



# OXFORD UNIVERSITY

## RIFLE CLUB

### Range Protocols

1. Any rifle is to be treated as though it is loaded until the individual in charge of that rifle has satisfied themselves (and the RCO) that it is not.
2. Breech flags are always to be used, and only removed on the firing point with the explicit permission of the Range Conducting Officer.
3. The bolt must only be closed after the rifle is in the shoulder and pointing horizontally down range.
4. Specifically, rifles shall not have the bolt closed while the barrel is at an angle of 45 degrees or more above the horizontal.
5. A range shall be, as far as is practical, free from distractions to the shooters for safety reasons. To this end, there shall be no:
  - Shouting or swearing
  - Excessive noise
  - Conduct likely to cause alarm.
6. All range activities are under the control of the Range Conducting Officer and his/her word is final. No disagreement may be pursued within the range or while firing is going on.
7. Use of violent, confrontational or intimidating behaviour or language towards any individual shows disrespect and may be regarded as harassment. Any occurrence of this during a range session will result in the persons concerned being expelled from the range and potentially subject to further disciplinary action.
8. Persistent or serious misbehaviour on a range may result in disciplinary action by the Committee, referral to a disciplinary committee of a National Governing Body, or referral to higher bodies as the Committee sees fit.

### Specific rules for postal competitions:

1. Use a spotting scope.
2. Shoot the rounds ON TIME and IN ORDER
3. **NEVER** insert a gauge (or anything else) into a shot hole. Use an optical gauge if you strongly feel the urge to check a shot.
4. Ensure that your shot card has been:
  - Named (if your name is not shown on the sticker).
  - Signed by yourself.
  - Signed by a witness (who should be listed as a nominated scorer and be present in the range at the time of shooting).
  - Dated – note the WITNESS must date the card not the firer.
5. Do not discuss scores while there is still shooting taking place (i.e., before or between details).
6. Cross-lane shooting is not permitted: If somebody does, the target should be signed by the offending shooter next to the shot hole or aiming mark with the cross shot.
7. Competition cards, shot or otherwise, should not leave the range except for posting.