

# SOUTH AFRICAN PIN SHOOTING FEDERATION



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### SAFETY PROCEDURES AND RANGE ETTIQUETTE

#### FOR MEMBERS, INVITED GUESTS and VISITORS

1. Obey and support all Range Officer's commands without question. The Range Officer has complete authority. Any disputes will be dealt with after the shoot, not at the range.
2. During a shoot the range is deemed private property, open only to Members and their invited guests.
3. Members must accompany invited guests at all times. Members are responsible for the safe conduct of their invited guests at all times while on the Club's property.
4. Members must ensure that invited guests are familiarized with the Safety Rules relative to the planned activities.
5. Shooters must be on the range on the designated starting time and attend the safety briefing. Shooters arriving after that time must obtain permission from the duty Range Officer to shoot.
6. No firearms may be un-bagged or handled unless under the direct instruction of the Range Officer.
7. All firearms must be brought to the range unloaded and only loaded at the command of the Range Officer. Carry guns must be unloaded in a safety area (unloading bay) before coming onto the range.
8. Eye and ear protection is a compulsory requirement by all shooters and spectators at all times when shooting is in progress.
9. It is the duty of every shottist to ensure that his/her firearm is in good working order and that reloaded ammunition is checked for safe loads, chambering, high primers, etc. before going onto the firing line. The shottist will forfeit scores for that string or event and may not demand a re-shoot if his/her ammunition and/or weapon malfunctions.
10. In the event of repeated malfunctions that delay the shoot, or provoke possible safety infringements, a shooter will be requested to make safe, bag or holster the firearm, and leave the line. Once he/she has corrected the problem to the satisfaction of the Range Officer, he/she may continue the shoot at the sole discretion of the Range Officer should time and circumstances permit.
11. Shooters must maintain muzzle control in a safe direction at all times.
12. Firearm safety must be applied where applicable.
13. Fingers must be **demonstrably off** the trigger in all actions (i.e. clearly outside of the trigger guard), except in the process of firing shots after the command has been given to commence an exercise. This applies especially when loading, drawing, clearing malfunctions and moving between firing stations.
14. Every Club Member will be subjected to a safety audit when ever necessary, in which any bad habits that may have developed will be pointed out for correction by the Range Officer's Committee.
15. Any distraction to other shooters via conduct, words or actions could be considered as unsportsmanlike behaviour and lead the perpetrator to disciplinary action as determined by the Range Officer's Committee. Courteous behavior to other Members and invited guests is expected.
16. Argumentative behaviour and/or bad sportsmanship could result in disciplinary action against a Member / invited guest and could result in the Member / invited guest being asked to leave.
17. Safety infringements by other shooters must be brought to the attention of the Range Officer.
18. All accidents and or incidents must be reported in writing to the Executive Committee of the host Club or Provincial Association.
19. Anyone may intervene directly on a safety infringement if there is likelihood of an injury or in a life threatening situation. Such incident must be brought to the attention of the Range Office who will be obliged to take the necessary steps.

20. Unless as described in point 19 above, anyone noticing a non lethal act (e.g. "filling in", un-sportsman-like behaviour, potential dangerous situation, unfair practice, etc.), it should be brought to the attention of the Range Officer in a discreet and sporting manner without offending the guilty party.
21. South African law requires you to be in control of your firearms at all times. In addition you must have your licenses to possess a firearm, or certified copies thereof, and competencies with you at all times when shooting, carrying or conveying firearms and ammunition.
22. All range equipment, the containers, the recreational area and the front gate will be the responsibility of the duty Range Officer of the day/event to be locked, failing which the last Member leaving the Club is obliged to ensure the range is cleared and under lock.
23. Annual membership starts from the first day of January and ends on the last day of December of each calendar year. Membership fees are due from the 01<sup>st</sup> January of each calendar year and must be paid by the latest on the 1st day of March each year.
24. Appropriate dress must be worn. Camouflage and/or military clothing, any clothing with reference to a particular political party / organization or offensive wording on clothing is not allowed.
25. Only Range Officers in red shirts are allowed to carry loaded "Condition 1", unless specifically instructed to do so by the duty Range Officer of the day.
26. Red clothing worn outwardly is reserved for Range Officers only as a means of easy identification.
27. The range being a public place, **no smoking** is allowed on the firing line or elsewhere where it disturbs fellow shottists/competitors.
28. **No alcoholic beverages** may be brought onto the ranges at any time. Alcohol may only be consumed by Members or invited guests at the designated recreation areas and its immediate environs once all shooting has been concluded and the range has been officially declared closed for the day.
29. Violation of any of the Code of Conduct and Safety Rules may cause the Executive Committee of the respective Club / Provincial body to take disciplinary action, which may include the revoking of one's membership without refund of fees or recourse to any claim whatsoever.
30. This Code of Conduct is subject to change at the discretion of the respective Club, Provincial or National body's Executive Committee; and all Members, invited guests and visitors are obliged to comply therewith.

This Code of Conduct is in keeping with the Constitution of the South African Pin Shooting Federation (SAPSF) and the South African Shooting Sport Confederation (SASSCo).

Members, invited guests and visitors are required to comply with these rules at all times.

Safety Rules are contained in a separate document and forms an integral part of this Code of Conduct.

Any Member, invited guest or visitor who does not agree with the Constitution of the South African Pin Shooting Federation, the Code of Conduct, the Safety Rules and the conditions of entry will not be allowed to enter or shoot. If you are in disagreement with any of the above, you are requested leave the range immediately.

Thank you.

Signed:   
Secretary: South African Pin Shooting Federation

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