

Range Rules

Shooters Association of The Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Admission to the Range:

The Shooters Association comprises those members of the Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club who are entitled to use the range. Upon the Range Master's certification to the Secretary that a member has completed range orientation, the Secretary will issue that member a membership card denoting the member is a member of the Shooter's Association. Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club members cannot use the range, not even as guests, unless the Secretary has certified their membership in the Shooters Association.

Administration and Enforcement of Range Rules:

These rules govern use of the range. The rules are promulgated by the Board of Directors. The Range Master, annually appointed by the President, is charged with the implementation of these rules. Specifically, the Range Master educates Shooters Association members to the requirements of these Rules and takes corrective action in the event a Shooters Association member does not abide by these Rules.

The Range Master is authorized to discipline Shooters Association members who violate these rules with (1) reprimand for unintentional violations; (2) suspension of shooting privileges for intentional violations or repeated unintentional violations. The Range Master will maintain a written record of all such reprimands and suspensions. Additionally, the Range Master will make a written report to the Board of Directors of any suspension he may impose. Any member aggrieved by any disciplinary action taken by the Range Master may appeal the action to the Board of Directors.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors may, upon the recommendation of the Range Master and after the member has been given notice and an opportunity to be heard, expel a member from the Shooters Association for intentional violation of these rules.

Any individual who has suggestions or ideas for improvement of the range or of these rules, or who has any question about the application of these rules or about range use and procedure, is encouraged to bring these matters to the attention of the Range Master.

Who may use the Range:

The following individuals, and **only** the following individuals, may use the range:

1. Members of the Shooters Association.
2. Spouses of members of the Shooters Association only while accompanied and supervised by the qualifying Shooters Association member.
3. Children, under 21 years of age, of members of the Shooters Association only while accompanied and supervised by the qualifying Shooters Association member.
3. Guests of members of the Shooters Association only while accompanied and supervised by the qualifying Shooters Association member. Guest use of the range is subject to the same limitations upon the number of such uses as is guest use of other Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club facilities.

Access to the range:

The Board from time to time restricts range use to accommodate a special shooting event. Furthermore the range is

always closed during meetings of the Board of Directors, monthly Member Meetings, or at other times an assembly or meeting is in progress upstairs. Aside from these exceptions though, the range is available for use every day from 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM.

Each Association member and guest using the range must sign in with the caretaker if the caretaker is present and must also make a complete entry in the registration book maintained at the range for that purpose.

SAFETY RULES

Rules of safe firearms handling:

1. Always keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger of your firearm until you are ready to shoot.
3. Always keep your firearm unloaded until you are ready to use it.

Rules of safe firearms use:

1. Be sure your firearm is safe to operate.
2. Know the operation of your firearm and how to use it safely.
3. Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm.
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target.
5. Wear eye and ear protection.
6. Never shoot while under the influence of drugs or alcohol or otherwise impaired.
7. Shoot only in well-ventilated areas. Wash immediately after shooting or cleaning. Never eat, drink or smoke on the range.

Shooting Hygiene Recommendations:

1. Never eat, drink or smoke in the range.
2. Do not take children to the range who are so young they can't help putting their hands in their mouths.
3. Take breaks while shooting, especially when shooting in a group, to let the ventilation system more thoroughly evacuate the range before you resume shooting. When you take a break leave the doors closed so the system will work to push fouled air downrange.
4. Never dry sweep or shovel debris at the range. If you want to help you may use one of the rakes to remove wads from the backstop and to aggregate debris to a corner
5. Wash hands immediately after shooting, cleaning firearms, picking up spent casings pellets or reloading. Wash hands, forearms and face before eating, drinking, smoking or contact with other people. Shower when you get home. Wash with tepid rather than hot water.
6. Change out of clothes and shoes worn at the range, preferably before leaving the range. Clothes worn at the range should be washed separately from the family laundry.

Designated Range Officer:

Some of the following rules refer to the authority of the "Range Officer" (RO), for example to give an "All Clear" or a "Commence Fire" command. So that there will always be an RO on duty whenever the range is in use by more than one person, the first Association member to have signed in serves as the RO. When an RO leaves the range, the next Association member to have signed in and still on the range must assume the duties of RO.

All Range Users Are Responsible for Safety:

Though there will always be a designated RO when the range is in use by more than one person, it is every member's responsibility, not just that of the RO, to see to it that range rules and safe practice are observed. Every member is encouraged to call attention to any apparent violation of safety rules. Every member is expected to intervene if any condition or activity seems to him to compromise safety. In the unlikely event there is any doubt or disagreement as to the dictates of the rules or the requirements of safety, a member whose conduct is questioned is expected to yield in the interest of safety rather than insist upon his rights. Every member who hosts a guest must supervise his guest to ensure his guest

complies with these rules and the dictates of safety.

Range-specific rules:

Eye & Ear Protection, Ventilation, Noise Containment, Safe Handling & Respect For The Range

- 1 There will be no firing unless everyone in the range is wearing eye and ear protection.
 - a. This rule does not apply solely to shooters but also to those who are merely observers.
- 2 There will be no firing unless the ventilation system is turned on and all the outside doors and the door to the observation room are closed.
- 3 Every firearm must at all times be pointed down range. This rule requires not only that firearms not be pointed to the right or left, but also that they not be pointed up or down.
- 4 Firearms are not to be uncased or handled except at the firing line and no uncased firearm shall be left unattended unless it is at the firing line and at rest.
- 5 A firearm is "at rest" when it is on the shooting bench pointed down range, unloaded and its action left or propped open.
- 6 Shooters are to leave the range in good order and to properly dispose of their used targets, brass and other debris. However spilled rubber material must not be replaced in the backstop.
- 7 Shooters are encouraged to leave a donation for targets and supplies.

Types of Shooting Permitted

- 1 The primary use for which our range is designed is target shooting.
- 2 There will be no fast-draw shooting, no hip shooting, no point shooting, nor shooting from the holster, unless it is IPSC, IDPA or SASS shooting.
 - a. IPSC, IDPA and SASS shooting are permitted only if in compliance with their respective shooting and handling rules and under the direct supervision of a range officer utilizing their respective range commands.
 - b. Except during hours, if any, reserved by the Board of Directors for IPSC IDPA or SASS shooting, shooters engaging in these sports must yield to target shooters.

Targets & Firing Lines

- 1 Shooters wishing to fire at shorter range may advance their firing positions but under no circumstances closer to the backstop than the designated muzzle limit line.
- 2 Firing is permitted only at properly mounted paper, cardboard or other permeable non-incendiary targets placed as near as physically possible to the backstop and positioned so that all shots from the shooter's position will terminate in the backstop.

Range Commands & Duties of the Range Officer

- 1 The RO shall give the "Cease Fire" command whenever appropriate in his or her judgment. However everyone present in the range has the obligation to call a cease fire if he or she observes any unsafe condition.
 - a. When a "Cease Fire" is called, every shooter must immediately stop firing, put his or her firearm at rest and step back from the firing line.
 - b. No firearm or other item on the shooting bench shall be handled during a Cease Fire.
 - c. No one may go forward of the firing line unless the RO has issued an "All Clear" command. The RO may issue an "All Clear" command only after he or she has personally verified that all uncased firearms have been placed at rest.
- 2 Only the RO may issue a "Commence Fire" command, and only after he or she has determined that it is safe to resume firing.
- 3 The RO may direct any person to leave the range if, in the RO's sole judgment, the individual engages in any unsafe behavior or appears to be impaired.

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS

- * Only certain types of guns are permitted to be used in our range.
- * Furthermore, even if a gun is of a permitted type, it can only be loaded with certain types of ammunition.

If you are not sure whether your gun or your ammunition is permitted by these rules, ask the Range Master

1. Permitted and Prohibited Guns:
 - a. Shotguns are permitted.
 - i. Buckshot and slugs may be fired at any range not less than the muzzle limit line.
 - ii. All other shotgun ammunition must be fired at the muzzle limit line.
 - b. Handguns and long guns are permitted if firing any of the calibers listed in the *Table Of Permitted Rifle And Pistol Calibers*.
 - c. Pellet guns are permitted.
 - d. Muzzle-loaded handguns and long guns are prohibited.
 - e. BB guns are prohibited.
2. Prohibited Ammunition:
 - a. No shot ammunition is permitted unless it is fired from a shotgun.
 - b. No tracer, incendiary, or explosive ammunition is permitted on the range.
 - c. No cartridge loaded with black powder or with black powder substitute is permitted on the range.
 - d. No steel BB ammunition is permitted.

Table Of Permitted Rifle And Pistol Calibers		
All .22 Rimfires	.38 Long & Short Colt	.44 Special
.22 Hornet	.38 Special	.44 Mag
.25 ACP	.357 Magnum	.45 ACP
.30 Carbine	.357 Remington Max	.45 Auto Rim
All .32 pistol calibers	.357 Sig	.45 GAP
.327 Federal Magnum	9 mm Luger	.45 Schofield
.32-20 Winchester	.40 S&W	.45 Colt
.380 ACP	10 mm	.454 Casull
.38 Super	.41 Rem Magnum	.50 AE
.38-40 Winchester	.44/40	