



# CLUB RULES & CONDUCT

## INTRODUCTION

*Welcome to the Mornington Field & Game. Once per month, except December, our Club welcomes people who enjoy fun and relaxed, non-competitive clay shooting and a friendly get together. Our Club policy of practice-only aims to provide shooters with opportunity to hone skills for competitive clay target sports and practice to be more effective while field hunting. We also provide a safe and instructive environment for those learning a new sport.*

*Safety information, operating procedures and other pertinent information form the Club Rules and Code of Conduct. At all times, all members and visitors are to adhere to the Rules and Code of Conduct.*

*Safety is number one, so please read on:*

*Matters of safety are paramount. The following chapters cover the Mornington Field & Game's safety rules and procedures that apply to all members and visitors, at all times.*

*There are three sections in this document.*

- 1. Ground Operations, listing club rules and typical schedule of a shoot day.*
- 2. Guns and Ammunition covering your obligations for storage and handling guns and ammunition including details on Club guns, ammunition sales, and*

- 3. General Safety including evacuation in an emergency and personal protective equipment (PPE), first aid including first aid emergencies.*



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## GROUND OPERATIONS

*Setting up the range, ground rules during the day, and packing up at the end of the day.*



*Matters of safety outweigh all other considerations. You must adhere to the below:*

*PPE must be worn, refer to PPE section for more information.*

*All directions of the Safety Officer must be adhered to*



*When guns and ammunition are not in use they are to be locked in your car. Guns and ammunition must not be left unattended.*

*When carrying your gun, the breach must be always open or the bolt in an open backward position and unloaded. Breach flags to be in use where required.*

*Guns are to be always unloaded unless you are in a stand and ready to shoot. Keep muzzles pointed in the direction of the target zone.*

*Typically, no more than 2 shells to be loaded. Should you want to load more than 2 shells, Shooter must inform a Committee member, Committee member must agree, shooter is to inform Trapper.*

*No shells larger than Number 6 to be used.*

*Steel shot only*

*Un-licensed persons shooting must be accompanied by either a licensed member or the Safety Officer or Safety Officer's nominee.*

*Un-licensed persons cannot buy, handle or take home ammunition. Refer to Buying Ammunition section for further information.*

*Minimum age to shoot is 12 years old.*

*Failure to comply with firearms laws will result in you being reported to the District Firearms Officer.*

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### **Etiquette at the Stands**

*The Trapper (person operating the remote at a stand) is in charge. Instructions or safety directions issued from the Trapper are to be followed.*

- *Generally, there are 5 or 6 shooting pads at each stand.*
- *A shooter can select which target is to be released from the trap.*
- *Shooters take turns at calling a target to the Trapper.*
- *In the line up, shooting commences from the left.*
- *Usually targets are thrown in doubles on report, or singles.*
- *If there is an interruption, shooting will re-commence at the next person from the left.*

*Please be mindful of those who wait patiently to access a stand and ensure good sportsmanship for fair access to the stands for everyone.*

*Make sure you place your empty shells into the buckets provided.*

*Unload your firearm before moving from the shooting pad in the stand.*

## Packing Up

We appreciate help at the end of the day with packing up. After the final safety horn has sounded for the day, Committee members will attend the range and disarm the traps.



*DO NOT* walk onto the range past the line of shooting stands.

*All clear will be called.*

*After all clear has been called you can then assist with packing up.*

*Tasks below*

- 1. Do not walk in front of traps, always treat traps as if they are in the cocked position.*
- 2. Collect intact clays and stack same clays in tower on the ground or in the plastic crates provided.*
- 3. Lower the shooting stands to the ground and rest on the timber spacers.*
- 4. Lift batteries into trailer which will come to each trap for collection.*
- 5. Push traps back to storage containers*
- 6. Lift crates of clays into trailer which will collect.*
- 7. Remove the buckets with the empty shells.*
- 8. Remove the safety signs and flags to storage.*
- 9. Remove the safety horn to storage.*



*A Committee member will connect the batteries to the charging station.*

*A Committee member will operate the scissor lift.*



*Mornington Field & Game will not tolerate any skylarking or dangerous and irresponsible behaviour.*

*You will be immediately removed from the ground for any form of dangerous behaviour. If required, Police will be called.*

## GENERAL SAFETY



### EMERGENCIES AND EVACUATION

*In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation, such as fire, everyone is to evacuate via the driveway towards Coolart Road, and disperse away from Coolart Road.*



*Should emergency services need to be contacted, **call 000** and provide location details provided in the Emergency Plan on the following page.*



*If an incident or accident occurs, and emergency services are not required, refer to local numbers provided on the Emergency Plan on the following page.*



*FIRST AID KIT is located at Club room, near reception desk*

*DEFIBRILATOR is located at Disabled toilet, on the inside wall.*

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# Personal Protective Equipment

## WHAT TO WEAR

*Staying safe begins with you. On the day it is a requirement that; 1. specifically you adhere to PPE regulations and 2. in general, you are dressed appropriately for attendance at the ground.*

### Specific PPE



*The following list of PPE is compulsory, no excuses:*

- 1. Hearing Protection  
Bring your own, or the Club will provide disposable foamies, please see reception.*
- 2. Eye Protection  
Eye protection must be worn once you enter the Club ground from the car park. Bring your own, or, if you are in need, you can borrow a pair from reception. Please return them to reception before you leave.*

### Hi Vis Vests

*You will see the following vests worn on the shooting ground:*



- 1. Orange- Committee Member-Safety Officer. All persons on the ground are under the direction of the Safety Officer.*
- 2. Yellow- Un-Licensed Shooters. Wear at all times.*
- 3. Blue- Trappers. Unlicensed shooters to make yourself known to Trapper. Trapper is in charge at a stand. Trappers directions to be followed.*

### General

- 1. Covered Footwear  
No thongs, No sandals, No high heels, No bare feet. Trainers, boots, leather footwear etc all acceptable*
  - 2. Hats  
Hats are preferred, but not essential.*
  - 3. Singlets are discouraged, preference for t-shirts or short sleeve/ long sleeve shirts.*
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