

# Etiquette

Author: Rodney Boyce (R.I.P., 2009)

A definition of Field Target is that it is a freestyle shooting sport that is a viable alternative to the other existing disciplines such as Ten Meter, Silhouette and Benchrest. However, the foundation the sport of Field Target is based on is gentlemanly conduct and good sportsmanship without which our shooting sport would become at the very best unpleasant. It behooves us all to not be distractive while others are shooting. Avoid walking behind and around a shooter trying to concentrate on range finding and shooting. Save idle chatter to moments when it does not disturb others. Admittedly, all this is pretty obvious stuff, but I know that we have all been guilty of lapsing occasionally into a “no-think” state of being distractive.

If a shooter deliberately persists in trying to rattle a fellow competitor a terrible potential burden is placed on the Match Director. Shoot Rule No.9 states: "The penalty for deliberate infraction of the Shoot Rules, unsafe practice, ungentlemanly conduct or any form of cheating is disqualification." A protest invoking this rule would certainly be a loud sour note for any match.

The protocol of Field Target requires us to be gentlemen and supportive of each other. If a shooter makes a good shot, say so. It's music to our ears even if it's a "gimme".

1. Be quiet while a shooter is in the process of shooting.
2. Be mindful of other shooters while moving from lane to lane so as not to disturb a shooter in the process of shooting. Stop movement until the shooter has released his/her shot.
3. Be careful while moving from lane to lane so as not to disturb others equipment.

Refrain from the use of profanity and foul language while on the course or at the practice range.