

## SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF FIJI (SAF)



---

### SHOOTING RANGE SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Every person, no matter how young or how old, who wants to learn how to shoot, or wants to use the shooting range, must understand that the Rules of Firearms Safety, is the first and most important requirement. To know and follow these rules goes hand-in-hand with practicing and developing good shooting skills. Shooting Sports requires discipline, self-control, hand-eye coordination and concentration.

This is not an exhaustive list of safety rules. Any omission from this list does not imply acceptability.

#### **Basic Firearm Safety Rules.**

**Safe Firearm handling is the first and most important Rule in all Shooting Sports.**

- 1.** Treat every Firearm as if it were loaded.
- 2.** Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- 3.** Never point a Firearm in fun or jest.
- 4.** Keep your fingers off the trigger. Don't rely on your firearms safety device.
- 5.** Always wear proper ear and eye protection along with appropriate covered footwear. (No sandals, flip-flops, thongs or open toed shoes)
- 6.** Know your target and what is beyond it.
- 7.** Keep the Firearm unloaded when not in use.
- 8.** Firearms must be shot from the firing line only and nowhere else.
- 9.** All Firearms carried on or about the shooting grounds must be held in a position of safety, with the breach, bolt or slide open and with the firearm unloaded at all times.
- 10.** Always carry any Firearm in a safe position so that you can control the barrel even if you stumble.
- 11.** Always load your Firearm with the correct ammunition.
- 12.** Know the Firearm you are using.
- 13.** Shooting on the grounds at any place, other than at a legitimate target, is prohibited.

## Vatuwaqa Shooting Range Rules

---

**All Shooters are Safety Officers because Safety is your responsibility, not someone else's!**

- 1.** Casual Pistol & Rifle may be shot simultaneously; provided the range is divided between the two disciplines and Pistol or Rifle is not running a scored series or competition.
- 2.** Gun Slings are only permitted whilst on the firing line as a shooting aid, not as a tool to transport firearms on the range.
- 3.** Holsters are permitted to be used, however any holstered firearm must have its magazine unloaded and removed with the chamber cleared and safety on when not on the firing line.
- 4.** Shooters must only shoot down range, in the assigned lane, and at the assigned target and nothing else.
- 5.** Cross firing is strictly prohibited. (Firing across your assigned lane as opposed to down the line). Anyone breaching this will be disciplined.
- 6.** Only the Range Master (RM) or assigned Safety Officer (SO) can call to close the range to allow for scoring and or a target change.
- 7.** The Range Master or Safety Officer must call for all shooters to unload and clear their weapons before the range is closed for scoring [and or] for a target change.
- 8.** The RM or SO must check to ensure all Firearms on the shooting line are unloaded, clear and safe.
- 9.** The cleaning of Firearms is only permitted behind the mound in a designated area or in the owner's vehicle. No firearms may be cleaned on the Shooting Range.
- 10.** All members are required to present a valid copy of their firearms license every year. As soon as they have renewed their license.
- 11.** Non shooters are prohibited from stepping onto the firing line with active shooters.
- 12.** The shooting of any wildlife or stray animals on the range is strictly prohibited.
- 13.** The Range Master or Safety Officer must caution any individual breaking range and or safety rules, and if deemed necessary, ask the individual(s) to leave the range.

14. Person's under the age of 12 are not permitted to handle Firearms on the range.
15. Anyone between the ages of 12-18 years must be under constant supervision by a licensed firearms holder when participating in any form of shooting on the range.
16. Pets are permitted on the range as long as they are on leashes or secured in their owner's vehicle.
17. Smoking in the shooting area is strictly prohibited. All smoking is to be done behind the mound or in the Parking Area.
18. All members and visitors on range grounds are required to first sign the Range Registry/Liability Waiver.
19. Ammunition can ONLY be sold at the range to SAF Members.
20. Ammunition can only be removed from the range when a member presents a valid firearms license.
21. The Calibre & Quantity of ammunition to be sold to an individual will be the same as listed on their firearms license.
22. Apart from .22 Calibre and 12 gauge Shotgun Ammunition. Anyone wanting to purchase and shoot any other types of ammunition must contact the Armourer or Assistant Armourer at least 24 hours in advance.
23. Firearms and Alcohol, Grog or Drugs do not, and never will, Mix!
24. The Range Master or any Safety Officer, has the authority to expel any member or visitor who does not adhere to the rules and regulations while on the range.
25. It is the responsibility of all SAF (Shooting Association of Fiji) Members to learn these rules and regulations. It is also their responsibility to make sure they are upheld.

**Note:** For the Safety and well being of all participants on the range it is crucial if any individual or individuals, who fail to follow these above rules and regulations can and will be expelled from the range depending on the severity of the offense.

**Contact Info:** Armourer's Phone No. 707-8844. A/Armourer's Phone No. 737-6319

