

**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**  
**Guidelines for Shooting Range Inspection and Certification**  
**Approved by the Governing Body of NRAI on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this range certification guideline is to ensure that all shooting ranges across India meet the highest standards of safety measures, compliance of applicable rules and regulations, infrastructural requirements and technical accuracy in accordance with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Rules.

The certification is especially important to safeguard the quality of training for athletes for participation in the sport and competitions as many of them may not be fully aware of safety issues relating to sport requirements and environment, procedures and technical specifications of shooting sport at the range. Certification assures that the facility meets the ISSF's requirements providing prescribed standards for guided fair training and competition.

A certified range gives confidence to athletes, coaches, and stakeholders that the facility is built and maintained as per recognized international standards, ensuring their performance and safety are not compromised.

**Scope**

This guideline applies to all individuals and organizations seeking Range Certification from the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

The following entities are eligible to apply for certification:

- Affiliated State Associations, Units, District Associations, Clubs, and Academies.
- Sports academies, clubs, private training centres, and educational institutions intending to offer shooting sports facilities.
- Individual athletes who have built personal training shooting ranges.

**Guidelines**

**1. Compliance with applicable Local Authorities' and Arms Act Regulations**

- The range must comply with all regulations of local municipal authorities, district administrations, police, and state government bodies, whichever is applicable.
- Compliance with Arms Act and Related Rules
- In the case of fire arm range, the range must comply with all regulations of Arms Act before commencement of the shooting range.
- A valid fire safety clearance from the concerned fire department (if applicable) is mandatory for all shooting ranges.
- Full compliance with the Arms Act of India and relevant rules regarding the handling, storage, and use of firearms and ammunition is mandatory.
- Proper record-keeping of participating athletes, inventory of arms and ammunition is essential.

## **2. First Aid and Medical Facilities**

- A First Aid Kit must always be available.

## **3. Compliance with ISSF Norms**

- All range specifications (dimensions, target setup, safety measures, backstops, secured armoury etc.) must align with the latest ISSF Rules and Regulations.
- Shooting range layouts must strictly follow ISSF standards, particularly for distances, firing lines, and target systems.

## **4. Safety Measures**

- Proper signage, boundary walls, proper electrical connections and controlled access to the Field of Play (FOP) must be maintained.
- Regular safety briefings should be conducted.

## **5. CCTV with backup**

- Installation of CCTV with a backup of minimum two weeks.

## **6. Certification Validity and Renewal (as per Calander year)**

- Range Certification will be valid for a period of four (4) years from the date of issue.
- After completion of four years, the range must apply for renewal and undergo a re-inspection process.

## **7. Rechecking Requirement**

- If there are any structural modifications, additions, or alterations in the range setup, or if the ISSF Rules are updated, it is mandatory for the range operator to inform NRAI and apply for rechecking and re-certification.
- Failure to inform and comply may lead to suspension or cancellation of certification.

## **8. General Inspection**

- It is advisable that a general inspection of certified ranges should be conducted randomly by the Range Certification Committee of NRAI to ensure continued compliance with safety and ISSF standards.
- The committee may conduct random without prior notice or scheduled inspections.
- The random inspection can also be carried out by state association/s and in case of any discrepancy/noncompliance, the state association may highlight and report the same to NRAI for necessary action.
- No inspection fee or charges will be payable for such random or surprise inspections during the period of validity of the certificate.

## **9. Non-Compliance**

- Any non-compliance with the guidelines will result in suspension, cancellation, or withholding of the range certification.
- Deficiencies identified during inspection must be rectified within the conveyed prescribed timeline for certification to continue.
- These guidelines are mandatory for certification, as well as for re-certification and renewal. They apply to all entities operating or managing shooting sport ranges used for training, participation and competitions aligned with NRAI and ISSF standards.

## **Recommendations by the Range Certification Committee**

1. The range should be equipped with required infrastructural requirements for able and Para athletes.
2. The range to have accessible gender based and Para washrooms and Para Athletes facilities.
3. **Adherence to Fire Safety Norms**

- Fire extinguishers and other firefighting equipment, as required and specified by the fire department based on the type and size of the enclosed range, must be installed.
- Clearly marked emergency evacuation plans must be visibly displayed in multiple locations.
- At least one person trained in First Aid must be present during all shooting activities.
- Emergency contact numbers of managing officials must be displayed at prominent locations.

#### **4. General Infrastructure**

- Adequate amenities such as public address equipment, seating, washrooms, drinking water, and parking must be provided.
- Cleanliness and maintenance of the facilities must be ensured.