

ITSC Practical CO2/Air Weapon Range Guidance

The Range officer is responsible for the whole range. At all times they must be aware of the conduct and safety of people not only on the firing line but also those to the rear and sides of the firing line.

The range officer can nominate a competent person who is familiar with the practices being shot to run the shooting detail on his behalf.

The Range Officer / Competent person is to appoint Safety supervisors who are to be briefed as to their responsibilities and the practices being shot.

A Maximum of **one** shooter at any one time is permitted on the firing line.

Standing, kneeling and sitting positions only at distances up to a maximum of 20 meters.

Single, Double or semi-automatic actions only.

Pistols up to 6ft/lbs or Rifles up to 12ft/lbs only. Air, Springer and CO2 weapons only firing steel, copper or lead pellets or BB's only. **No Airsoft weapons are permitted.**

Best Practice 1: The active shooter must be accompanied by an RO or safety supervisor at all times whilst on the firing line. All loaded weapons must be kept pointing in a safe direction at all times.

Best Practice 2: Pistols/ Rifles must be kept boxed or sleeved until they are in the loading area. This area must have its own designated safety supervisor. Magazines may only be loaded once in the loading area and after instructed to do so by the RO/SS. **Unloaded** pistols may be holstered once in the loading area whilst waiting to enter the range. No weapon shall be loaded or made ready until on the firing line and instructed to do so by the RO/SS.

Best Practice 3:

The course of fire should be displayed in the loading area in a prominent position along with these guidelines. Safety glasses **must** be worn whilst on the firing line.

Immediate action drill: Stoppages are to be cleared by the shooter. If the shooter is unable to clear the stoppage or the weapon has malfunctioned, the RO/SS should instruct the shooter to apply safe if possible and move to the Fumble/Safety area. This is to allow the range to be cleared for the next shooter whilst the situation is rectified. Due to the type of weapons being used the 30 second misfire procedure will not apply however care should be taken whilst removing empty gas bottles.

End of detail: The shooter is given the order to unload and show clear. The RO/SS must inspect all weapons used before returning to the loading area. The magazine should be removed where possible and the weapon holstered or kept pointing at the ground whilst walking back to the loading area. Due to the nature of the course layout the SS should verbally confirm with the RO the weapon is clear. Once in the loading area the weapon should be stored if shooting another detail or sleeved and removed from the range.

All empty magazines, empty gas cartridges should be recovered by the shooter once the range is clear.

Words of Command

In the loading area:

1. "You may remove pistols or rifles from their slips/Boxes"
2. "You may load magazines only"

Start sequence:

1. "Next shooter to the line"
2. (Once at the start position)"Load"
3. "Make ready"
4. "Are you ready?" (Shooter should reply Yes or No)
5. "Shooter, start on the beep/ Whistle"

End of detail:

1. "Unload and show clear" Safety supervisors should verbally confirm clear back to the RO
2. "You may holster your pistol"
3. "Move back to the loading area keeping un-holstered weapons pointing to the ground"

Re-entering loading area:

1. "The range is clear. Targets may be re-set"