



2024 RANGE RULES



FOUR RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY

1. Point the muzzle in a safe direction.
2. Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.
3. Be sure of the target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

GENERAL RANGE RULES

Any inconsistencies of rules or its application should be brought to the attention of the Chapter's President and Board Members. Violation of range rules may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Chapter By-laws.

1. No smoking, vaping, drugs, or alcohol allowed in the range area.
2. Range use is prohibited while under the influence or impaired by alcohol, drugs, or other prohibited substances.
3. The range area consists of a small and large pavilion. The range grounds extend from the firing line forward into the backstop situated beyond the 100-yard target frames.
4. All shooting on the range will be conducted in a safe and courteous manner under the direction of a Range Safety Officer (RSO).
5. Members are responsible for the conduct of guests and their adherence to the rules.
6. Anyone may call a "Cease Fire" any time an unsafe act is identified.
7. All shooters and spectators must wear eye and ear protection in the range area.
8. All shooters must use the same firing line.
9. No person will move forward of the firing line until all firearms on the line have been unloaded and made safe.
10. Handling of firearms is prohibited while anyone is forward of the firing line. To maintain safety, the RSO will remain at the firing line when individuals remain under the pavilion while anyone is downrange.
11. All firearms on the range not in use will be unloaded and made safe and stored in a case or racked.
12. Only shooters are permitted on the firing line. Observers must watch from the rear spectator area only.
13. No more than two people permitted at each firing point at any time.
14. All shots must be fired directly into the backstop. Dry firing is permitted only in the direction of the backstop.
15. Loaded firearms are not to be pointed above the horizon at any time. Shotgun shooting with bird shot is allowed down range only.
16. In the event of a misfire, keep the muzzle pointed downrange for at least 30 seconds before determining the cause of the misfire. All misfire ammunition is to be removed from the chapter property.

17. Shooters are responsible for removing their trash, brass, or other debris from the range area.
18. All members and guests must sign the range book with name, date, time-in and time-out.
19. Armor Piercing, Incendiary, Explosive, or Tracer rounds are prohibited.
20. All shooting will be done on approved targets and stands. No plinking at objects other than approved targets is permitted.
21. Purposely shooting signs, target frames, or baffle systems is prohibited.
22. Pistol Bay limitations:
 - a. Handgun barrels cannot exceed eleven inches.
 - b. Ammunition cannot exceed .45 caliber.
 - c. No neckdown cartridges permitted.
23. Non-scoped pistols will not be fired at distances exceeding fifty yards.
24. Pistols must be scoped to shoot beyond fifty yards.
25. Horseplay or unsafe acts are prohibited.
26. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) using long guns, and under the age of twenty-one (21) using handguns, must be under the supervision of an adult.
27. All guests will be under the supervision of their sponsoring member.
28. Range use is restricted to rifles smaller than .50 caliber center fire.
29. Fully automatic or select-fire firearms are prohibited.
30. Bursts of high-speed rapid fire from semiautomatic firearms are prohibited. Shots sequence must be at least 3-seconds, unless sanctioned by a Board authorized event.
31. If the range is full, rotations of 45 minutes will be conducted.
32. Draw and fire exercises are prohibited except for sponsored events.
33. Targets must be placed at the shooter's eye level or lower to ensure bullets hit the impact area. (Rifles and Pistols)
34. Leave dropped ammunition until the stage of fire is completed and firearms are benched or grounded.
35. Notify the RSO when experiencing a firearm malfunction.
36. All firearms must remain unloaded with actions open except when on the firing line and authorized to be loaded.
37. When firearms are benched or grounded, keep the actions open and ejection ports facing upward so chambers are visible.
38. Ammunition is prohibited while cleaning a firearm.
39. Offhand shooting is permitted in designated areas only.

MUZZLELOADER RULES

1. No open powder cans.
2. Do not cap the nipple or prime the flint pan until the firearm is on the firing line and pointed down range.
3. The loading of loose powder must be done using a powder measure containing one charge. Loading from a powder can, flask, or horn is prohibited.
4. Hang fires should be left on the firing bench pointed down range for at least two minutes. Advise the RSO if you are not familiar with the proper clearing procedure.

5. Clean up spilled powder and keep loading bench clean.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The first RSO signed-in controls the range.
2. The RSO will:
 - A. Require all members to display current membership cards and RSO badge while on the range.
 - B. Make certain that no one goes forward of the firing line until a cease-fire is called and all firearms have been made safe (unloaded, cylinder or action open, magazines out).
 - C. Make certain that no firearms are handled while anyone is forward of the firing line.
 - D. Make certain the range light indicator is sequenced correctly.
 - E. Communicate range deficiencies, and serious violation of range rules to the Chapter's President and Board Members.
 - F. Close the range during any situation that would endanger the surrounding community or persons on chapter property. Range closures will be reported to the Chapter's President and Board Members.
 - G. The RSO may inspect any firearm while in the range area.

HOURS OF OPERATION & DESIGNATED RANGE DAYS

- Range hours Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to ½ hour before dark. Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM.
- Odd Fridays reserved for International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) shooting.
- Even Fridays reserved for shotgun shooting.

RANGE TRAFFIC LIGHT INDICATOR & COMMANDS

- A. **No light** – Range Not in Use



- B. **Yellow/Green** – “Range Cold”
Shooter Set-up/Transitioning to Bench



- C. **Red/Green** – “Range Hot”
Shooting in progress



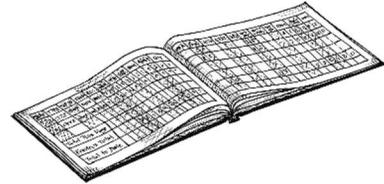
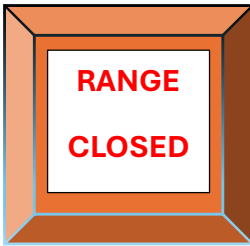
- D. **Red/Yellow** – “Cease Fire”
Wait Instruction from RSO



ENTRY TO RANGE AREA

- Entry with firearms is prohibited in the range area while the Range Indicator light is **RED/YELLOW**.
- Members and guests wishing to enter the range area must wait under the small pavilion until acknowledge by the RSO and until the Range Indicator light is sequenced **YELLOW/GREEN**.

E. **Range Closed** – Whenever the range is closed for any purpose, the “Range Closed” sign will be posted along the concrete sidewalk between the club house and small pavilion. The traffic indicator light will be sequenced to display “**RED/YELLOW**.” Finally, a notation will be made in the Range Sign-in book describing why the range is closed.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- Call immediate Cease Fire
- Call 911 and follow their prompts!
- Specify Location or Address of Incident

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- Render assistance to the best of abilities.
- Make the proper notifications using the Emergency Contact list posted in the Chapter House bulletin board and in the Range sign-in book.
- If required, the president or designee will make emergency notifications according to members emergency point of contact.
- Complete Injury Report Form located in the Range Sign-in Book
- When possible, preserve the scene to aid in any potential investigation.

INJURY REPORT FORM

Injured Party Information:

Name	Date/Time	Contact Information

1. Describe nature and extent of injury (specify parts of body):
2. Describe how injury occurred:
3. Describe assistance given:
4. Assistance provided by (give names and phone numbers):
5. Disposition (specify name of hospital, telephone numbers, time of transport, etc.):
6. Location of incident and conditions of area:
7. Was protective equipment worn (if applicable):
8. Describe steps taken to preserve the scene (equipment, photographs, etc.):
9. Witness Statements: Interview witnesses separately.
 - A. Witness (name):
Statement attached? Yes ___ No ___
Contact Information:

 - B. Witness (name):
Statement attached: Yes ___ No ___
Contact Information:

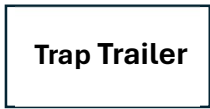
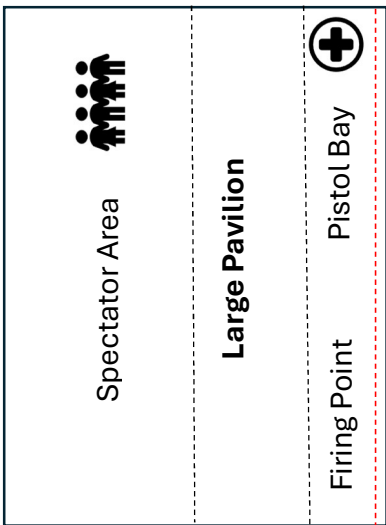
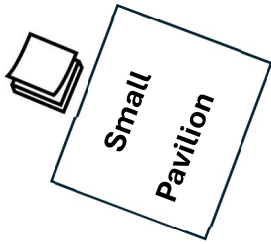
Injury report completed by:

Name	Date	Contact Information

Follow-up report completed by:

Name	Date	Contact Information

Note: Use the back of this report if additional documentation or notes are necessary*



Firing Line



Figure 5 - Backstop



AED



Spectator Area



Stop the Bleed Kit



Emergency
Contact List