

SOUTHERN GAUTENG SPORTS SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

ALBERTON SPORTS SHOOTING CLUB.

MANDATORY AND ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS, VISITORS AND OFFICIALS

The shooting and leisure facilities at Alberton Sports Shooting Club are there for all our members and bona fide visitors and guest to enjoy. With a large number of members and visitors, it is important to ensure that the use of these facilities is set within guidelines understood by all and for the benefit of all.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct and Safety Regulations is to provide members, visitors and guest of the Alberton Sports Shooting Club with a guide for the sharing and use of these facilities in a safe and responsible manner.

Non-adherence to this Code of Conduct and Safety Regulations can lead to disciplinary action taken by the management committee of Alberton Sports Shooting Club.

- Members, visitors and the guest of the Alberton Sports Shooting Club are encouraged and expected to:
 - show positive acts of sportsmanship, discouraging all instances of foul or illegal play/competition, or acts of violence or unbecoming behavior, both on and off the shooting ranges;
 - demonstrate the greatest levels of respect, protecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, race, ability / disability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
 - lead by positive example by accepting that the integrity of the sport of target shooting is of paramount importance; and
 - -conduct himself or herself in a manner that is not unbecoming of a member/visitor or which is actually or potentially harmful to the interests of the club or brings or may bring the sport of target shooting into disrepute.
- Members, visitors and the guest of the Alberton Sports Shooting Club shall therefore, at all times:
 - Be a good sport;
 - Participate within the rules of the particular shooting discipline he/she is participating in and always honors both the spirit and letter of the competition and safety rules to live up to the highest ideals of ethics, fair play and

- sportsmanship; • Always respect fellow shooters, competitors, scorers and the judge's decision;
- Never engages in disrespectful conduct of any sort including vulgarity, sledging, offensive remarks, hurtful or other actions that are demeaning to other members, fellow competitors, visitors, clients or club officials and staff members;
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available by the club to participate in the sport and leisure of target shooting.
- Firearms are to be treated as loaded and at all times, to be handled with the utmost respect.
 - ALL members shall sign the Member's Indemnity Form to be kept on record by the club and ALL visitors, ad hoc participants and/or guests are required to sign the attendance and indemnity register upon arrival at the club. No visitors or guest may shoot without obtaining approval from club management.
- No persons may tamper with or adjust timers unless specifically authorized to do so by a club official or committee member.
- Range officers and scorers must at all times be treated with respect and shooters are to adhere to their instructions.
- No alcohol is to be consumed by shooters until they have completed shooting for the day. No liquor is allowed onto any range.
- It is mandatory to wear proper ear and eye protection on all ranges. This includes shooters, Range officers and scorers.
- It is forbidden to touch another person's gun without the owner's consent.
- It is forbidden to aim at or wilfully shoot at animals or birds on the club grounds.
- Shooting and sighting may only be practiced on shooting stations in accordance with the rules of the various disciplines.
- It is forbidden to aim or shoot at another shooter's target.
- Empty cartridge cases and boxes must be placed in the bins provided and not thrown on the ground.
- Any unnecessary noise or comment on a shooting station is generally regarded as unsportsmanlike. The use of abusive language is strongly discouraged and members/visitors shall not communicate with others in a threatening, harassing or abusive manner.

- No person is permitted onto the range whilst shooting is in progress, unless they are part of the shooting squad, range officer, scorer, or an official club designated shooting coach.
- Only the duty officer of the day or committee members are permitted in the office to organize squadding and handle score slips.
- No coaching will be allowed on the shooting station during normal competition shooting.

● Safe Loading and Firing:

- Shooters to ensure the correct ammunition cartridges are used.
- Cartridges must only be loaded into the firearm on the command load.
 - Firearms must always be pointing down range.
 - After firing, the shooter must not turn around with the firearm until the range officers declares the range safe.
- At all times, the shooter must be aware of the background to the shooting range/target trajectory and be alert to any possible danger for anyone or anything in the background.
 - In the case of a failure to fire, the firearm must be kept pointing down range. If a failure to fire occurs in a competition, the specific rules for that discipline should apply but generally the firearm should be kept facing down range until inspected by the range officer
- In keeping with the vision of the club to provide a family environment, children are welcome. Parents or custodians are requested to ensure that their children adhere to the Code of Conduct and Safety Regulations at all times.
- Only duly authorized and appropriately qualified adults and children are permitted to shoot. Visitors to the club must be introduced to a Club committee member to ensure that if they want to shoot that they read this Code of Conduct and Safety Rules and sign the attendance register. The Club Manager will ask one of the committees appointed members to assist the visitor on the range and introduce him or her to the discipline if they have no previous experience.
- Respectable clothing to be worn at all times. No military wear or military bags of any type are permitted, including military camouflage trousers, shirts, jackets, hats/caps or shoes. Furthermore, no civilian clothing made with a camouflage print of any description is permitted.
- Members or visitors may not remove any property of the club from the club's premises, except with the express permission of the club management.

- The primary responsibility of the clubs committee is to provide excellent service to the members and their guests and it is imperative that they be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.

●Any damage to the club's property is the liability of the member, visitor or shooter

concerned

- It is not permitted to remove food or beverages (except bottled water or soft drinks) from the club's premises, nor will members or visitors bring their own beverages to the club premises.
- All members and guests are obliged to acquaint themselves with these rules and be aware of the penalties, which may result from the violation of the said rules.
- No smoking is allowed in the club house or on any Sporting ranges where it may create a fire hazard.
- In order to retain the integrity and good name of the Club, any case of abusive behaviour to fellow shooters or members or visitors and any case of dishonesty will be thoroughly investigated if necessary, disciplinary action will be taken by the management committee of Alberton Sports Shooting Club.
- Minor violations of these rules normally incur a warning in the first instance. If a serious violation or a disregard of these rules has been committed with intent or repeated, the shooter will either be excluded from the shoot and/or club premises and subjected to other appropriate disciplinary action as may be determined by the management committee in accordance with the Constitution and Disciplinary Regulations of the Alberton Sports Shooting Club.

NOTE: In addition to the above, ALL Firearm Regulations, SAPF Rules and Regulations and any other Alberton Sports Shooting Club Safety Regulations as determined from time to time, are to be strictly adhered to at all times.