



# Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

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All Units

## **SAFE SHOT CLASSIFICATION – 7.62mm/.308” Target Rifle**

1. All civilians shooting on any ranges must have certification that they are safe to shoot with each firearm type that they are using. For CFAV and cadets using military weapons, CLPW or CPOW on a military range on duty where a CFAV is the RCO and has signed the F906, the RHT/WHT is proof of proficiency. Note that Century and Stickledown ranges at Bisley may be covered by a 906; you will be able to find out by asking the RCO.

2. When CFAV and cadets are taking part in any shoot using a fullbore rifle on a range that does not have a military RCO who has signed for the range on an F906, each firer must have an NRA Shooter Certification Card (SCC). If a CFAV or cadet is a member of the NRA or a fullbore rifle club and has fired in one of the NRA major events (eg Imperial Meeting) they should apply through their club secretary or, if just an NRA member, directly to the NRA using the form at their website. Otherwise they must carry out the actions detailed in this letter.

3. The certification for every individual must cover the following:

a. Drills that are the same as taught and tested for the L81A2:

- (1) Proving the firearm ‘Clear’.
- (2) Loading, firing, unloading.
- (3) Handling.

b. Safety Drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2; these must be specifically taught to the CFAV or cadet who must demonstrate their understanding of the different drill required. They are detailed further at Annex A.

- (1) Misfires.
- (2) Action on hearing ‘STOP, STOP, STOP’.

c. Protocol Drills that are additional to those taught and tested for the L81A2. They are detailed further at Annex B.

- (1) Bisley firing point occupation, placing and etiquette
- (2) Zeroing
- (3) What to do if you miss the target.

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4. SCC for 2022 are available from the NRA; If you have any CFAV or cadet who intends to shoot on a non-military range and wish to use their training and experience rather than attend an NRA Probationary course, a suitably qualified CFAV may apply to the NRA for a free SCC for a CFAV or cadet, provided that:

- a. The CFAV or cadet has an in date WHT for the L81A2 and fullbore CLPW/CPOW.
- b. The CFAV testing the CFAV or cadet for an SCC has an in date WHT for the L81A2 and fullbore CLPW/CPOW.
- c. The drills at Annex A are taught to, and understood by, the CFAV or cadet and this has been demonstrated, without error, by them.
- d. The drills at Annex B are taught to and understood by the CFAV or cadet and this has been demonstrated to a high level of understanding by them.

5. Units should complete Annex C for each CFAV or cadet and email the form along with a photograph to [georgina.thatcher@nra.org.uk](mailto:georgina.thatcher@nra.org.uk). A copy should be retained by the unit as a record that the CFAV or cadet has been properly assessed. All those who authorise an SCC must be aware that, should an incident occur, they will be part of the subsequent investigation.

*Original Signed*

Dafydd Marston  
CCRS Shooting Manager

Annex:

- A. Safety Drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2
- B. Protocol Drills that are additional to those taught and tested for the L81A2
- C. Shooter Certification Card (SCC) – Record of Issue

## Safety Drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2

Reference:

### A. The NRA Rules of Shooting

1. Reference A, the latest version of which is on the NRA of the UK website (nra.org.uk) details the procedures to follow for the maintenance of safety on Bisley ranges and other ranges where civilian shooting is carried out under the NRA rules. Where ranges away from Bisley are being used, the RO must always be consulted about the procedures below and any differences noted and followed.

2. **Action on hearing 'STOP, STOP, STOP'**. If the RCO or any person on the range considers that there is a potential or actual breach of safety which requires all firers to stop firing they must, without delay, give the order "Stop, Stop, Stop". All firers must immediately:

- a. Stop firing.
- b. Take their finger off the trigger, keep their firearms pointing at the target and await further instructions.

No-one may unload or move off the firing point.

3. **Misfires**. If a misfire occurs the firer must:

- a. Remain on aim for at least 30 seconds and inform the RCO.
- b. Under the supervision of the RCO, tilt the rifle to the side and open the bolt, ensuring that neither hand is behind the bolt and that no one is standing behind the rifle.
- c. Ensure that the cartridge comes out complete with the bullet.

## Protocol Drills that are additional to those taught and tested for the L81A2

Reference:

### A. The NRA Rules of Shooting

1. Reference A, the latest version of which is on the NRA of the UK website (nra.org.uk) details the procedure for drills that are not necessarily safety related but are common practice when firing on Bisley ranges and other ranges where civilian shooting is carried out under the NRA rules. Where ranges away from Bisley are being used, the RCO must always be consulted about the procedures below and any differences noted and followed.
2. Bisley firing point occupation, placing and etiquette
  - a. Firing positions are shown by numbered pegs on the firing point, which correspond to the target numbers.
  - b. All competitors must lie to the left of their number pegs. There may be two or three shooters sharing a target during competitions. The squadding card will usually show whether the competitor is to take up a position lying to the left, centre or right of the group of firers.
  - c. No firer may move on to the firing point or place any kit on to the firing point until the RCO gives permission.
  - d. Spectators are not allowed on the firing point
3. **Zeroing.** All rifles must be zeroed and the elevation for the distance being fired at understood before firing. If you have not zeroed your rifle and do not know the procedure than you must seek the advice of a CFAV who has been taught zero procedures.
4. **What to do if you miss the target.** If, despite having a rifle with an elevation you know for the distance you have fired at, you miss with your first or subsequent shot, there is a four step process you must follow before firing again:
  - a. You or a competent person identifies and rectifies a fault or error (eg mis-set sight) that would reasonably account for the miss.
  - b. There is reasonable evidence (eg an unexplained shot on the next target) that you have cross fired.
  - c. There is reasonable evidence (eg based on the advice of other competitors, which advice shall not be considered to be in the nature of coaching) that the wind allowance applied was such as to account for the miss.
  - d. With the permission of the RCO

If, having followed the process above, you miss again, you must wait until the rest of the firers on your target finish their shoot, then complete your shoot after following the process above. In practice, an unexplained miss, if not seen as a cross fire, is usually an elevation or zero error. You should ask the RCO to retire, and continue on a later detail, if practicable. Such a request will not normally be refused.

**Shooter Certification Card (SCC) – Record of Issue**

**CFAV/Cadet being tested - Personal details and certification**

Name (SURNAME, First Name, Rank) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Service/Bader/Westminster No \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that:

I have been taught and tested on the safety drills, and understand the protocol drills that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2

I have an in date L81A2 WHT and CLPW/CPOW WHT

I have included a recent passport type photograph - file name to be surname & date of birth (surname-ddmmyy.jpeg)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Tester – Personal details and certification**

Name (SURNAME, First Name, Rank) \_\_\_\_\_

Service No \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that:

I have taught and tested the cadet/CFAV named above the safety drills, and checked understanding of the protocol drills, that are different to that taught and tested for the L81A2

I have an in date L81A2 WHT and CLPW/CPOW WHT and am authorized to train cadets and CFAV in weapon handling

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form & photo by email to [georgina.thatcher@nra.org.uk](mailto:georgina.thatcher@nra.org.uk) or by post to:

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