

## **National Rifle Association of New Zealand**

### **Code of Conduct and Marking Instructions – Marker's Copy**

This Code of Conduct is for markers operating targets on the Seddon Rifle Range, Trentham.

#### **Safety:**

The Marker must:

- Adhere to the rules and procedures as set out by this document
- Remain in and under cover of the Butts at all times during firing and when the Red Danger flag is lowered into the Butts
- Follow all instructions given by the Butts Officers
- During competition to remain at the target to which she/he has been assigned.
- Wear the hearing protection provided.

#### **Medical:**

A Medical Kit is situated in the Butts for use in case of an accident.

#### **Personal Requirements:**

- The Marker must wear suitable sturdy footwear (no jandals)
- All Markers should bring as required, wet weather clothing, sun-hat and sun-glasses.
- The Marker must provide his/her own food and drink as required.

#### **Toilet facilities:**

Both male and female toilet facilities are provided in the Butts for use by the Markers.

#### **Marking procedures:**

The Marker must adhere to the marking procedures as detailed below.

#### **Discipline:**

It is important that markers follow the safety rules as set out in this document; these rules have been developed to ensure your personal safety. It is important that markers comply with the instructions of Butts Officers. Discipline matters of a serious nature are likely to result in immediate dismissal at the discretion of the event organiser in discussion with the Range Officer and Butts Officer. This decision can be appealed to the event organiser in writing. Their decision is final.

#### **Poor and inadequate marking**

The success of any shooting competition depends on the efficiency of the Butts and its Markers. Any Marker charged with poor marking will receive one formal warning and sufficient coaching to improve the quality of their marking to an adequate standard. A further warning is likely to result in dismissal.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKERS**

#### **SAFETY:**

1. Under no circumstances are markers permitted to leave the confines of the butts while shooting is in progress without the prior permission of the Butts Officer. The Butts Officer can only give that permission if the targets are lowered, the red danger disc is raised from within the butts and shooting has ceased .
2. Markers must wear suitable shoes at all times when marking to ensure good grip and to provide protection to feet.

3. There are areas of the concrete floor close to the edge of the trench where you cannot stand because the target mechanism could trap your feet. These are clearly marked.
4. Markers are to wear hearing protection provided.
5. Markers may use personal music players. If these devices interfere with the Marker's ability to do their job, i.e. concentrate on marking in a timely and efficient manner or follow verbal instructions the Butts Officer will require the maker to turn off and put away the device.
6. NРАНZ shooting rules require that no communication devices are operated in the butts while shooting is happening. There have been instances of people using mobile phones to communicate with markers to obtain an advantage over other shooters. The event organisers require mobile phones to be off whenever the red flag is lowered for shooting to start.
7. Weather conditions in the butts vary. At times markers will need sunscreen, warm clothing, and sun glasses. They need to bring water to drink.
8. The back catch on the target mechanism must be operational at all times. It is a requirement of the Range Standing Orders issued by Army, that these catches are used at all times.
9. Occasionally targets are affected by the wind. Should targets be in danger of falling from the frames, markers should move away from the target and call the Butts Officer. Markers should not try to catch or stop a target from falling as they could put themselves at risk.
10. If the target is not attached firmly to the frame of the target mechanism there is the potential for it to fall from the frame. If the target becomes loose the marker should call the Butts Officer and stop marking the target until any problem is fixed.

#### **Toilets:**

- There are male and female toilets in the target shed at the end of the butts. If markers need to use them while marking the butts officer can replace the marker or direct another marker not engaged in marking at that time to replace them.

#### **Markers Duties:**

- Markers may need to help get the appropriate short, mid or long range targets into target frames
- Check you have the marking gear you need before shooting starts.
- A Markers main duty is to mark the targets and indicate the value and position of shots to the shooter using the target.
- Markers need to make sure that any rubbish is put into the rubbish bins supplied. We need to keep the pit and butts area clean.

#### **Method of Marking:**

- One shot will be fired on the target at a time:
  - The marker needs to wait and watch the bullet catcher strike zone directly behind the target until a shot is fired on the target

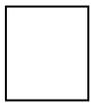
- Markers should stand under the concrete roof of the butts and watch the bullet catcher area, this reduces the noise level of the shot and removes the possibility of debris being blown off the spotter as well the target falling out of its frame into an area where the marker is standing
- After a few shots a marker will be able to tell the approximate position of the shot on the target from the position of the bullet splash on the bullet catcher
- When a shot arrives the target is lowered
- The new shot hole is located, the value noted and a spotting disc inserted into the shot hole
- The previous shot hole is patched out
- The shot value indicator is moved to the correct position to indicate the value of the new shot
- The target is raised.

### Value of Shots:

The centre ring is a V  
 The next ring out is a 5  
 The next ring out is a 4  
 The next ring out is a 3  
 The next ring out is a 2  
 The rest of the target is a 1

### Indicating the value:

- The shot values are indicated by placing the value indicator in the following positions:



Examination  
Or a miss



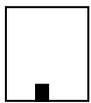
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Score V



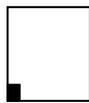
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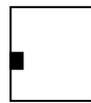
4  
Score 4



Magpie  
Score 3



2  
Score 2



1  
Score 1

### Shots that cut the line:

- If a shot touches or cuts into a line the shot is always awarded the higher value
- If a shot is close to the line and you are not sure if it is touching, do not waste a lot of time thinking. If in doubt, call the Butts Officer.

### Challenges:

- A competitor may challenge what you have done as a marker in some instances, these are:
- When the signalled value of the shot does not agree with the position of the spotter disc, or if it is close enough to the line for there to be doubt
- When a miss is signalled and the shooter thinks they should have hit the target
- The shooter may disclaim the shot if they think it is not theirs, the shot hole is patched out and the target is examined for another shot. If no shot hole is found a miss is signalled.

**If your target is challenged:**

- Lower the target halfway into the butts immediately
- Make sure the Butts Officer knows there has been a challenge on your target and wait for them to arrive
- The Butts Officer puts his disc on the target and raises the target so that the shooter knows the Butts Officer is in attendance at the target
- The value ascertained by that checking is signalled in the normal way.

**Examinations:**

- If your target is not marked after a shot is fired the shooter will call to ask that your target be examined
- The result of marking the target is signalled in the normal way.

**If you mark the target and do not find a new shot hole**

- Inspect the spotter disc while it remains in the previous shot hole and check that there is not another shot hole through or under it
- Run your fingers and eyes around the white scoring rings and the edge of the black aiming mark
- Check the edges of the target looking for signs of a bullet crease
- When no new shot hole is located, call the Butts Officer. It is important that you do not remove the spotter disc or patch out the old shot hole so that the Butts Officer can also check that a second shot has not gone close to the peg.

**Two or more shots found:**

- If you find two or more new shot holes in the target, a spotter disc must be inserted in each. The previous shot hole is patched out and the shot hole with the highest value is signalled.