 Pistols must not be touched or handled, even if checked clear to box, when anyone is in front of the firing point.
- 10 Pistols should be kept pointing downrange in a safe direction even in the event of a malfunction or other irregularity. Shooters should notify the RO and await their commands and instructions and avoid disturbing other shooters, unless an urgent matter of safety is involved.
- 11 Firers are to clear up spent cases from the range either after finishing firing or on instruction of the RO for safety reasons and at the end of all shooting.
- 12 The safety screens between firing points at 25m must be used to avoid disturbance to adjacent shooters.

## **RANGE COMMANDS**

- 1 If **ANYONE** on the range sees anything that is or is considered dangerous then they shall immediately give the emergency command **'STOP, STOP, STOP'**. Firing must cease immediately with no exception.
- 2 The RO shall be responsible for issuing further commands and instructions as necessary.
- 3 The RO or a Club Official has the authority and may ask a shooter either to not enter or to leave the firing point if they are considered a risk either to themselves or others and, or are not considered fit to fire pistols safely.
- 4 All incidences including gross breaches of Safety Rules and RSO must be reported to Club Officials without undue delay.
- 5 In all circumstances, the commands of the RO **MUST** be obeyed.
- 6 In some circumstances during shooting as a matter of safety, the RO may order "Cease Fire", "Unload". Once unloaded, firearms, magazines, speedloaders shall not be handled or touched until given either the command "Load" or other appropriate command by the RO.
- 7 Pistols must only be loaded, including charging magazines on the command "Load".
- 8 No person shall go forward or be forward of the firing point without permission of the RO.
- 9 Pistols and magazines shall not be handled or touched between the command "Bench Pistols" until given the following command to "Load".



- 10 All pistols and magazines must be proven clear by the RO before boxing or casing at the end of firing.

### **NON CLUB MEMBERS – GUESTS AND PROBATIONARY MEMBERS**

- 1 All non-Club members must be in possession of either a Guernsey Basic Vetting Disclosure or a valid Guernsey or UK and Territories Firearms Certificate (FAC) prior to shooting. All persons in this category shall be supervised on a one to one basis by either a Club Official or Range Officer whilst on the firing point.
- 2 The supervising person is responsible to the RO for compliance with the RSO by the shooter.
- 3 Any person deemed unsafe or unsuitable by Club Officials following complaint either by the RO or other members shall not be given access to pistols or ammunition and may be removed from the range. In serious cases, the Police may be informed.

### **MINORS**

- 1 The minimum age for shooting under supervision is 8 years with an air pistol and 12 years with cartridge pistols. Evidence of Date of Birth shall be provided in advance to Club Officials. Advance written parental consent to shoot is required in all cases. A valid Guernsey Basic Vetting Disclosure must be provided in all cases.
- 2 Supervision must be provided by a Club Member experienced in the type of pistol being used.
- 3 The supervising person is responsible at all times for the pistol and ammunition being used in compliance with these RSO.
- 4 Hearing and eye protection is mandatory when shooting cartridge pistols and strongly recommended when shooting air pistols.
- 5 Any person deemed unsafe or unsuitable by Club Officials following complaint either by the RO or other members shall not be given access both to Club pistols and ammunition and may be removed from the range.

These Range Standing Orders may be varied by the Directors as required either by law or in exceptional circumstances.

### **BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS**

SIGNED:



(Director, GPC LBG)

