

RANGE RULES

of the

Dormont – Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club

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- The purpose of these rules is to assure the safety of all persons using the facilities of the Club, to safeguard the facilities, and to facilitate the safe functioning of the Club within our community.
- Every member is responsible for promoting strict adherence to the letter and spirit of these rules. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.** The Executive Range Officer has overall responsibility for the safe operation of the Club. However, every member is equally charged with knowing, understanding, following, and enforcing these rules.
- These rules are in force at all times and during all events. It is the responsibility of all members to strictly adhere to these rules, and shall insist on similar adherence by all others.
- **MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY THEIR GATE CARDS AT ALL TIMES. MEMBERS MUST PRESENT THEIR CARDS AND BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WHEN ASKED BY ANY OTHER MEMBER.**
- Any member observing conduct contrary to these rules shall bring the matter to the attention of the person responsible for such conduct. This shall be done in a courteous manner reflecting the member's concern for mutual safety and adherence to club rules. Belligerent or dictatorial expressions shall be avoided. In the event this effort does not produce the desired results, the member shall bring the matter to the attention of the Executive Range Officer (ERO).
- **Firearm Safe Handling.**
 - ✓ Always point firearms, loaded or otherwise, in a safe direction that, should it discharge, no catastrophe would result. Keep your finger off of the trigger until ready to fire. Keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.
 - ✓ Do not touch or handle firearms for any reason, if anybody is forward of the line. Do not handle clips, magazines, ammunition, scopes, or any other device which is on the firing line if anybody is forward of the line.
 - ✓ In all circumstances, shooters on a particular range shall cease fire and "CLEAR" their firearms before another shooter starts forward. (**"CLEAR" means that actions are open, ammunition and magazines are removed, and all persons step back from the line**).
 - ✓ After clearing their firearm, each shooter will declare CLEAR before anyone moves forward of the firing line. When everybody has returned behind the firing line each shooter will declare the LINE IS HOT before shooters can again commence firing.
- **The following activities are STRICTLY PROHIBITED:**
 - ✓ Use of firearms in the fully automatic mode.
 - ✓ Use of exploding targets.
 - ✓ Use of tracer and incendiary bullets.
 - ✓ Haphazard firing (bump fire, uncontrolled fire - rapid or otherwise)
 - ✓ Cross firing at targets.
 - ✓ Shooting from the draw.
 - ✓ Use of alcoholic beverages and recreational drugs.
- **When you shoot at a target, the bullet must be captured by a bunker or backstop. Place your target appropriately!**
- Shoot only on designated ranges using the appropriate firearm and ammunition for that range. Only shoot at targets for which those ranges are intended. Targets are not to be attached to any of the wood or metal features on that range.
- Before proceeding beyond the 100 yd. bunker, all shooters will follow the range specific notification procedures.
- The safety and behavior of all children and guests is the responsibility of the host member. When going forward of the firing line for any reason, you shall not leave children unattended at the firing line.
- Follow the Club's safe shooting hours and the 9 am Sunday start.
- All members must comply with the signage posted on each range.

- On all ranges firearms shall not be carried forward of the firing line for any reason. The only exception is a carry firearm that remains not in use and is not fired during that session.
- Everyone (shooters and guests) on a range where firearms of any type are used **is strongly urged** to wear eyeglasses or shooting glasses to protect their eyes and ear plugs or ear muffs to protect their hearing. The Match Director may require the use of eye and/or hearing protection during Matches.
- At the conclusion of your shooting activity, police the range. Remove everything that you brought.

Specific Range Rules

Upper Pistol Range

1. Only handguns and handgun ammunition may be used on this range. Additionally, equipment and ammunition common to pistol Silhouette shooting may be used for competition. Rifles are to be used on the pistol range only during sanctioned Matches.
2. Members will only use the club supplied target frames to be placed at 25 yds, 50 yds, 75 yds, or 100 yds. Paper targets **must fit entirely within** a 2 ft. X 2 ft. target backer.
3. Firing shall be accomplished from the firing line only.
4. When notified that a member on another range is proceeding beyond the 100 yd. bunker, all firearms will be **CLEARED** and remain **CLEARED** until that member returns and states that the range is hot.
5. Targets to be used on this range are **not** to be placed at a distance of less than 25 yds.
6. At this time, shooting off of the table/benches is not permitted.

Rifle Range (Marsico Range)

1. Standard equipment and ammunition, as defined in the NRA Rifle Rule book, may be used on this range. Equipment and ammunition common to Silhouette shooting and Black Powder rifle shooting as well as shotguns with rifled slugs, may also be used for competition or practice. No handguns may be used on this range.
2. Only paper targets or metal silhouette targets are allowed. You may use the target frames provided or you may bring your own frame that fit into the holes in the ground, in which case you are required to mount it in such a manner that the bullets impact the bunkers.
3. Armor Piercing and steel core (ex: M855 green tip) ammo is not permitted when firing at the club provided steel silhouette or steel gong targets.
4. Firing shall be accomplished from the firing line only.
5. Shooting shall be at 50 yards, 50 meters, 100 yards, 100 meters, 150 meters and 200 yards only.
6. Any shooter proceeding beyond the 100 yd. bunker is responsible for notifying all shooters on the upper pistol or bench rest ranges. Other shooters shall cease fire, CLEAR their firearms, and step back from the firing line while anyone is forward of the 100 yd. bunker. When the member returns to the firing line, they are responsible for notifying other ranges when the target area is safe by stating the range is hot.
7. When using the benches on the right side of the Rifle Range, you must place your target on the permanent backers provided at 50, 100 and 200 yards. Do not place club provided target frames at intermediate ranges or place homemade target frames in the ground as high velocity bullets will hit the ground and can ricochet over the hill behind the range.

Trap Range and Manual Trap Range

1. The trap range is available only during organized Club functions.
2. A permanent manual trap stand with two target launchers is available for use by the general membership near the Trap Range. Only #7-1/2 and smaller pellets with 3 dram loads maximum may be used on this range as larger shot and heavier loads will carry off of our property. #6 and larger shot is NOT Permitted on this range. Also be aware that the range is constructed to limit the available swing of the shotguns to assure the safety of those on the Pistol Range and the Archery Range. **HAND TRAPS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS RANGE.** Follow the instructions posted on the Manual Trap Range to assure that you are using the equipment properly and safely.

Bench Rest Range

1. The intended use of this range involves the benches and the greater stability that they afford. Other forms or positions of shooting **MUST** be done elsewhere. ALL SHOOTING **MUST** BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY FROM A SEATED POSITION WITH THE FIREARM **BENCHED**. (*Benched means that the firearm must be supported by a sand bag, cradle, or other artificial support*).
2. Center fire rifles, rim fire rifles, shotguns with rifled slugs, black powder rifles and pistols which are **BENCHED** when being used are the only acceptable types of firearms used on this range. No rapid fire shooting is permitted. This range is reserved for slow controlled sighting in and precision shooting.
3. Paper targets only shall be fastened to the supplied backers at 25, 50, 100, and 200 yards. They shall be fastened such that the bullet will not strike the wooden frame. Frames brought from home or from other ranges shall not be used.
4. Any shooter proceeding beyond the 100 yd. bunker is responsible for notifying all shooters on the upper pistol or rifle ranges. Other shooters shall cease fire, CLEAR their firearms, and step back from the firing line while anyone is forward of the 100 yd. bunker. When the member returns to the firing line, they are responsible for notifying other ranges when the target area is safe by stating the range is hot.

Plinking Range

1. This range was created for the fun of simply shooting and is intended for the complete un-organized enjoyment of the membership. **The only restrictions apply to safety.** As it is permissible to shoot at various distances from the targets, care must be exercised with multiple group usage. **When multiple groups are using the range concurrently, all shooters will meet to review safe gun handling rules and to designate the location of a common firing line.** In all cases if one group is firing **in front of the bench**, others present are not permitted to touch or handle any firearms. As a courtesy to all members, do not monopolize the range and have consideration for those that also wish to use the range. **In all cases, use common sense, be courteous, and consider the safety of others.**
2. Only pistols, shotguns, .22 caliber rim-fire rifles and center fire rifles that are chambered for a straight wall pistol cartridge may be used on this range. Rifles that are chambered for any bottle neck center-fire cartridge or .17 caliber cartridge are prohibited.
3. Informal targets such as metal cans and plastic jugs are allowed and water is the only liquid permitted to be used in these targets. Remember to consider ricochet when positioning targets. Control your elevation – the trees are not a backstop and may not be used for target support!
4. **An object containing any amount of glass is prohibited.**
5. Clean up after yourself! **If you brought it in, you take it out!**
6. Even under control, the practice of emptying magazines at the highest possible rate is still an **unsafe practice.**

Indoor Range

1. The indoor range is not available for individual use. Check the calendar for availability.
2. Firearms are limited to rim fire pistols, center fire pistols or air pistols as well as rim fire .22 cal. rifles and air rifles. No center fire rifle cartridges or other type of rim fire cartridges are permitted.
3. Jacketed ammunition is now allowed.

Meadow Pistol Range

1. Only **handguns** may be used on this range. The use of any type of rifle/carbine (regardless of caliber), or shotgun is strictly prohibited.
2. **Only paper targets, club supplied target frames, and club supplied metallic targets are to be used.** All paper targets **must fit entirely within the confines** of the target backer, and the frames are to be placed only at the 21 ft. and 50 ft. positions. All other types of targets and target holders are prohibited.
3. Firing shall be accomplished from the firing line only.

Steel Challenge Pistol Range

1. Only **handguns** may be used on this range. The use of any type of rifle/carbine (regardless of caliber), or shotgun is strictly prohibited.
2. Eye and ear protection is **REQUIRED**(shooters & spectators)
3. All shooting **must be done** from **BEHIND THE BENCH**
4. Always stand at least 15 yards from the target.
5. Never use ammunition that has a velocity less than 750 ft. per second.
6. Never use any type of armor piercing bullet
7. Never shoot at steel that is cratered, pitted or damaged in any way.
8. While at this range, the use of long pants, long sleeves, and a brimmed hat are highly recommended.

Lower Archery Range

1. Archers shall not use broad heads on the 3D targets, only practice points.
2. Any type of bow or cross bow can be used on this range.
3. Archers may use the provided 3D targets or may bring their own 3D targets. They may also use individually owned archery “cubed foamed targets” designed for broad heads.
4. Archers are responsible for policing their expended arrows and or bolts.
5. No firearm use of any kind is permitted except for air rifles and air pistols.
6. Archers are required to approach the range from the rear if the range is occupied. Archers on the range shall immediately “Cease Fire” and “Clear” their bows by removing bolts or arrows as soon as vehicles or shooters approach the range from the entrance road.

Main Archery Practice Range (located behind the club garage)

1. Archers may use any type of bow or cross bow.
2. Archers shall not use broad heads, only practice points.
3. Archers may use the provided targets or may bring and use their own paper targets.
4. Archers are responsible for policing their targets, expended arrows and or bolts.
5. No firearm use of any kind is permitted.
6. Archers are required to approach this range from the rear via the roadway adjacent to the garage. Archers may park their vehicles behind the garage adjacent to the firing line and table but are urged to use care and discretion when traveling on the grass area.
7. Archers on the range shall immediately “Cease Fire” and “Clear” their bows by removing bolts or arrows as soon as vehicles or archers approach the range. All archers are required to share the range but archers in existing position shall be afforded courtesy and preferential use and position.

Wooded Archery Hunting Range (six station walking range)

1. Archers may use any type of bow or cross bow on this range.
2. Archers shall not use broad heads, only practice points.
3. Archers may only use the existing club targets.
4. Archers are responsible for policing their expended arrows and or bolts.
5. Archers are required to approach this range from the rear via the roadway adjacent to the garage. Archers may park their vehicles in the grass area in front of the garage but may not block access to the garage or the select fill storage bins. Use care and discretion when parking on the grass area.
6. Archers are required to traverse the ranges six shooting stations using the existing paths but must always approach each target area from the rear. Archers on the range shall immediately “Cease Fire” and “Clear” their bows by removing bolts or arrows as soon as other archers approach the range or station. All archers are required to share the range but archers in existing position shall be afforded courtesy and preferential use and position. All archers shall communicate their route and position to each other for maximum utilization of the range.
7. No firearm use of any kind is permitted.

General Club Guidelines

- All pets shall be on a leash unless being trained and under the control of the handler. Pets shall not be allowed to run free.
- Shooting at or into streams or waterways is prohibited, as is throwing foreign matter into the water, removing plant life, shooting, killing, or capturing frogs, toads or newts, damming or otherwise blocking the flow of water.
- There is no hunting or trapping allowed on the Club grounds. Please do not interfere with the wildlife that frequents the club property.
- Please drive slowly on the club grounds and keep to the roadways.

REMEMBER: When you shoot at a target, the bullet must be captured by a bunker or backstop. Place your target appropriately!