

Fin, Fur and Feather Club of Wellesley and Natick, Inc.

Outdoor Pistol Range Rules

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Introduction

- The Club is making a substantial effort to correct issues on the Outdoor Pistol Range: Safety, Security, Cleanliness.
 - Bullet Containment System (baffles)
 - Restricted access (via cardkey)
 - Improved signage
 - All rules, including allowed ammunition
 - Video monitoring
 - RSO presence
 - User education
 - Website
 - (this meeting)

Introduction (cont'd)

- Compliance with every rule is mandatory
 - Zero-tolerance policy
 - Cardkey will be deactivated for any infraction
- Purpose of this meeting is to review the rules applicable to the Outdoor Range
 - Club Safety Rules and Operating Procedures
Section 5.5, *Outdoor Pistol Range Rules*
 - Section 5.3 & 8.1, *General Club Safety Rules, Guests*

Access – Members & Guests

- Age Limitation
 - Members under the age of 18 must be supervised by a Club Member who is at least 21 years of age and is properly licensed.
- Access
 - All members must swipe in with their cardkey, even if another member has opened the door ahead of them. (No tailgating.)
- Sign In Requirements
 - All members and guests must sign in on the sheet provided, and log out when leaving.

Ammunition and Firearms

- a. The only handgun calibers allowed are posted on the Range. Calibers not listed are strictly prohibited.
- b. The only rifle and carbine calibers allowed are
 - .22 rimfire (.22 cal long rifle, Mini-Mag)
 - .177 and .22 cal lead pellets.
- c. Un-jacketed, copper-jacketed and steel-jacketed ammunition is allowed.

Ammunition and Firearms (cont'd)

- d. Black powder firearms are allowed. Percussion and flintlock firearms may be capped or primed only just prior to discharging.
- e. The following are prohibited:
 - All centerfire rifles and carbines
 - 22 Magnum ammunition
 - BB's and steel pellets
 - Tracer and armor piercing ammunition
 - Paintballs.
- f. Shotguns – chronographing or patterning only
 - 5 rounds or less

Caliber And Loads Allowed

(Outdoor Range, and Subject to Change)

I. Handguns

- .22 Short, Long, Long Rifle, Mini-Mag**
- .25 Auto, NAA**
- .32 Auto, S&W, S&W Long, NAA, H&R Magnum**
- 9mm Luger (Parabellum), Makarov**
- .327 Federal Magnum**
- .357 Sig, Magnum**
- .380 Auto**
- .38 Special, Super Auto, Short Colt, Long Colt, S&W**
- .40 S&W**
- .41 Magnum**
- .44 Colt, S&W Special, Magnum**
- .45 Auto, Colt, GAP**
- .177 lead pellets**

Caliber And Loads Allowed

(Outdoor Range) - cont'd

II. Rifles and Carbines

.22 Short, Long, Long Rifle, Mini-Mag

➤ **.22 Magnum is prohibited**

.177 lead pellets

.22 lead pellets

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- **All calibers/loads not listed are prohibited.**

Targets

a. The only targets allowed are:

1. Paper or cardboard targets

➤ Must be placed on the target frames provided

2. Empty tin cans (e.g., soda cans) and soft plastic bottles

➤ Must be placed on top of a plinking stand provided

b. All other targets are prohibited, including, but not limited to:

1. Glass or metal targets of any kind

2. Beer cans or any other alcoholic beverage container

3. Rocks, stones, cement, or any other object that could fly apart or cause a ricochet.

4. Any object that can shatter or break up and make cleanup of the area difficult. Anything that turns into garbage, such as pumpkins, fruit, or any other food.

5. Explosive targets of any kind.

6. Any object that could affect the trajectory of a bullet

Targets (cont'd)

- c. Target stands may be placed at any distance from the firing line.
 - May not be placed on the ground or on the berm.
 - A Target on the ground can result in a skipped round which may travel over the berm.

- d. Firing into the target frames is prohibited. If you cannot keep all of your shots on target, move your stand closer to the firing line.

- e. Anyone intentionally shooting at the target frames will lose their range privileges (and probably Club Membership).

Casing/Uncasing Firearms

- Uncased firearms are not allowed behind the Yellow Safety Line.
- Case and Un-Case Firearms
 - Only at the shooting bench
 - Only when the range is HOT (live fire is allowed).
- They may not be handled behind the Yellow Safety Line.
- No firearm may be removed from the firing line unless it has been cleared and magazine removed.

Eye and Ear Protection

- Required on the range whenever the range is HOT.
(Live fire is allowed)
- Before starting to shoot, verify (visually) that all other personnel have their eye and ear protection in place.

Muzzle Control

- Loaded or not, no firearm shall ever be pointed in any direction other than down range
- Do not elevate the muzzle of any gun higher than eye level against the target.

All Rounds Must Impact Berm

- Ensure that all rounds impact the berm, and without first striking the ground or any other object that could cause a ricochet or skip.
 - A skipped round may travel over the berm.
 - A ricochet may travel in any direction, including towards the Safety Zone or the S&T fields

Line SAFE

- a. No equipment, including firearms, magazines, or ammunition may be handled when anyone is forward of the firing line and/or the flashing Red Safety Lights are on
- b. All personnel not going downrange must stand behind the Yellow Safety Line.
- c. Before going forward of the firing line for any reason, ensure that:
 - 1) Everyone on the range knows that you are going forward
 - 2) Their guns are safe and on the bench
 - 3) They are standing behind the Yellow Safety Line, and
 - 4) The flashing Red Safety Lights are on.
- d. If arriving on the range while the line is SAFE, place cased firearms on the bench, then stand back. Do not uncase the firearm while the line is safe.

Downrange Shooting Prohibited

- Shooters may only fire from the covered firing line.
- If your target is too far away, move the target stand closer to the firing line.

Holster Use Prohibited

- Holster use is prohibited on the Outdoor Range
- No firearm being used may be holstered, loaded or not
- A holstered firearm brought onto the range which is to be used on the range, must be made safe prior to use and may not be reloaded and reholstered until leaving the range.
- A holstered firearm brought onto the range, which is not to be used, may remain holstered.

Cleaning Up

- a. Bring your target stand back under the covered shed.
- b. Sweep the concrete pad clean.
- c. Place duds and brass casings in the containers provided.
- d. Place targets and steel casings in the trash.
 - Steel casings are not recyclable and must be disposed of in the trash.
- e. Your own casings may be retained for reloading purposes
 - Other brass may not be taken - it's recycled by the Club

Guests

- Members are allowed a maximum of two guests at a time.
- Only one guest may be shooting at any given time, whether they are licensed or not.
- No guest may shoot unless his host Member who is on the range and supervising that guest.
- Members are completely responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times.
 - Members are responsible for instructing their guest on all of the range safety rules.
 - If a guest violates any Club rule, the Member will be held responsible.

Enforcement

- Any infraction of these rules and regulations will result in suspension of range privileges
- The Club is a self-policing organization
 - You must require other members to follow the rules, and help them to do so
 - Report any infraction to R&P or the BOD

President's Statement

“If you do not know the rules for our ranges, you may not use them. When you do use them, you are responsible for abiding by every one of the rules. No excuses.

As the President of the Club, I am implementing a zero tolerance policy. If you are caught breaking the rules, your range privileges will be suspended and you must appear in front of the Board to have them reinstated.

Our members and our neighbors have been placed at risk in the past, and Club property has been damaged by members and their guests not following the rules and using good judgment.

The shooting sports require the demonstration of tremendous responsibility. We have a great club and are taking the steps necessary to ensure that members can continue to enjoy the Club for years to come.”

*Bruce Tycks
President
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