SA Wingshooters

Clay Shooting Safety Rules

1. All guns must be empty at all times and with the action open, or carried in a gun slip.
2. No practising with closed guns (no dry shots) off the shooting stand.
3. Never put cartridges in a gun until it is your turn and you are on the stand, ready to shoot, and the range official has given permission to start shooting.
4. Always remove all cartridges including empty shells before turning around on stand and walking off. Do swing the gun sideways in order to break it and to eject spent cases.
5. Never handle another person’s gun without his permission.
6. Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction with the action closed for 5 seconds after a misfire or hang-fire!
7. Never point your gun loaded or unloaded at anybody!
8. No shot larger than 2.5 mm (no 7s) may be used or carried on clay ranges.
9. Ask permission first before using semi-automatic shotguns. No barrels shorter than 26”.
10. Junior shooters and non-dedicated shooters must be under direct supervision of a range marshall at all times whilst on the range.
11. Do not shoot any bird or live animal while on the premises of a clay shooting club or shooting range.
12. Never walk or stand in front of or directly next to a trap machine or handle it without permission from a range marshall.
13. Shooters must wear eye and ear protection whilst on the range.
14. No alcohol may be consumed on the premises by shooters before or during shooting or while carrying guns and until the guns are packed away.

The safety of everybody is not only the range marshall’s responsibility, but yours too! If you feel the situation is unsafe, stop shooting immediately and call a range marshall.