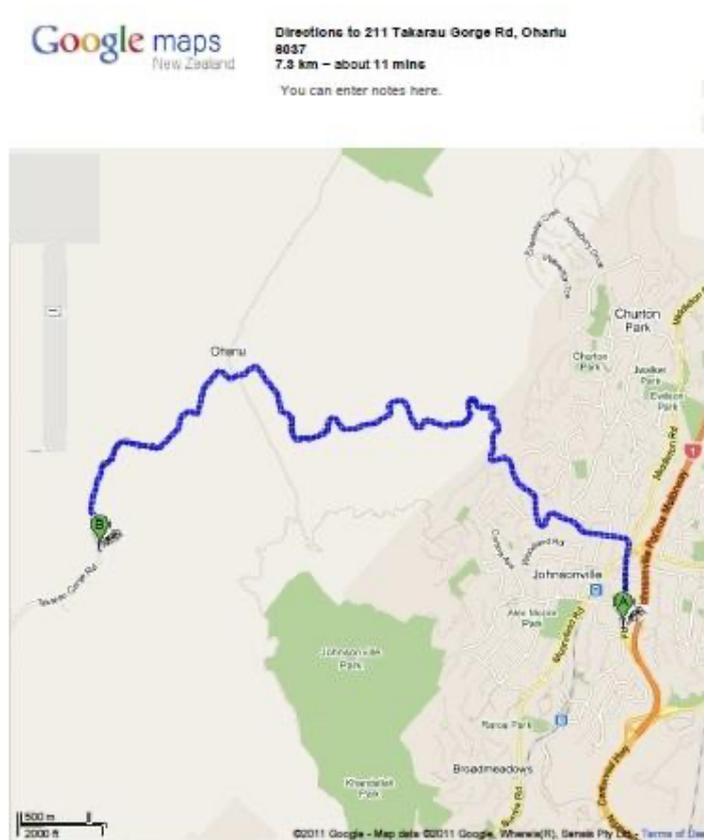


## RANGE STANDING ORDERS – November 2019

Ohariu Rifle Range is located on private farm property at 211 Takarau Gorge Road at approximately grid reference NZTM E1747828 N5435118

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### 1. Range Operation

This range will operate on Sundays between the hours of 9.00am and 1.00pm on those days designated in the Shooting Programme OR as authorised by the Committee, **only whilst a Range Officer is in attendance**. The Range Officer may, upon request, permit shooting to continue up to 3.00pm **subject to his own discretion and authority**.

Any person wishing to shoot must arrive prior to 11.00am. On competition days, setup will commence at 9am with the event starting at 10.00am. Casual shooters may shoot alongside competitors where space is available.

The Range is available for the use by NZDA Wellington Branch members and their accompanied supervised guests only.

### 2. Range Officer

The Range Officer is responsible for the safe running of the range. All safety instructions given by the Range Officer are to be obeyed immediately and without question. The Range Officer may instruct a person to leave the range.

### **3. Range Etiquette**

All persons upon arrival at the range must report to the Range Officer. Any person wishing to shoot must legibly enter their name in the Range Book (located in the range hut) and pay their range fee prior to shooting.

All shooters must be able to produce their firearm licence and NZDA Membership card upon request.

### **4. Range Conduct**

#### **4.1 Dogs**

No dogs allowed on site (this includes those left in vehicles).

#### **4.2 Property**

There must be no interference with farm activities, e.g. farm gates and the electric fence are to be left as found. In wet conditions vehicles will be parked either on the hill, or below the top gate, dependent upon the state of the ground.

#### **4.3 Farm Stock Safety**

Shooters must pay attention to the location of farm stock, on or adjacent to the range. Where necessary, all shooting will cease until the animals have been moved to a safe location.

#### **4.4 Neighbours**

The immediate neighbour on the north side of the Range has an agreement with the Branch that there will be no shotgun shooting whilst horses are being exercised. The exercise area is visible from Running Boar Lodge.

#### **4.5 Alcohol**

No alcohol may be consumed whilst the range is in operation.

### **5. Firearms and Ammunition**

#### **5.1 Firearms**

This range is authorised for the use of single-shot, repeating firearms. Pistols and centrefire semi-automatic firearms are not permitted to be used on the Range

### **6. Security**

Shooters are responsible for the security of their firearms and ammunition.

### **7. Handling**

Firearms may not be handled at a firing point whilst persons are forward of that firing point and within the individual range safety area.

All firearms must be handled with care and carried or stored with actions opened.

No person may touch or move another person's firearm or equipment without that person's permission except with the authorisation of the Range Officer.

Firearms may be loaded only at the mound and under the control of a Range Officer.

### **8. Reactive Targets**

Metallic silhouettes are permitted for use with rimfire rifles only. Metallic silhouettes are to be placed at a safe distance from the mound. Shooters are required to use the correct firearm and ammunition for rimfire targets.

### **9. 200m Range**

Shooting at 200m is to be arranged with the Range Officer, who will consider the needs of others on the range with priority generally provided to 100m shooting between 9am to 11am. 200m shooting can be undertaken after 11am with approval from the Range Officer.

Designated shooting events take priority on the range.  
Prior to the commencement of shooting at 200m all other ranges and all danger areas must be cleared. This includes the Running Boar, 25m, 50m and 100m ranges.

## **10. Range Officer Duties**

### **10.1 Opening the range**

Prior to declaring the range open the Range Officer must ensure that the Range Flag at the Range Hut and the 100m mound have been raised.

### **10.2 Shooter Supervision**

The Range Officer is required to personally supervise OR delegate the supervision of all shooting activity on the range.

### **10.3 Closing the range**

The Range Officer is to ensure that all firing has ceased prior to lowering the Range Flags and that targets/frames are cleared away by the shooters.

## **11. Mound Procedure**

### **11.1 Rifle Handling**

Rifles are to point downrange at all times. No rifles may be handled while people are forward of the mound. No rifle may be loaded until the command has been given by the Range Officer.

### **11.4 Occupational Safety and Health**

The Range Officer, shooters, and any observers on the mound are required to use adequate ear protection (Grade 3 minimum).

*Safety glasses are recommended for the testing of handloads and when firing disused/older rifles.*

### **11.6 Departing the mound**

No shooter may leave the mound without being cleared by the Range Officer.

### **11.7 Firing Line**

Prior to the commencement of firing the Range Officer will ensure that the shooters are properly lined up. This is to ensure safety and avoid shooters being bothered by muzzle blast.

### **11.8 Misfires and Malfunctions**

A misfire or malfunction is to be immediately reported to the Range Officer, who will issue appropriate instructions to the shooter.

### **11.9 Emergency**

The Range Officer will call out 'STOP', 'UNLOAD' and deal with the emergency.

## **12. Range Commands**

### **12.1 START**

On the command 'Range Open', shooters may load their rifles and commence firing.

### **12.2 STOP**

On the command 'STOP, Range Closed', shooters will cease firing, unload their rifles and work the action to ensure that a round is not left in the breech.

### **12.3 UNLOAD**

On the command 'UNLOAD', shooters will cease firing, unload their rifles and work the action to ensure that a round is not left in the breech.

Self-loading rifles must be locked open.