

# RANGE RULES & RANGE SAFETY—

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## The NRA Three Rules of Gun Safety:

**Always** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

**Always** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

**Always** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

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Safety is everyone's responsibility. General safety regulations are posted inside the range gate, with range-specific regulations posted at each range. All individuals utilizing RP&RC ranges are expected to absolutely follow ALL General and Range Specific regulations. Violations should be reported immediately to the club's Safety Officer or any Club Officer.

**The following Range Rules apply to ALL Members, Guests and Visitors when on Club property and using any of the RP&RC ranges.**

### 1. General Range Regulations:

- 1.1. ALWAYS follow The Three Rules of Gun Safety (above) and all range specific rules (listed below) while on all RP&RC ranges.
- 1.2. We do not employ full time range safety officers. While participating in live fire on any range, each member is to act as an individual RSO ensuring overall safe operation of the range.
- 1.3. Any shooter is empowered to call Cease Fire in the event of an observed or experienced unsafe practice by verbally and physically (hand in the air) calling out CEASE FIRE. All shooters must abide by any and all range commands given in response to an unsafe condition.
- 1.4. For all ranges the only safe direction is down range.
- 1.5. Load only when on the firing line facing the target.
- 1.6. Never raise the muzzle of a loaded firearm above the berm.
- 1.7. Absolutely NO firearms may be handled while the range is cold/safe.
- 1.8. No one may be forward of the firing line unless the range is acknowledged cold/safe.
- 1.9. When going down range make all firearms safe and no handling of firearms when anyone is down range.
- 1.10. Ear and eye protection are always mandatory when the range is hot/live.
- 1.11. Always consider firearms to be loaded and handle accordingly.
- 1.12. Incendiary, armor piercing, and tracer ammunition are not permitted.

- 1.13. No loaded firearms allowed in shooting preparation areas (picnic tables)
- 1.14. Maximum caliber firearm permitted is .45 caliber unless otherwise permitted by the Safety Officer. This does not apply to muzzle loading firearms.
- 1.15. No fully automatic firearms use is allowed without prior written approval of the Safety Officer.
- 1.16. Special permission to fire calibers larger than 45 and fully automatic fire may be obtained on a per use basis by contacting the Club Safety Officer for written approval to do so for the specific date.
- 1.17. No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the ranges at any time.
- 1.18. Hunting is not permitted at any time on club property. From time to time wildlife has been observed on Club ranges. At no time should shooters take aim or fire upon any wildlife encountered.
- 1.19. See range specific regulations below.

## 2. 25 YARD AND FALLING PLATE RANGE REGULATIONS

ALL general range regulations stated above apply, PLUS;

- 2.1. Pistols only are allowed on the 25-yard range– no shotguns or rifles allowed
- 2.2. Range Safe signs: The Range Safe signs must **ALL UP** (Range Safe Condition) or **ALL DOWN** (Range Hot Condition).
- 2.3. Full metal jacket ammunition is allowed on falling plates
- 2.4. Plinking range - no glass targets allowed. Remove any targets you placed.
- 2.5. Move target backers ONLY within their specified shooting lane. DO NOT MOVE LATTERLY FROM LANE TO LANE – this results in excess to the backers!
- 2.6. The standard firing line is defined by the installed fixed benches. Firing positions downrange from this fixed position should be avoided except in circumstances where all shooters on the range agree on doing so (i.e. shooting at the falling plates at distances other than 25 yds.) ***In such circumstances EXTREME CAUTION and adherence to ALL firearm safety rules MUST be followed.***

## 3. 50 YARD RANGE REGULATIONS

ALL general range regulations stated above apply, PLUS;

- 3.1. Range Safety Flag: The RED RANGE FLAG is to be displayed when the range is COLD and taken down when the range is HOT.
- 3.2. Rifles, pistols and shotguns may be used on this range.
- 3.3. No clay targets allowed.
- 3.4. 50 yard range can be used for patterning.
- 3.5. Plinking range - no glass targets allowed. Remove any targets you placed.
- 3.6. The standard firing line is defined by the downrange edge of the concrete slab. Firing positions downrange from this point should be avoided except in circumstances where all shooters on the range mutually agree on doing so during a

“fire & maneuver” type exercise (i.e. Cowboy Action and personal defense shooting with varied target placement.) ***In such circumstances EXTREME CAUTION and adherence to ALL firearm safety rules MUST be followed.***

#### 4. 100-yard range regulations

ALL general range regulations stated above apply, PLUS;

- 4.1. Range Safety Flag: The RED RANGE FLAG is to be displayed when the range is COLD and taken down when the range is HOT.
- 4.2. Rifles, pistols and shotguns may be used on this range.
- 4.3. Plinking range - no glass targets allowed. Remove any targets you placed.
- 4.4. The standard firing line is defined by the downrange edge of the concrete slab. Firing positions downrange from this point should be avoided except in circumstances where all shooters on the range mutually agree on doing so for a “fire & maneuver” type exercise (i.e. Cowboy Action and personal defense shooting with varied target placement.) ***In such circumstances EXTREME CAUTION and adherence to ALL firearm safety rules MUST be followed.***

#### 5. Shotgun range regulations

ALL general range regulations stated above apply, PLUS;

- 5.1. No pistols, rifles or slug ammunition allowed on this range.
- 5.2. No shot larger than 7 ½ may be utilized.
- 5.3. Keep the action open and empty when handling guns, with barrels pointing in a safe direction when walking.
- 5.4. Break action guns may be closed when in the gun rack.
- 5.5. Load only when on the firing line facing down range and it is your turn to shoot.
- 5.6. The steel plate can be used for patterning lead shot only 7 ½ & smaller or the 50 yard range can be used for patterning.
- 5.7. No tracking of targets behind the firing line.
- 5.8. Load only one round at a time unless shooting doubles.
- 5.9. Pick up empty shells and put in designated cans.

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# Range Use Policies and Procedures

- 1) **Hours of Operation:** Shooting is allowed from 9am to sunset, Monday through Saturday. Sundays from 1pm to sunset.
- 2) **Operation of Card Reader and Gate** Access to the range is controlled by a radio frequency card reader system. There is a card reader on the left as you approach the gate from outside and another inside the range on the left for departing. Hold your card within three inches of the reader until it beeps. The gate will open for one, and only one, vehicle to enter or leave and close automatically. Guests in separate vehicles may enter upon a separate operation of the gate for each vehicle. If you have guests entering in their own vehicle, open gate for them to pass, then repeat. If the gate is locked open for an event you are still required, both coming and going, to use your card to record your entry to and departure from the range.
- 3) **Member Identification:** Each member **MUST** visibly display membership ID badge when on club property. If not displayed, any member may ask to see member identification.
- 4) **Guest & Visitor Policy:**
  - a) **Guest:** Guests are NOT covered by our liability insurance. All members with guests (guests include spouses and family of members) must first stop at the Guest Kiosk and complete the Guest Form provided. Each member is limited to three (3) guests per visit.

Guests must sign the **GUEST LICENSE AGREEMENT** provided in the Guest Kiosk. The Sponsoring Member must witness the signatures of all guests and sign where indicated. Members are responsible for briefing guests on Club rules and for assuring that guests follow all range and safety rules.

While on club ranges, members must remain with their guests. It is NOT allowed for a guest to shoot on a range other than that range the member is on.
  - b) **Youth:** Anyone under the age of 18 & not accompanied by a parent must be accompanied by an adult member and have written authorization from a parent or legal guardian to be on the range and to have access to firearms and ammunition.
  - c) **VISITORS:** Invited visitors must sign-in at Event Registration or must be accompanied by an RPRC official.
  - d) ***NON-MEMBERS ON RPRC PROPERTY WITH NO HOSTING MEMBER PRESENT OR NOT ACCOMPANIED BY AN RPRC OFFICIAL ARE SUBJECT TO TRESPASSING CHARGES.***
- 5) **Restrooms:** Portable toilets are located behind the shotgun range, and across from the 25-yard range. Please keep them tidy and clean. Report problems to the Range Operations Officer.
- 6) **Emergency Procedures**
  - a) **FIRST AID KIT:** Located in the green target shed across from the 25 Yard Range
  - b) **AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATOR (AED):** An AED is located in the green gate shed near the entrance. An un-locked access-door marked "AED HERE" is located in the front

right area of the gate house where the AED can be accessed. The device is fully automatic with instructions provided.

- c) Call 911 for emergency situations requiring EMT and/or local police. Render aid as appropriate for the individual in need, sending another member (when available) to the gate to direct emergency services to the appropriate range.
- d) Lancaster County Sheriff is (804) 462 -5111.
- e) The range is located at 640 Blueberry Point Road, White Stone VA.

#### **7) Procedures For Rounds Shot Recording**

- a) Lead accumulation on Club ranges is a concern. In 2005 RP and RC was awarded an US Government EPA Best Practices Certificate for Lead Management. To comply with our EPA Best Practices procedures, each shooter (members & guests) must log the number of rounds shot on each range on the Range Logout Sheets provided.
- b) When you have finished shooting, you must enter the number of rounds fired on each range under the appropriate caliber. Log out forms are provided in a box hanging on a post at each range. For-the shotgun range, only the number of rounds fired is required for each event type (Trap, Wobble Trap & 5 Stand).