

DEFINITIONS

- BENCH LOADING – LONGARM.** A shooter may load his firearm at a bench or stand to the rear of the firing line. The firearm may be fully loaded but not capped or primed at the loading bench.
- BENCH LOADING – PISTOL.** All handguns must be loaded on the bench or table that forms the actual firing line of a pistol range.
- CAPLOCK -** A lock that requires a percussion cap be fitted on a nipple and struck to ignite the main charge.
- COACHING.** Defined as reading of the wind, changing of or suggesting sight changes and indicating in any manner when to fire a shot.
- DRIFT ADJUSTABLE.** A sight that may only be adjusted laterally by the use of a hammer and drift.
- FIELD LOADING.** Where all equipment necessary to load and fire a firearm, is carried on the body.
- FIRE LOCK.** A lock that requires a priming pan and source of sparks or embers to ignite the main charge. E.g. match lock, wheel lock, flint lock.
- FIXED TRAP.** Where the clay targets fly in a constant direction and elevation.
- HANGFIRE.** When the cock, hammer or fuse falls on a primed pan or capped nipple and there is an appreciable delay before the main charge ignites.
- MAKE SAFE.** To minimize the risk of the firearm discharging without withdrawing the main charge.
For cap locks, place the lock on half cock and remove the percussion cap.
For flint locks, place the lock on half cock, open the frizzen and remove the prime.
For wheel locks, raise the stone from the wheel, remove the prime and close the pan.
For match locks, remove the matchcord, remove the prime and close the pan.
- MALFUNCTION.** The failure of a firearm to function properly due to a mechanical defect. It does not mean a failure due to improper operation or loading.
- MATCH SPECIFICATIONS.** The details that define the manner in which a shooting match is to be conducted.
- MISFIRE.** When the cock, hammer or fuse falls on a primed pan or capped nipple and no ignition of the main charge takes place.
- RANGE CAPTAIN.** A Club official with responsibility for all shooting activities on club ranges.
- RANGE OFFICER.** A suitably experienced person appointed by the club to assist the Range Captain by taking control of all shooting activities on a particular range for a particular period
- SLOW MATCH.** A piece of cotton cord impregnated with a flammable substance. Used to ignite cannon or matchlock firearms. Also called **MATCHCORD**.
- SMOOTH BORE.** Any small-arm or cannon, the bore of which is not rifled.
- SHOOTING POSITION – BENCH REST.** The barrel or fore-end may be rested on a bench support, but the shooter must support the butt during aiming and firing.
- SHOOTING POSITION – CROSS STICKS.** Cross stick matches will be fired from the sitting position. The rifle is to be steadied by the crossed sticks.
- SHOOTING POSITION – KNEELING/SITTING.** Shall mean kneeling or sitting with the rifle/musket wholly supported by the body.
- SHOOTING POSITION – MOSES STICK.** To be fired from the standing position. The rifle is to be held against the moses stick, which must not be inserted into any hole, nor braced against any item or structure.
- SHOOTING POSITION – OFFHAND.** Shall mean standing on both feet with no other part of the body touching the ground or any other item or structure. The rifle is to be supported by both hands and one shoulder only.
- SHOOTING POSITION - PISTOL STANDING.** Standing unsupported with no part of the body touching the pistol loading bench or other structure.
- SHOOTING POSITION – PRONE.** Shall mean, lying upon the stomach with the rifle/musket wholly supported by the body.
- SHOOTING POSITION – SUPINE.** The shooter lies upon the back with the firearm totally supported by the shoulder, arms and legs.
- SHOTGUN - READY POSITION. GUN UP:** Standing unsupported, with the barrel pointing over the trap house and the butt plate held against the shoulder.
- SHOTGUN - READY POSITION. GUN DOWN:** Standing unsupported with the barrel pointing over the trap house and the butt plate held below the level of the elbow.
- UNSAFE FIREARM.** Any firearm that the RO considers will create an unacceptable safety risk if fired, or which continues to malfunction after three (3) attempts to rectify a problem. Some indicators are; hammers not engaging securely at full cock, gas leakage around threaded sections of the barrel, barrel not properly secured to stock, obvious breaks or cracks in the stock etc.
- WINDAGE.** The difference between the bore diameter and the diameter of the projectile in a cannon, or a lateral adjustment to sights.