



International Big Game Rifle / Dangerous Game Shoot

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SSAA Big Game Rifle Club (Darwin)
will host the
International Big Game Rifle Shoot
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September 2020

Venue: SSAA Darwin range. 'Mickett Creek Shooting Complex, Brandt Road Darwin.

Events will comprise:

Event	Class	Shots	Ranges	Shooting position
1. Special Snap	Stalking	8	25 meters	Offhand
2. Lion Target	Stalking	4	25 meters	Offhand
3. Boar Target	Stalking	9	75, 50 & 25 meters	3 shots sitting/kneeling, balance, offhand
4. Stopping Rifle	Stopping	12	100, 50 & 25 meters	2 shots sitting/kneeling, balance offhand
5. Australian Deer Rifle (Supplementary event)	243 cal and above	20	200, 100 & 50 meters	variations of shooting sticks, post support and offhand
6. Charging Buffalo. (Supplementary event)	Stopping	6	75, 50 & 25 meters	Offhand
7. Hayley's Hop	Stalking	6	50 & 25 meters	Offhand
8. Stopping Double Rifle	Stopping	10	50 & 25 meters	Offhand
9. Nitro Stopper	Group 3	6	25 meters	Offhand
10. Buffalo Target	Stopping	6	50 & 25 meters	Offhand

2020 Big Game Rifle International Shoot
SSAA Darwin
Mickett Creek Shooting complex
Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th September 2020
Nomination Form
Nominations are to be submitted by 30th June 2020

First Names			
Surname		Date of Birth	
Mailing Address			
		Postcode	
Telephone		Mobile	
Email Address			
Australian competitor: SSAA No & State			
International competitor: Association no & country:			

Event	Calibre & Rifle
1. Special Snap	
3. Lion Target (Stalking class rifles)	
4. Boar Target (Stalking class rifles)	
5. Stopping Rifle (Stopping class rifles)	
5. Aust Deer Rifle (Supplementary event)	
6. Charging Buffalo. (Supplementary event)	
7. Hayley's Hop	
8. Stopping Double Rifle	
9. Nitro Stopper	
10. Buffalo Target (Stopping class rifles)	

Equipment Sharing: If you are sharing rifles with another competitor, please indicate what events you will be sharing in, and with whom:

Nomination fees: If you wish to attend the Dinner, you are required to pay for this when paying your shoot nomination fee.

Please complete:	AUD\$	Tick	AUD\$
Shoot Nomination Fee – Adult (includes all events)	\$ 150.00		
Shoot Nomination Fee – Junior (includes all events)	\$ 35.00		
Social Dinner on Saturday 12 th September 2020.	\$ 70.00		
Additional guests for the dinner /per head	\$ 70.00		
Transaction fee (Applicable to all international transfers)	\$ 20.00		
		TOTAL	\$

Please note that nominations received after Tuesday June 30th 2020 will not be accepted.

Procedure to register your nomination

1. Complete nomination form and email to ntbiggamerifle@gmail.com
2. Make payment via electronic bank transfer into the following account using your name as a reference on the payment so that we can clearly reconcile it

For bank transfers **made within Australia** use the following details

Acc Name: *NT BIG GAME RIFLE CLUB*
BSB: *085-949*
Account: *84-519-3772*

For **International transfers** - All payments and amounts are to be in AUD. Please ensure that you add on the \$20 international transaction fee for each transfer. (to minimize costs, If international teams or clubs wish to combine payments into a single transfer then only one single \$20 transaction fee would apply)

Your bank will require some of the additional following bank account information to successfully make your international transfer

- **Bank:** *National Australia Bank*
- **Bank Address:** *GATEWAY SHOPPING CENTRE
1 ROYSTONEA AVE
YARRAWONGA NT 0830*
- **BIC/SWIFT code:** *NATAAU3303M*
- **BSB (bank, state, branch) and account number:** *BSB: 085-949 Acct No: 84-519-3772*
- **Beneficiary name and address:** *NT BIG GAME RIFLE CLUB
MICKETT CREEK SHOOTING COMPLEX
BRANDT ROAD
KNUCKEY LAGOON NT 0828*

Important:

- Australian banks don't use IBANs.
- Foreign Currency Accounts don't usually require a BSB.
(BSB 082-039 can be provided to the remitter if they request one)

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PERMIT

All persons from overseas who wish to bring Category A, B or H firearms into Australia through the Northern Territory for safari hunting or competition shooting must apply for and be issued an International Visitor's Permit. No International Visitor's Permit will be issued for Category C (pump action or self-loading shotguns only) firearms without the applicant first obtaining approval of the Federal Government to bring the firearm into Australia. No Category D or H firearms will be considered for hunting purposes in Australia.

The police will also issue, a "B709" Importation of Firearms certificate that will allow the firearms to successfully pass through Customs.

All applicants must provide the following details:

- complete an official application for an International Visitor's Permit;
- provide a color passport photograph;
- provide a photocopy of your current Firearms Licence (if applicable);
- provide a photocopy of your current registration certificate for the firearms for which the Permit is required (if applicable);
- provide a full detailed list of all firearms (make, model, serial number, type) and ammunition;
- provide copy of passport; and
- pay prescribed fee as per application.

The NT police website and the application can be found here [visitor permit link](#)

IMPORTANT - These can take up to 6 weeks to process and you must have received your photo license card and import permit documentation before you travel. For those visitors who plan to hunt while in Australia you must include your safari operators details on the same application to avoid doubling up on fees

For anyone who may require assistance with the process please contact Barry Seabrook at ntbiggamerifle@gmail.com

SAFE STORAGE

A requirement of your permit will be the safe storage of firearms. SSAA and Big Game Rifle Club Darwin can assist in providing safe storage of your firearm during your visit

AMMUNITION

To ensure you have adequate ammunition for your rifle, the competition and possible hunting field trips we can offer the following assistance

1. SSAA armoury can pre-order factory rounds of ammunition with enough notice

for those who like to reload and will bring their own dies and brass we can provide access to a bench with couple of presses set up, scales and basic reloading tools

2. SSAA armoury can pre-order propellants from the ADI range of powders as well as primers and projectiles for you
3. Woodleigh Bullets will be in attendance and could provide pre-ordered projectiles
4. Bertram Brass will be in attendance and could provide pre-ordered brass and projectiles

LOAN RIFLES

A number of club members have indicated a willingness to provide loan rifles to our international visitors. For those wishing to use loan rifles then ammunition will be best sourced from the owner of the rifle at their cost

The following is a current list of available loan firearms from the Darwin Club but we expect that some of our visiting interstate teams will also add to the list

Club Gun	.338 WM	Ruger bolt action M77 - Scoped
Club Gun	.416 Rigby	CZ bolt action - no scope
Club Gun	.450 NE	Sabati double rifle - no scope
Club Gun	.500 J	Sako bolt action - no scope
Barry Seabrook	.458WM	CZ bolt action - no scope
Barry Seabrook	.500 NE	Merkel Double rifle - No scope
Tony Orr	.300 WM	Ruger bolt action M77 - Scoped
Steve Muntz	.450/400	Merkel Double Rifle - No Scope
Steve Muntz	.375 H&H	CZ bolt action rifle - Scoped?
Mark Hibbert	.505 Gibbs	GMA bolt action rifle - 2.5 X scope or open sights

For those interested in borrowing a rifle in Australia for any one of the events please email Barry Seabrook at ntbiggamerifle@gmail.com and we will try to pair you up with one

Accommodation

Our Saturday night formal dinner will be held at the Free Spirit resort in their new function room. The resort offers fantastic options for those seeking accommodation with cabins available at a special rate for our delegatesas well as camping sites for our interstate visitors with vans

Book directly with the resort but please mention that you are attending the Big Game Rifle World Shoot at the time of booking to receive a 10% discount on accommodation

The tropical resort has a wonderful pool which is bar side and offers live music across the weekend

Competitors can make use of our allocated private poolside marquee at the resort for our exclusive use on the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Meet and greet drinks on Friday evening and a Sunday farewell session

It is proposed that some form of bus transport can also be arranged to get competitors to and from the shooting range on the Saturday and Sunday.

Please take a look at <https://www.darwinfreespiritresort.com.au/>

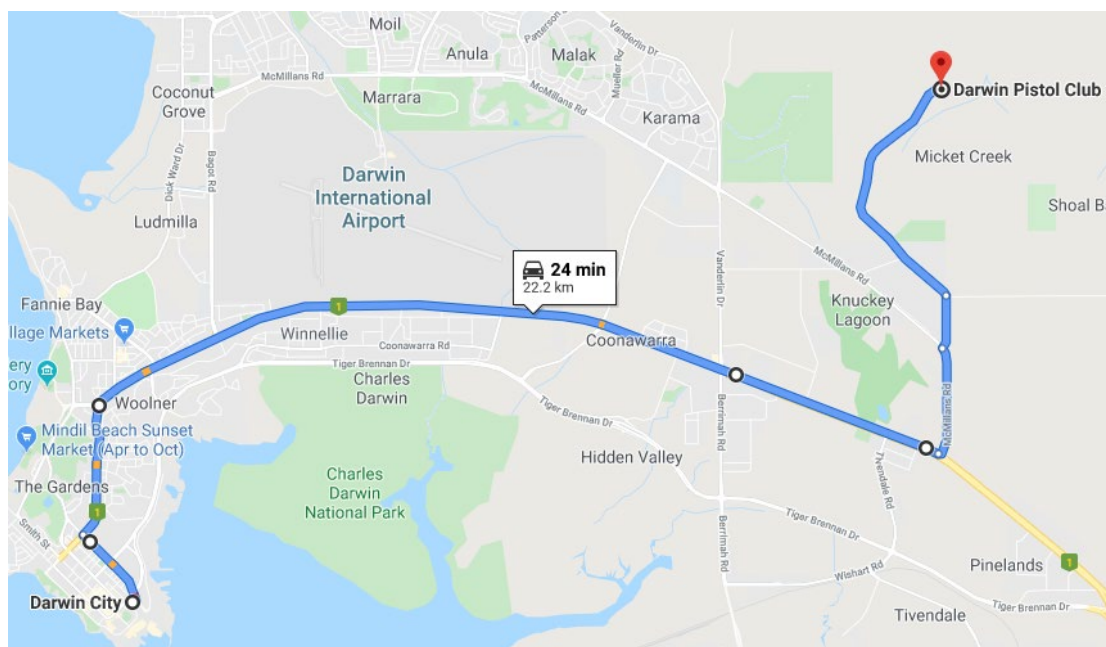
(Many hotel options are also available in Darwin City for those who prefer another option)

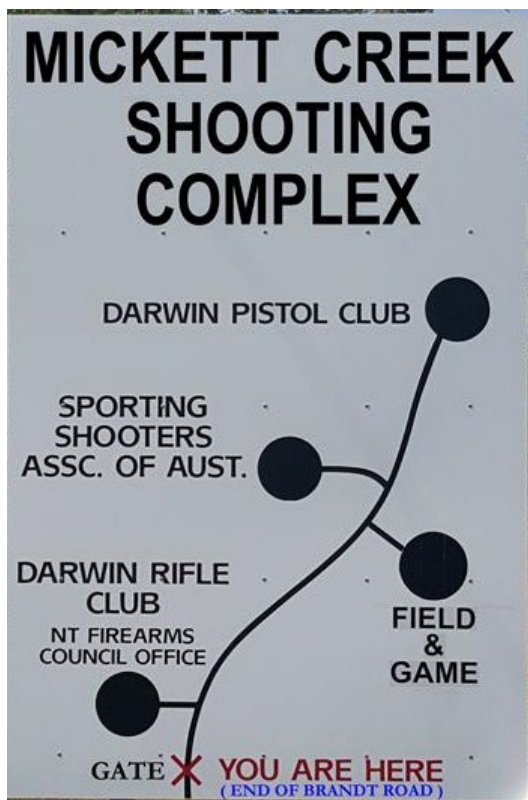
EVENT LOCATION

Mickett Creek Shooting Complex. The Mickett Creek Shooting Complex is located approximately 12 kilometers in a direct line north east of the Darwin CBD. As shown on the map below, follow the Stuart Highway from the Darwin CBD, turn left at McMillans Road, then follow Stevens Road and Brandt Road to the shooting complex.

FOR those staying at the suggested FREE SPIRIT RESORT. This is located at Pinelands on the map below

There are several clubs within the complex. International Big Game Rifle event is held at the SSAA shooting ranges (second road on left once you enter the complex)





COMPETITION DETAILS

Eight core events and two x supplementary events will be shot using a mixture of popular courses of fire from around the world.

- Several events use animal targets as is the practice in South Africa.
- A moving target event is also planned.
- The Special Snap and Double Rifle events have proved very popular in other countries and will also feature in the program.

The full competition and event rules are attached at the end of this information pack

NOTE - The organizers do reserve the right to alter the final format for the day, and the final event format will be confirmed closer to the shoot date.

Due to the constraints of travelling with firearms the events have been set up to facilitate the use of just two firearms (ie a single barrel rifle and a double barrel rifle)

The course of fire however will be such that a shooter using just one firearm will still be competitive.

In addition, there will be rifles available for loan on the day (both doubles and singles) This will ensure that an International guest has the option of bringing one or two (or even no firearms) and will be able to compete effectively.

Catering

A BBQ lunch will be available on the Saturday to all competitors and visitors @ \$20 per head. payable on the day

Bacon and eggs sandwiches from the BBQ will be offered as a complimentary light breakfast on the Sunday morning to all competitors

Saturday evening social dinner, the catered meal with an “Australian Theme” will be served at the Free Spirit resort. To be paid in advance and on the nomination form. A cash bar will be available in the function room

Sunday lunch. A complimentary BBQ will be provided prior to the presentations

A cash bar will be open throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday at the range with soft drinks and alcohol both available as well as some snacks

Provision of some cold bottled water will be made available during competition. There are also additionally several cold water fountains at the range and bringing your own refillable drinking bottle is also recommended

Additional Information

HUNTING - For those international visitors who may be interested in adding a hunt to their trip to Australia (Buffalo, Banteng, Wild Boar, Scrub Bull and various deer species) please email Barry Seabrook at ntbiggamerifle@gmail.com

SPONSORS – We are currently seeking additional quality sponsors for this world shoot. A Facebook page has been set up to promote the event. This is IMPORTANT Please if you can all assist in getting exposure for our sponsors by sharing the new facebook page, Liking it, viewing the event and indicating your attendance, posting on the page and helping greatly to get some traffic to it

Face book page <https://www.facebook.com/BigGameRifle/>
and also the event <https://www.facebook.com/events/498573601057065/>

Bertram Bullets & Woodleigh Bullets

Bruce Bertram of Bertram Bullets will be in attendance at the shoot and will have a large selection of brass and bullets for sale. For any person wanting a specific product order from the range offered by Bertram Bullets, please contact Bruce Bertram (phone +61 3 5792 2912), well beforehand, and Bruce will arrange to bring your order to the shoot.

Geoff Macdonald of Woodleigh Bullets will also be attending the shoot. If anyone wants to place a large order for bullets from Woodleigh, please contact Woodleigh Bullets via their website

(<http://www.woodleighbullets.com.au/>) well beforehand, and Geoff will arrange to have your order available at the shoot.

This is a great opportunity to stock up on hard to get brass and quality hunting bullets so don't miss out if you have a need for these products.

For any further general information please contact Mark Hibbert:

Email: Mark Hibbert, SSAA Big Game Rifle National Discipline Chair

Email: biggamerifle@disciplines.ssaa.org.au Ph: +61-412 520 575

For information regarding Visitors permits and travelling with firearms please contact Barry Seabrook:

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Event Rules

1. Competitor Eligibility

- (i) All competitors must be a financial member of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (**SSAA**) or a financial member of an Association affiliated with SSAA or under special invitation from the Committee of the SSAA Darwin Big Game Rifle Club.
- (ii) A current SSAA membership card showing current membership shall be accepted as proof of financial membership.
- (iii) Members of an Affiliated Association must provide adequate documentation of their current membership of the Affiliate Association.

2. Behaviour

- (i) All competitors will engage in a standard of behaviour that is sportsmanlike and which fosters friendship, goodwill and courtesy to fellow shooters and visitors alike.
- (ii) All competitors will accept the decisions of the Scorer and the Committee of the SSAA Darwin Big Game Rifle Club.
- (iii) Competitors should refrain from boisterous conduct on the firing range during the conduct of an event.
- (iv) A competitor who breaches these standards of good conduct will be disciplined by the Range Officer and they may ask the competitor to immediately leave the firing line. The competitor may also be disqualified and barred from further competition.

3. Range Safety

- (i) All competitors should familiarise themselves with the usual safety precautions observed on SSAA ranges as well as any Rules specific to the country and the range on which a particular

championship is being conducted. Unsafe practices by a competitor can be grounds for disqualification.

(ii) A copy of the Range Orders and Range Safety Rules is displayed in the SSAA Darwin club rooms.

(iii) *Wearing of eye protection and hearing protection is strongly recommended.*

4. Stuck Live Round

(i) In the event of a malfunction which results in a stuck live round which cannot be simply removed from the breech end of the barrel, the matter is to be brought to the attention of a Range Officer, the firearm is to be made safe and removed from the range to a competent person for repairs. Under NO circumstance is an attempt to be made to remove the round by insertion of a cleaning rod or similar object from the muzzle end of the firearm.

5. Firearms - General

(i) All rifles used **must** be hunting rifles which are 'in the spirit of the event' - meaning a rifle of style, weight and configuration as would normally be used, or have been used, for hunting big game.

(ii) Single shot, double or bolt actions only are eligible.

(iii) The same 'in the spirit of the event' criteria apply to sights – meaning only sights that are in keeping with what would normally be used for hunting big game is permissible. Target style 'peep' sights, 'tactical' sniper or target style telescopic sights are not permitted. Hunting style telescopic or optical sights (such as red dot sights) may be used without penalty, unless stated otherwise.

(iv) The use of muzzle breaks, porting (such as 'Magnaporting') or any other device which redirects muzzle blast/gases is not permitted

(v) Slings may be fitted but not be used as a shooting aid

(vi) A competitor using a double rifle must fire the barrels in sequence. This means that in any firing sequence no two consecutive shots can be from the same barrel.

6. Ammunition

(i) Ammunition is to be as close as practical to factory ballistics of the original ammunition and must meet the minimum criteria laid down for the class being contested.

(ii) A shooter shall have available at the firing line, two (2) extra rounds for Evaluation by the Range Officer if required. Failure to comply with the above will mean disqualification from the particular event.

(iii) If evaluation of a shooter's ammunition is required, then the Range Officer will choose at random from the firing line those rounds required for evaluation.

(iv) Evaluation of ammunition will be carried out by the use of a chronograph and the competitor's rifle and / or by manual checking of projectiles for weight and type

(v) Ammunition may not be borrowed while on the line.

7 Sights

(vi) Iron sights, including sporting peep sights (but NOT target style peep sights) may be used in all events

(vii) Telescopic and any other hunting style optical sight sights such as red dot or holographic sights (but NOT target style optical sights), may be used without penalty in all events.

8 Coaching & spotting

(viii) The use of binoculars or a spotting scope is not permitted by a competitor while they are competing in an event.

(ix) No competitor, while they are competing in an event, is allowed to be coached by a spectator.

9. Clothing

(i) No camouflage clothing is permitted.

(ii) Shooting coats or jackets must not have any devices to stiffen or restrict the body.

(iii) A shooting coat or jackets may have a shoulder pad fitted and/or a recoil reducing pad may be worn under a competitors clothing.

(iv) The wearing of boots or shoes with enclosed toes is required.

10. Rule Infringements

(i) A competitor found to be infringing these Rules will be given a warning by the Range Officer. If the infringement continues the competitor may be suspended or disqualified from the competition being contested and their scores will not be recorded. Safety infringements or breaches may result in immediate suspension or disqualification.

11. Qualifying criteria - Stalking Class Rifles

(i) Minimum calibre of 0.330 inch

(ii) Minimum bullet weight of 225 grains

(iii) Ammunition used must produce a minimum of 2,900 foot pounds of muzzle energy

12. Qualifying Criteria - Stopping Class Rifles

(i) Minimum calibre of 0.400 inch

(ii) Minimum bullet weight of 400 grains

(iii) Ammunition used must produce a minimum of 3,900 foot pounds of muzzle energy

(iv) Double rifles chambered for the 450-400x3" and the 450-400x3 1/4" Nitro are considered to be stopping class rifles provided they meet the following criteria:

(v) Minimum calibre .400"

(vi) Minimum bullet weight 400 grains

(vii) Minimum muzzle velocity 1950 fps.

13. Group 3 - Nitro Stopper Class Rifles

(i) Minimum calibre of 0.500 inch

(ii) Minimum bullet weight of 525 grains

(iii) Ammunition use must produce a minimum of 5300 foot pounds

(iv) Nitro powder loads only

14. Firing Positions

Firing positions are given in each event's rules, but are restricted to:

(i) **Standing offhand** - standing unsupported on both feet without any sort of rest for the rifle or shooter, with no part of the body or limbs to touch the ground or any other object

- (ii) **Standing post** – As above for standing offhand, but with the shooter also allowed to rest their hand on a shooting post
- (iii) **Kneeling** – (for a right-handed shooter) Kneeling so that the competitor touches the ground only with the underside of the left foot and the lower underside of the right leg, including foot and knee, the buttocks resting on the right foot or heel and the left elbow on the left knee, no other part of the body is to touch any support or object. Opposite positioning applies to a left-handed shooter.
- (iv) No use of a shooting mat or pad is permitted.
- (v) **Sitting** – Sitting so that the competitor touches the ground only with the underside of each foot and the buttocks no other part of the body is to touch any support or object.
- (vi) **Sitting or kneeling post** – As above for sitting or kneeling, but with the shooter also allowed to rest their hand on a shooting post.

15. Firing Sequence – General

- (i) Unless a time limit is stated, a time of 5 minutes applies to the shots to be taken.

16. Firing Sequence for Special Snap Event

- (i) Total of 8 shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire:

at 25 meters 8 shots offhand in 35 seconds

- (iii) Regardless of magazine capacity, bolt action rifles cannot be loaded with more than 4 rounds.
- (iv) The use of a pre-loaded detachable magazine(s) to reload the rifle during the event is not permitted (the intent here is that all competitors must demonstrate proficiency in reloading of their rifle).

17. Firing Sequence for Stalking Rifle

- (i) Total of 12 shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire:

at 100 meters	2 shots offhand 2 shots sitting or kneeling
at 50 meters	2 shots offhand 2 shots offhand in 10 seconds
at 25 meters	2 x 2 shots offhand in 10 seconds

18. Firing Sequence for Stopping Double Rifle Event

- (i) Total of 10 Shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire:

at 50 meters	2 shots offhand 4 shots offhand in 16 seconds
at 25 meters	4 shots offhand in 16 seconds

19. Firing Sequence for Stopping Rifle

- (i) Total of 12 shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire:

at 100 meters	2 shots offhand 2 shots sitting or kneeling
at 50 meters	2 shots offhand 2 shots offhand in 10 seconds

at 25 meters 2 x 2 shots offhand in 10 seconds

20. Firing Sequence for Hayley's Hop

- (i) Total of 6 shots
- (ii) A maximum of 2 shots may be loaded in the firearm at any time.
- (iii) Sequence of fire

at 50 Meters 2 shots offhand. Reload
at 30 Meters 2 shots offhand. Reload
at 15 Meters 2 shots offhand.

The sequence of six shots including the reloads is to be fired as fast as the shooter can manage with safety. The overall score is divided by the time taken. Shooters are individually timed for the whole sequence of 6 shots and the reloads in this event.

21. Firing Sequence for Group 3 Nitro Stopper

- (i) Total of 6 shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire

at 25 Meters 6 shots offhand in 25 Seconds

22. Firing Sequence for Buffalo Target

- (i) Total of 6 shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire

at 50 Meters 1 shots offhand in 20 seconds. Heart/lung area
at 50 Meters 2 shots offhand in 10 seconds. Heart/lung area
at 25 Meters 3 shots offhand in 12 seconds. 1 Heart/lung area, 2 brain area.

23. Firing Sequence for Boar Target

- (i) Total of 9 shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire

at 75 Meters 3 shots sitting or kneeling in 60 seconds
at 50 Meters 3 shots offhand in 15 seconds.
at 25 Meters 3 x 1 shot offhand in 3 seconds each.

24. Firing Sequence for Lion Target

- (i) Total of 4 shots
- (ii) Sequence of fire

at 25 Meters 4 shots offhand.

This event is individually timed, and the competitors score is divided by their time to complete their 4 shots in order to determine the results.

25. Firing Sequence for Supplementary events

The firing sequence for the two supplementary events will be advised closer to the event. An Australian deer stalking rifle event (total 20 rounds) and a charging buffalo event (6 rounds) are planned

RANGE ORDERS – FIREARM HANDLING RULES

- Always Keep Firearms Pointed in a Safe Direction
- Always Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Ready To Shoot
- Always Keep The Action Open And The Firearm Unloaded Until Ready to Use
- Know How To Use The Firearm Safely
- Use Only The Correct Ammunition For Your Firearm
- Never Use Alcohol or Drugs Before Shooting
- Store Firearms So They Are Not Accessible To Unauthorised Persons

RANGE SAFETY RULES

(To be read in conjunction with SSAA Big Game Rifle Official Rules For Competition and Medal Awards Revised 2016 No.4)

- **An accredited Range Officer must be in attendance on the firing line at all times**
- Anyone considered to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be permitted on the range.
Current Firearms License to be produced on request.
- Range Officers instructions MUST be obeyed, there shall be NO HANDLING of firearms during a “Cease Fire”
- Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended.
- Firearms must be removed from vehicles in a safe condition, unloaded, actions open and magazines removed where possible.
- Firearms are to be carried with the muzzles in a safe direction, actions open and magazines removed where possible.
- Shooting is NOT to commence until the “Range is Open” order has been given by the Range Officer.
- When the “Cease Fire” order is given all shooting MUST IMMEDIATELY STOP. Unload Firearms, open actions and remove magazines where possible.
- Firearms are NOT to be removed from the firing line until they are “cleared” by the Range Officer.
- In case of firearm miss-fire or malfunction, DO NOT open action, keep muzzle pointed down range and advise Range Officer immediately.