

Amenities - locations

- Toilet facilities – location next to Clubhouse and also some located on 100m HMR. None on main range.
- Club house/s and range complex layout – general orientation.

Range Safety

- Speed limit of 15kmh and parking in designated areas only.
- Must remain behind the firing point at all times (red flag on mound).
- Whilst in the butts, you must remain in target gallery area at all times, below the parapet.
- All instructions from the Range Officer and Butts Officer must be immediately followed.
- On the main range - maximum 8mm calibre for centrefire smokeless cartridge rifles and lower velocity, lead projectile only calibres for black powder cartridge or muzzle loaders are permitted up to 0.75 inch.
- On the 100m range – maximum of 22 cal rifles or pistol calibre rifles only.
- Magnum rifle calibres are NOT permitted at Hornsby Rifle Range.
- No rifles on the mound until the range is declared OPEN by the Range Officer
- No bolts in firearms until rifle is on mound and instructed by the Range Officer
- General handling of firearms behind the firing line is to be limited to moving the firearm from the car to the firing line.
- Single loading for all application matches.
- Magazine loading only when directed by the Range Officer (e.g load 5 rounds).
- Magazines must not be pre-loaded behind the firing line and must only be loaded on the mound.
- Bolts may only be closed when the rifle is in the shoulder pointing at the target and you have received the command to commence firing in an application match or ACTION INSTANT.
- Firearms must be inspected twice and declared clear with bolt removed before being removed from the mound/firing point.
- Hearing protection is recommended to be worn while shooting and when spectating and also whilst in the butts.
- P650 shooters will be supervised at all times while shooting by a club member who holds AB cat NSW Firearm's Licence.
- P650 shooters must not handle firearms unless they are supervised and on the mound ready to shoot.
- There are three first aid kits - located in the Clubhouse, also with the Range Officer on the mound and also in the butts.

Range Etiquette

- No loud talking behind the firing line (distracts the shooters and impedes the understanding of the RO's instructions being heard).
- In a practice session - time limit of 15 minutes on the mound.
- Each shooter must also do butts duty and mark targets.
- Shooter to be ready with all equipment ready to shoot behind the firing line when called by the RO.
- Go to butts immediately when requested, usually immediately following your detail.

Club Etiquette

- Wash up the cups and plates you use, honour fridge for drinks and BBQ, put the appropriate \$ in container.
- Help with club activities such as butts duty, flags, bin emptying, BBQ, scores, target and club maintenance.

General

- If unlicensed OR your firearms licence does not list TARGET SHOOTING as a genuine reason – a P650 form must be completed and authorised by a 18Bn Committee Member before being allowed to participate.
- If licensed – your NSW Firearms licence must be produced when registering for a shoot and be kept with you at all times.
- If you are not sure about anything, ASK before acting

Eighteenth Battalion Memorial Rifle Club (18B)

P650 Visitors and Licenced Visitors – Basic Instruction Overview

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A P650 Declaration must be completed by an unlicensed person (and authorised by a 18B Executive) before they may shoot at a 18B event. The unlicensed shooter must read and familiarise themselves with the NSW Police Firearms Registry P650 Declaration Fact sheet to understand their legal obligations prior to completing the P650 Declaration. Photo ID such as a driver's licence or passport must be presented with the completed P650. The 18B has the authority to prohibit a person from undertaking shooting at the Hornsby Rifle Range in 18B events.

An approved P650 shooter is permitted to shoot after joining as a Temporary Member and whilst under direct supervision by a NSW licenced shooter, who will be present with the P650 shooter on the firing line. P650 shooters are not permitted to handle firearms or ammunition except on the firing line under direct supervision of a NSW licenced Club Member.

On the completion of their shooting the P650 shooter is required to immediately drive to the Butts to complete Butts duty (target marking). Please read the Butts Duty Overview below. Note : It is a serious offence for an unlicensed person to possess live ammunition, the P650 shooter must not take any live ammunition from the firing line.

Basic Safety Rules for all Shooters

The 18B Safe Shooting Rules (SSR) and the Range Standing Orders (RSO) and Range and Butts Officer Guide provides detailed range protocol and safety information and is available from the 18B website and in person from the 18B clubhouse. P650 shooters and all licenced visitors must read this induction document as a number of the key safety and range protocol matters from the RSO and SSR are summarised below:

1. The Range Officer (wearing a high vis jacket) is in control of all activities on the rifle range. All commands from the Range Office must be immediately followed.
2. A licenced supervisor will provide a rifle and ammunition for the P650 holder on the firing mound when it is their turn to shoot and after the Range Officer commands 'The Range is Open'. The supervisor may also load the ammunition into the rifle for the P650 holder.
3. All range attendees must remain behind the firing line at all times when the range is OPEN.
4. Hearing protection (ear muffs/plugs) is recommended on or near the mound and in the butts.
5. The rifle must always be pointed down range and towards the numbered target that the shooter has been assigned.
6. When the Range Officer (RO) gives the command to 'Load' either the supervisor or the shooter is permitted to load either single or multiple rounds as directed, finger is NOT to be placed on the trigger and the bolt is to be left open (ie no rounds are chambered).
7. When the RO asks 'Are You Ready' the shooter must verbally advise if they are NOT READY to proceed.
8. On the RO's command 'Action Instant' the shooter is to shoulder the rifle, aim the rifle at their target area and close the bolt, chambering a round, with the trigger finger kept outside the trigger guard.
9. On the RO's command 'Watch and Shoot' the trigger finger is placed on the trigger, the rifle is sighted at the target and shooting may commence when the target appears.
10. Some shooting events involve firing a single round when the target appears and other events involve firing multiple rounds (be that 2 or 5) when the target appears, sometimes within a specified period of time, such as 30 seconds or 60 seconds.
11. If the rifle has any form of malfunction or if a round does not fire the shooter is to remove their finger from the trigger and whilst keeping the rifle pointing down range is to signal for assistance. The shooter is not to attempt to fix any problem.
12. On the RO's command 'Unload' or 'Stop' or 'Cease Fire' all firing is to immediately cease, the rifle bolt is to be opened and the supervisor will assist in removing any unfired rounds.
13. On completion of the event the bolt is to be removed from the rifle (assisted by the supervisor) and the rifle will be inspected twice to ensure there are no live rounds in the rifle, whilst it remains pointing down range. The supervisor will pack up the rifle and any remaining ammunition for a P650 shooter.
14. Unintended discharge of a round, be that accidental or negligent, when a bolt is closed or by pulling a trigger before the RO gives the command to shoot is a serious matter and may result in cessation of your participation in an event. **Keep your finger off the trigger until the RO commands 'Watch and Shoot'.**

A condition of shooting at an 18B event is to undertake target marking (Butts Duty) unless an exemption is granted, specifically for competitors who have a disability or are physical frail (eg very advanced age) which does not allow them to mark. Setting up, putting away and operating the marking equipment requires moderate physical effort. Once a competitor finishes shooting in an event they must promptly pack up and secure their firearm and immediately go the butts to provide marking duty for the next squad. Competitors who have setup the targets and commence an event in the butts are generally assigned the last shooting squad of the day to avoid them doing double butts duty. The final marking squad is generally expected to put away targets. **Do not hesitate to ask for advice on marking procedure (it is important).**

Safety Warning: The butts equipment comprises mechanically operated steel equipment including moving steel frames, counterweights, pulleys and steel wires. It is imperative that all parts of the markers body are kept away from moving pulleys, wires and sliding frame components during the operation of the equipment or injury may result. Markers must obey any safety and marking operation instructions given by the Butts Officer. All movement in the markers gallery during an event must be done under the parapet, under no circumstances shall a marker walk behind the butts equipment during an event. It is strongly recommended markers wear hearing protection and eye protection whilst marking.

		
<p>Target raised from markers perspective. Marker inserted to illustrate prior shot. Raise and lower by hand grasping the horizontal steel bar between target posts only.</p>	<p>Rear view of target frame with target lowered showing counterweights and wires / pulleys (keep body away from moving parts). Never go behind target frame during an event.</p>	<p>Target lowered showing scoring numbers located in each corner and wedges inserted to keep target stable in frame. Note dirt mound behind targets, watch there for shot impact.</p>
		
<p>1) Following shot (observe dirt behind target to watch for impact) lower frame, insert marker (white marker against black) and patch prior hole.</p>	<p>2) Raise target and position wand over marker to alert shooter to position of marker (use orange marker over white areas for contrast).</p>	<p>3) Then position wand over the appropriate number on the target to confirm the score for the shot (2, 3, 4, 5 or V) for a few seconds.</p>

Targets comprise a white centre bullseye, the inner 'V' ring gives a score of 5.1, then a 5 ring, then 4 within the outer black ring, 3 within the inner white ring and 2 in the space between outer ring and the edge of the frame