NDHQ Small Arms Team – Range Safety Briefing

**1. RANGE CONDUCT**

Welcome to Connaught . The conduct of today’s range will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The number of rounds expended in today’s practice is \_\_\_\_ rounds per person. Broken into 2-3 relays, each relay will have \_\_\_\_\_ rounds to zero on a \_\_\_\_\_\_ target on a screen followed by \_\_\_\_ rounds \_\_\_\_\_\_ practice in the prone, kneeling and standing positions at \_\_\_\_ m before switch relays.

**2. STAFF INTRODUCTION**

OIC

RSO

ARSOs

First Aider

**3. RANGE LAYOUT**

1. First aid point – Consists of a stretcher and first aid kit. Located \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ammo point – Located \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Administration area – Located \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Firing positions – on positions \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

f. Toilets - point out.

g. Target area- point out.

h. Who is using adjacent ranges – .

**4. RANGE ARCS**

a. The left and right of the range arc is indicated by the left of the target frame of lane number \_\_\_ and the right of the target frame on number \_\_\_\_.

b. **Individual arcs:** The arcs of each individual are the right and left edge of your target lane as indicated by the colored and individual lane markers. **You will not fire outside of your designated arcs.**

**5. FLAGS AND MOVEMENT**

a. Located in 4 separate locations including the main range flags at the gate entrance and the backstop. There will be 2 flags controlling movement on our range which includes the flag butts flag and the shooting line flag.

b. Only **once all personnel in the butts are safely under** cover will the butts flag turn from green to red. **No weapons loaded or loaded** will be on the shooting berm until the shooting line flag turns red. OIC and RSO will all control flag changes and movement.

c. No movement past the shooting line towards the butts will be permitted once the shooting line flag turns red.

**6. WEAPONS SAFETY AND DRILLS**

a. Before the commencement of live fire TOETs and weapons handling for the firearms will be conducted.

b. Weapon safety is all our responsibility! Therefore, if at any time you observe an unsafe act, you have the authority, and are compelled, to stop the range practice by yelling "STOP STOP STOP" at any time.

c. Know the state of your weapon at all times - never assume.

d. The firing lanes are indicated by numbered/colored plates. Shoot from only your designated position.

e. At no time will any weapon be fired outside of its designated arcs;

1. The ARSOs will clear all weapons.
2. Words of command that you will hear on this range are:

(1) **STOP** –emergency cease fire of all weapons, and weapons to be placed on safe and await next command.

(2) **FOR INSPECTION CLEAR WEAPON** – the ARSOs will clear all weapons they are responsible for (with a red light during night firing)

(3) **UNLOAD** –carry out drills as taught;

(4) **LOAD** - carry out drills as taught;

(5) **UNLOAD FOR INSPECTION CLEAR WEAPON** – carry out complete unload followed by the for inspection clear weapon drills as taught;

(6) **RANGE / READY**- carry out drills as taught;

(7) **FIRE / ON YOUR OWN TIME GO ON / WATCH AND SHOOT/ WATCH AND MOVE** etc - carry out drills as taught;

(8) **MAKE SAFE** - complete unload followed by a load. (Do not ready the weapon)

**7. DRESS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

All shooters on the firing line must wear ballistic eye and hearing protection with FFO (tacvest, flak vest with plates and helmet) on the firing point. Ear Defenders and/or Earplugs will be worn by all firers and staff that are within 25 meters of the firing line. The dress for the butts party will be ballistic eyewear and helmet.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

I am in communication directly Range Control through Motorola radio. Butts party and firing line will also be in communication through Motorola radio.

**9. FIRST AIDER**

will be the first aider for this range, they are located (point out again). There is a stretcher, first aid kit, a range safety vehicle pointed towards the egress route. Life threatening injuries will be immediately treated by the First Aider and OIC/RSO will coordinate initiate the 911 response through range control. Do not call 911 yourself.

**10. AMMUNITION SAFETY**

There will be NO tampering with ammunition. Smoking is not permitted within **50 meters** of the ammunition. If you have ammunition left over when you have finished firing, return it to the ammunition point.

**11. ACTION ON AN ACCIDENT**

a. All firing will stop; weapons placed on safe / cleared, firing will have to stop until the cause is determined.

b. Administer first aid to the casualties and evacuate if necessary.

c. The area will be cordoned off (personnel not directly involved with the incident at hand, will be moved to the Admin area).

d. RSO will contact the range control to coordinate evacuation.

e. The weapon will not be moved until cleared by the weapons Technical Officer.

f. Further firing of the ammunition lot will halt pending the outcome of an investigation.

g. Statements will be taken.

h. RSO will file a report and ensure the chain of command is notified.