



## Safety Code

Safety with any type of firearm is the responsibility of everyone participating in shooting. The following safety rules MUST be observed at all times whilst on the Club premises. The two most fundamental rules are:

- Always treat your gun as loaded.
- Never point a gun at anyone

The majority of the other rules arise from the application of these two rules in different circumstances.

## Handling a Gun

When you get out your gun, check that it is unloaded and that it is not cocked.

Before handing your gun to another person, always show that the gun is unloaded.

When you put your gun away, check that it is unloaded and that it is not cocked.  
NEVER put a gun away that is loaded.

When you are given a gun, check that it is unloaded and that it is not cocked. If you don't know how to do this, ask the owner.

Never pick up a gun without the permission of the owner.

Remember that it is better to check that a gun is unloaded 100 times too often than once not enough!

## Operating a Gun

Keep the gun pointing down range when in use.

Load the gun pointing down range.

If you are using a break barrel or under-lever, where the breach could snap shut on your fingers, keep hold of the barrel/cocking lever when loading the pellet.

## Moving Around with the Gun

Never move between lanes or on the zero range with a loaded gun.

When moving between lanes, open the breach and remove any magazines from the rifle.

When carrying the gun, it must not be cocked, magazines must also be removed and the gun carried with the muzzle pointing down.

When moving around the Club grounds please be careful of trip and slip hazards as well as low hanging branches or any hazards that may cause injury. We operate in a field and woodland environment, so care must be exercised at all time.

## Range Commands

Ceasefire - when you hear a SINGLE blast on a whistle.

If when a ceasefire is sounded your gun is loaded you must discharge it safely over the firing line into the ground and it must remain unloaded and pointing down range or at the ground until the ceasefire is ended.

Sighting or shouldering of guns is not allowed during a ceasefire.

TWO blasts of a whistle ends the ceasefire. If in doubt ask someone else.

Please pay attention to the safety briefing before each shoot.

## General

Never cross the firing line, for whatever reason, unless a ceasefire has been called and you are told it is safe to do so by a marshal.

Do not rely on gun safety catches to keep you and others safe.

Observe all the basic safety rules when dry firing.

Please remember this is a gun club not a social club or playground. Whether you are shooting or a spectator, safety is paramount.

If you are a parent or guardian please make sure your child is under supervision at all times and not left to wander about, whether in the car park, on the course or on the zero/practice range.

Please ensure all litter is put in the bin and not on the floor. If you cannot see/find a bin, please put rubbish in your pocket and take it home with you.

Although we have marshals, do not be afraid to correct anyone you see being unsafe.

Whether you consider yourself an 'old hand' or still new to the Club, if you see any new people please approach them and ask if can you help. Do not ignore them hoping someone else will do the "welcome to Swallows FTC" introduction.