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Range Approval

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Dear Mr. Oliver,

**RANGE APPROVAL UNDER THE FIREARMS ACT 1973 (WA)
Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range**

Under Section 5A(3) Firearms Act 1973 (WA) (**Firearms Act**), and by way of a signed instrument of delegation dated 10 August 2018, the Commissioner has delegated me his powers in relation to the approval of shooting ranges, and all powers and duties under Section 21 of the Firearms Act.

The Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range, was recently subjected to a range inspection and assessment. The range complex is approved for the purpose of Section 8(1)(m) of the Firearms Act and Regulation 6(3) of the Firearms Regulations 1974 (WA) (**the Regulations**), being:

- i. Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range is located at 210 Jules Steiner Memorial Drive WHITEMAN WA 6068.

Range Approval and Conditions

The Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range is an approved range complex for the purpose of Section 8(1)(m) of the Firearms Act and Regulation 6(3) the Regulations, subject to the following conditions imposed under Section 21(1) of the Firearms Act:

1. The approval holder is the West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc).

Point of Contact between the Approval Holder and the Western Australia Police Force, Licensing Services (Firearms)

2. The Secretary of the West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc) will be the point of contact for all communications that occur between Licensing Services (Firearms) and West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc) in relation to the Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range.
3. Any application under the Firearms Act in relation to the Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range approval shall be made on the behalf of the West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc) by the Secretary of the West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc).

Type of firearms and ammunition that can be used at Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range

4. Only the following types of firearms and ammunition can be used at the Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range.

a)	Firearm type	Outdoor Ranges A, B and C: Rimfire Rifles, Air Rifles.
b)	Calibres	Outdoor Ranges A, B and C: 0.22LR Rimfire, 0.177 Air, 0.22 Air.
c)	Projectile types	Outdoor Ranges A, B and C: Lead unjacketed, Pellets.

a)	Firearm type	Indoor Ranges D and E: Rimfire Rifles, Air Rifles.
b)	Calibres	Indoor Ranges D and E: 0.22LR Rimfire and 0.177 Air.
c)	Projectile types	Indoor Ranges D and E: Lead unjacketed, Pellets.

Proper construction of the Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range Complex

5. The Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range must be constructed in accordance with the following specifications.

a)	Distance of firing lines to target.	Outdoor Ranges A, B and C: 20, 50 and 90 metres. Indoor Ranges D and E: 10 and 20 metres.
b)	Range Width.	Outdoor Ranges A, B and C: 56 metres. Indoor Ranges D and E: 16 metres.

c)	Targets frames.	Outdoor Range A, B and C: Constructed with penetrable, defended material. Indoor Range D and E: Constructed with Non-penetrable material, defended.
d)	Range boundary and safety signs, fencing and flags.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. signs must be erected and maintained at the boundaries of the range complex in order to warn the public of the existence of a shooting range and the use of firearms, and to demarcate range boundaries; ii. the outdoor range perimeter must be fenced; iii. warning flags must be erected at the range entry gate and club house shooting point; iv. The indoor range must have signs displayed at all range entry points indicating that the area is a rifle range; and; v. If the indoor range is approved for multiple types of firearms, the words "Firearm Range – Danger, Keep Out" or similar should be used for the signs referred to in condition 5(d)iv.

Proper maintenance of the shooting range complex

- 6. There must be a written Maintenance Program detailing the maintenance activities that are required to ensure that the range is properly maintained.
- 7. The outdoor range must be properly maintained (see Note 2), which must include regular maintenance to remove or cover all hard material, including de-leading of stop butts/side walls and maintenance of target frames and stands.
- 8. The indoor range must be properly maintained (see Note 2), which must include regular maintenance to remove or cover all hard material, including de-leading of bullet traps, cleaning of floors, maintenance of target frames and stands, and regular cleaning of the ventilation system.

Safe operation of the shooting range complex

- 9. Except as provided in these conditions, all shooting at the range complex is to be conducted in accordance with the **Whiteman Park Smallbore Rifle Range Standing Orders (The Standing Orders)**. The Standing Orders must include provisions relating to authority to use the range, safety regulations and range management.
- 10. Standing Orders are to be displayed in a prominent location at the shooting range.
- 11. When shooting is occurring at the range complex:

- a) the range perimeter gates must be securely locked closed and boundary fences must be in a position to prevent unauthorised access onto the range complex; and
 - b) during daylight hours, the warning flags referred to in condition 5(d)(iii) must be flying.
12. Each range must be controlled by a suitably trained Range Officer (see Note 3) at all times at which it is in use.
13. A person acting as a Range Officer must not participate in shooting at any time while controlling the range. (see Note 3)

Written Range Sign-In Register

14. A written Range Sign-In Register must be maintained, and:
- a. Every person shooting at the range complex must enter in the register:
 - i. the date of the shooting;
 - ii. their full name;
 - iii. signature;
 - iv. Western Australia Firearm Licence number if held, or if not held, provide details of an Australian Driver's Licence, passport number, or other proof of identity;
 - v. and whether they are a member of the West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc), or a guest.
15. Each entry must be witnessed by the Range Officer referred to in Condition 12 (see Note 4).
16. The original written Range Sign-In Register entries must be retained in the possession of the approval holder for 3 years from the date of entry.

Insurance

17. The approval holder must be in possession of, and maintain, a public liability insurance policy that accommodates all shooting and other activities undertaken at the range complex.
18. A Certificate of Currency for public liability insurance policy referred to in Condition 17 must be retained in the possession of the approval holder for 3 years from the date of the policy expiry date.

Ensuring compliance to conditions

19. If the contents of any of the following documents, or specified part of the document, are amended at any time, a copy of the document with the amendments clearly marked must be provided to the Officer in Charge (OIC), Licensing Services Firearms (see Note 5) as soon as practicable, and in any event no later than 28 days after those amendments are made.
- i Maintenance Program referred to in Conditions 6;
 - ii Standing Orders referred to in Condition 9;
 - iii West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc) Constitution; and
 - iv West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc) By-Laws.

20. Upon being given 7 days written notice by the OIC (see Note 6), or a person performing that function, the approved holder must, at a time specified or otherwise agreed by the OIC:
- a) Permit any member of the Western Australia Police Force to enter the range complex and premises in order to conduct an inspection of the range complex;
 - b) Make available for inspection by any member of the Western Australia Police Force:
 - i. Maintenance Program referred to in condition 6;
 - ii. Standing Orders referred to in condition 8;
 - iii. the Range Sign-In Register referred to in Condition 13;
 - iv. the Certificate of Currency referred to in Condition 17;
 - v. Club Constitution; and
 - vi. Club By-Laws.
 - c) Permit any member of the Western Australia Police Force to make copies of the documents referred to in condition 19 (b) and, if necessary, to take possession of and uplift them for this purpose. If any documents are uplifted for this purpose they must be returned within 3 clear days.

Notes

1. For the purpose of Condition 6, 'properly maintained' means maintained in a safe operational condition and according to the specifications set out in the 'Range Inspection Checklist Sheet'.
2. For the purpose of condition 7 and 8, 'properly maintained' means maintained in a safe operational condition, and according to the specifications set out in the 'Range Inspection Checklist and written Maintenance Program'.
3. For the purpose of Conditions 12, 13 and 15 a suitably trained Range Officer is a person who has undertaken a Range Officer training course conducted by:
 - a) West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association;
 - b) Sporting Shooters Association of Australia;
 - c) West Australian Rifle Association;
 - d) West Australian Pistol Association;
 - e) International Practical Shooting Confederation;
 - f) Australian Defence Force;
 - g) Western Australia Police Force; or
 - h) Any other Range Officer training course approved in writing by the OIC of Licensing Services Firearms.
4. For the purpose of Condition 15, a Range Officer shall indicate they have witnessed each entry by signing once on each page of the Sign-In Register on which there are relevant entries.
5. For the purpose of Condition 19, documents may be provided to the OIC by any of the following methods:
 - a) By email to LicensingServicesFirearms@police.wa.gov.au
 - b) By post to Licensing Services, Locked Bag 9, East Perth, WA 6892; or

- c) By hand delivery to Licensing Enforcement Division, 303 Sevenoaks Street, Cannington. Hand delivered documents must be clearly marked for the attention of the Officer in Charge, Licensing Services Firearms.
6. For the purpose of Condition 20, written notice will be taken to be given to the approval holder:
- a) When the OIC or a person performing that function sends an email to secretary@wasra.asn.au or any other email address nominated in writing by the Secretary, of the West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc); or
 - b) 5 business days after written notice is sent by ordinary post to:

West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (Inc),
PO Box 2295
MALAGA PO WA 6944
7. Condition 20 is not intended to restrict or otherwise affect police powers that may be exercised under Sections 24 and 26 of the Firearms Act, or under the Criminal Investigation Act 2006 (WA).
8. There is no expiry date for this approval, however, under Section 20(2) of the Firearms Act, the conditions imposed may be varied from time to time.
9. A breach of, or failure to observe, any of the above conditions may result in:
- a) This range approval being revoked or varied under Section 20(1) of the Firearms Act; and/or
 - b) Prosecution under Section 21(2) of the Firearms Act of any person, whether the approval holder or not, who ought reasonably to have known of the existence of the conditions.



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