

Safety Policy Statement

1. This written statement will be on public display and brought to the attention of all shooters and spectators. Any person not complying with these rules may be asked to leave the shooting ground.
2. A named Safety Officer will be appointed at each shoot. This person will be responsible for the safe layout of all traps and stands, and for starting and ending the shoot.
3. All persons attending are required to halt shooting if a dangerous situation arises. Shooting is not to recommence until clearance is given by the Safety Officer. All members of the shoot's operational staff will be given a loud whistle or other suitable signal with which they can signal a ceasefire. Resumption of shooting will take place on two blasts of the whistle.
4. The Safety Officer or their appointed assistants will stop the shoot by the sounding of the whistle to allow the passing of persons or horses that may be frightened or put at risk by the shoot. Resumption of shooting will take place on two blasts of the whistle.
5. The shooting line is defined as the area formed in direction of shooting by an imaginary line joining all stands, extending to the end of the shooting area.
6. Once all traps are set up, all persons must leave the Shooting Area. The last person to leave will set a flag in the middle of the field to denote that shooting is in progress.
7. Shooting will not commence until the Safety Officer sounds a horn. This will not be before 10am to comply with the ground licence conditions.
8. **No person shall cross the Shooting Line whilst this flag is present, unless shooting is stopped, and authorisation is given by the Safety Officer. Only persons nominated by the Safety Officer may then cross the Shooting Line.**
9. Once all nominated persons return behind the Shooting Line, the Safety Officer may recommence the shoot.
10. At the end of the shoot, a horn will be sounded to denote the fact that no more shooting may take place.
11. Shooting will cease at 12pm whether all persons have completed their allocated targets or not. This is also to comply with the ground's licence conditions.
12. A portable first aid box will be kept in the stores.
13. The shoot organisers will maintain public and employee liability insurance in respect of all shooting events.

Traps

1. Traps must only be set, maintained, loaded and unloaded by persons competent in their safe use.
2. Traps must be de-cocked and disconnected from the battery before any maintenance, including loading, reloading and unloading.
3. All persons operating the traps for shooting must be confident that they can do so in a safe manner.
4. All persons maintaining, loading and unloading traps must wear protective equipment whilst working on them.

Shooters

1. All guns will be required to be kept broken or cased and unloaded except when on a stand and ready to shoot. Semi-autos will be sleeved or with the bolt locked open or flagged when not in use.
2. All cartridges used at Castle shoots will have a maximum load of 28 grams, a maximum shot size of UK No.6, **felt/fibre wad only**. All empty cases must be placed in the bins provided.

Public

1. A clearly defined safety zone will be laid out as required to allow all spectators and shooters safe passage between all cages, and to allow safe observation of the shooting.
2. No trap will be set so as to allow spent clays, hit fragments, or broken clays from the trap, to fall into the safety zone, or outside of the shooting grounds.
3. Hearing and eye protection will be available at the stores for spectators and public.

Stands and Positions

1. All shooting cages will be constructed/positioned so as not to allow the gun to point easily in any direction other than the intended line of fire.
2. Guns must not be loaded prior to entering the stand and must be unloaded before leaving it.