

2016 AAF&G FACILITY/RANGE USE & SAFETY RULES

AAF&G appointed Range Safety Officers (RSOs) represent the Officers and Director of AAF&G on Club Property in enforcing the Range Use and Safety Rules. Their decisions and directions must be followed at that time. Willful violation of the Club Rules or failure to comply with a RSO will result in a review by the Board of Directors, which may lead to the loss of membership and/or visitation privileges.

I. GENERAL RULES

- A.** Safety is paramount at AAF&G. All members and their guests are expected to observe the range/safety rules and shooting hours at all times without exception. If there is a question regarding range rules or safety issues, please contact a member of the Safety Committee or a member of the AAF&G Board of Directors for clarification.
- B.** Violation of any range safety rule may result in expulsion from the range and a review by the AAF&G Board of Directors, which may result in the loss of membership and/or visitation privileges.
- C.** If you observe a violation, inform the individual that their actions are in violation of club rules. Do not get into a confrontation over the violation. If they continue to violate range safety rules, report their actions to the Safety Committee or the AAF&G Board of Directors.
- D.** Membership card or current RSO badge must be displayed while using club facilities and presented when requested by any member.
- E.** The gate will remain closed and locked at all times except for sanctioned or public events.
- F.** At all times, all firearms will be treated as if they are loaded. Muzzles will always be pointed in a safe direction and never pointed at anyone. Fingers are to be kept out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- G.** Except when firing, actions will be open at all times. When the action is closed, the muzzle will be kept pointed down range at all times. (Note: break open actions can be stored in the firearm racks with the actions closed.)
- H.** Hearing and eye protection must be worn by EVERYONE when firing is occurring.
- I.** Firing must be aimed, controlled fire.
- J.** Firing will be conducted only in designated areas.
- K.** All shooting will be done from the firing line only (except on the Action Pistol Range). No one is to be forward of the firing line while the range is hot.
- L.** Only paper targets on the proper frames may be used on the Bullesye Pistol, High Power Rifle, and Small Bore Rifle Ranges. Exceptions will be addressed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the range chairperson and the safety committee.
- M.** When two or more shooters are using the same range, one of the shooters must be designated as the range officer who is responsible for range safety and status.
- N.** With the exception of Cowboy Action Shooting, capping and priming of muzzle loading firearms will only be done at the firing line.
- O.** Range Status
 - 1. COLD/SAFE** - The designated range officer must receive visible concurrence from all shooters prior to calling the range Cold/Safe.
 - a. NO FIRING PERMITTED
 - b. NO FIREARM MAY BE TOUCHED FOR ANY REASON, including sight adjustment or firearm repair
 - c. All firearms must be benched, grounded, or racked as directed by the Range Officer with actions or cylinders open and empty, or holstered with actions or cylinders empty. Removable magazines must be removed.
 - d. Muzzle loaders are considered unloaded when there are no caps on the nipples or no priming powder in the pan.
 - e. Shooters may be forward of the firing.
 - 2. HOT**
 - a. NO ONE MAY BE FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE FOR ANY REASON.
 - b. Firing is permitted.
- P.** With the exception of the shotgun fields, muzzles must be kept pointed below the level of the earthen backstop/berm at all times.
- Q.** Any range in use must have a red flag displayed at the entrance to the range. The flag must be stored by the last person leaving the range.
- R.** Inexperienced shooters must be accompanied to the firing position and coached by an experienced shooter. Shooters without coaches can seek assistance from members of the safety committee (RSOs) or the range chairperson.
- S.** Members, with the exception of Provisional Members, are welcome to bring guests to the facility. Guests using the ranges must be under the direct supervision of a member. A member may not have more than two guests firing at any one time. A host cannot shoot and supervise at the same time. This does not prohibit Provisional Members from bringing guests to visit and see the club grounds, but

those guests may not use the ranges as the guest of the Provisional Member.

- T. Provisional Members are only allowed to shoot at a gun range when a Member is present and MUST identify themselves to the member. Member's consent is not required to shoot. Provisional Members are allowed to use the Archery Range without a Regular Member present.
- U. Persons under 18 must be under direct adult supervision at all times.
- V. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on any active range at any time. No one under the influence of alcohol or other impairing drugs is permitted to shoot on any of the ranges.
- W. Full automatic fire, actual and/or simulated, with or without using an aftermarket device, is not permitted on any range at any time.
- X. Holstered guns may be worn only with empty chambers or cylinders and without magazines except when on the firing line at specific action events.
- Y. **The ONLY caliber rimfire authorized to be shot outside of Centerfire Hours is .22 caliber.** Of the .22 caliber rimfire rounds available, only **.22 long rifle, long, and short** are authorized. No **.22 Winchester Magnum Rimfire** (5.6×27mmR), more commonly called **.22 WMR, .22 Magnum**, or simply **.22 Mag** shooting is allowed outside of Centerfire Hours.
- Z. Unless otherwise specified, all used brass and empty shells are to be "policed" i.e., cleaned up, by the shooter on all the ranges.

II. SHOOTING HOURS

A. Centerfire & Muzzleloaders

1. Monday - Friday: 10:00A.M. to 4 P.M.
2. Saturdays & State & Federal holidays: 10:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.
3. Sunday
 - a. **NO CENTER FIRE OR MUZZLELOADING SHOOTING** (except sanctioned weekends).
4. Sanctioned weekends: 10:00A.M. to 8:00 P.M., daylight permitting.

B. .22 Caliber Rimfire Short/Long/Long Rifle Only

1. Daily: 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., daylight permitting.
2. Sundays there is no shooting on the Bullseye Range at Positions 17 through 24 except sanctioned weekends

III. PERMITTED SHOOTING LOCATIONS

A. Centerfire Handgun

1. Bullesye Pistol Range
2. Plinking Range

3. Action Pistol Range (Sanctioned Events or RSO Supervised Only)
4. High Power Rifle Range (Restrictions apply, see V.F.8)

B. .22 Caliber Rimfire Handgun

1. Bullesye Pistol Range
2. Plinking Range
3. Action Pistol Range (Sanctioned Events or RSO Supervised Only)
4. High Power Rifle Range (Restrictions apply, see V.F.8)

C. Centerfire or Muzzleloader Rifle

1. High Power Rifle Range
2. Plinking Range (Pistol Calibers Only)
3. Action Pistol Range (Pistol Calibers Only) (Sanctioned Events or RSO Supervised Only)

D. .22 Caliber Rimfire Rifle

1. Small Bore Rifle Range
2. High Power Rifle Range
3. Plinking Range
4. Action Pistol Range (Sanctioned Events or RSO Supervised Only)

E. Centerfire or Muzzleloader Shotgun

1. Shotgun Ranges (no slugs – shotshells only)
2. High Power Rifle Range (slugs only – no shotshells)
3. Action Pistol Range (Sanctioned events or RSO Supervised Only)
 - a. Steel Targets - Lead shot only of a maximum shot size #7 ½.
 - b. Paper or cardboard targets – All shot sizes which include slugs, buckshot and mixed sized projectile self defense loads.

F. Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Shotgun

1. In Clubhouse: Sanctioned pistol or rifle Events only
2. Outdoor: same locations as respective .22 caliber rimfire pistol ,rifle or centerfire shotgun
3. NOT permitted on archery or shotgun ranges
4. No daylight shooting time restrictions when indoors.

G. Exceptions: Exceptions to permitted shooting locations may be made for special or sanctioned events upon approval of the respective range chairperson, the Safety Committee and the Board of Directors.

IV. UNAUTHORIZED CALIBERS & AMMUNITIONS

- A. .50 Caliber BMG is not permitted
- B. Explosive, incendiary tracer, or armor piercing ammunition is not permitted.

Note: Non-incendiary tracer shot shells are permitted on the shotgun ranges and military M855 Green Tip Penetrator rounds are not considered armor piercing and are allowed on the High Power Range.

V. RANGE SPECIFIC RULES

A. Shotgun Fields

1. Moving Targets
 - a. A club member will serve as a duty officer and will be responsible for the overall operation of the shotgun fields.
 - b. The puller will act as the range officer for the field.
 - c. Maximum permitted shotgun gauge: 12
 - d. Lead shot only permitted of shot size 8
 - e. Limit of 3 Dram Equivalent
 - f. Firearms shall not be loaded until the shooter is in their firing position. Actions shall not be closed until it is the shooter's turn to shoot. Firearms shall be empty with actions open at all other times, including while shooters move between firing positions. (Note: Break open actions can be stored in the firearm racks with the actions closed.)
 - g. Only one round shall be loaded in a firearm at any time, except for multiple target events.
 - h. No hand thrown birds except from AAF&G installed equipment.
2. Patterning Boards
 - a. All shooting shall be done from the concrete firing positions.
 - b. Target Load Patterning Board (Right Board): All shot sizes larger than #8 are prohibited from use on the Target Load Patterning Board. ONLY LEAD shot on the Target Load Patterning Board.
 - c. Hunting Load Patterning Board (Left Board): Lead and non-steel shot sized larger than #8 may be patterned on the Hunting Load Patterning Board.
 - d. Steel shot of any size may be patterned only on user provided cardboard or paper patterning boards mounted on user provided stakes installed by the user to the left of the Hunting Load Patterning Board.
 - e. No slugs or single projectile loads may be used on any Patterning Board on the shotgun fields.

B. Small Bore Rifle Range

1. Only .22 cal Short/Long/Long Rifle rimfire rifles may be fired on the range.
2. No Handguns may be fired on the Small Bore rifle range.
3. No Magnum Ammunition of any kind may be used.

C. Plinking Range

1. All shooting must be done from behind the shooting benches.
2. Approved firearms
 - a. Blackpowder pistols
 - b. .22 rimfire pistols and rifles
 - c. Centerfire pistols in pistol calibers

d. Centerfire rifles in pistol calibers

3. Prohibited firearms

- a. Centerfire calibers more powerful than .44 magnum

4. Approved Targets

- a. Paper & cardboard targets
- b. Empty metal food/soda cans & plastic bottles may be placed on the earthen backstop/berm or hung by a string on the 20-yard cable.
- c. Clay Birds may be placed on the earthen backstop/berm or hung by a string from the clips on the 20-yard cable.
- d. Balloons.
- e. Self Sealing Targets (Do All, Duraseal etc) - These targets may be hung by a string from the clips on the 20-yard cable or targets OTHER THAN ROUND BALL type may be placed on the earthen backstop/berm. If any target gets displaced vertically from the area depicted by the Orange Lines (see C 6) or laterally so shooting it will involve cross-firing, SHOOTING AT THAT TARGET WILL CEASE until it is relocated to the earthen backstop/berm during a ceasefire.
- f. Any target not on this list must be approved in advance by the Safety and Action Pistol Committees.

5. Targets may not be attached to the baffle or its supports. Targets must be mounted on cardboard backers held in the clips on the cables located at 21 feet and 40 feet. Targets may also be mounted on an owner provided stand alone frame or a frame inserted into the PVC tubes at 16 yards. However they are mounted, targets must be positioned so they are located between the two orange lines painted on the vertical roof supports. Positioning targets within the orange lines should prevent ground strikes and damage to baffles and target supports. Unused support wires MUST be stowed so they are not accidentally shot.

6. If no longer serviceable, shooters MUST place target backers in the recycle (yellow) garbage cans. Shooters MUST also clean any debris such as paper, plastic, cans, or cardboard from the range before departing.

7. Crossfiring is not permitted. Shooters may only fire at the target or array of targets directly downrange from their firing point.

8. Drawing from a holster is not permitted on this range.

D. Action Pistol Range - The Action Pistol Range may only be used for Sanctioned Events, Supervised Practice Sessions or Supervised Shotgun Patterning.

1. Sanctioned Events are scheduled in advance. They will be supervised by at least one Club Range Safety Officer (RSO).
2. Practice Sessions must be supervised by at least one RSO who is qualified as a Safety Officer for an Action Pistol discipline (IDPA, USPSA, Cowboy or Rimfire). The RSO is allowed to shoot when a SO qualified in an Action Pistol discipline provides supervision to the RSO while shooting.
3. Shotgun Patterning must be supervised by an RSO.

E. Archery Range

1. Compounds, recurves, longbows and crossbows are permitted on this range.
2. Broadheads can be shot on the archery range but must be restricted to those targets specifically designated for broadheads.
3. Unaccompanied children are not permitted on the range or the elevated shooting platform.
4. No firearms or air guns are permitted on this range.
5. When firing at ranges farther than 30 yards, - behind or beyond the parking lot steps to the right of the range, the chain must be placed across the stairway and the second red flag placed in the holder near the stairway to prevent people from walking in front of the Archer.

F. High Power Rifle Range

1. Shooting of long arms may be done from the standing (offhand), kneeling, sitting and prone positions on the concrete pad as well as sitting at the shooting bench.
2. **Standing (off-hand) shooting at 25 yard targets is NOT allowed.**
3. Targets must be attached to the frames so that the bullet impacts the downrange earthen backstop/berm. Mount targets on the backers/frames such that at whichever distance the target is placed (25yds, 50yds, 75yds, 100yds) and from whatever position the shooter is using (prone, sitting, kneeling, bench, standing), a hit anywhere on the target will strike the earthen backstop/berm behind the 100 yd target line.
4. Targets may not be placed on the ground because of the ricochet hazard.
5. At no time will targets be attached to the aerial or ground baffles or the aerial baffle supports.
6. Sighting in or zeroing: Initially place target at 25 yards and adjust sight or scope settings. Move targets to farther distances, in increments, only after shots are consistently striking the center of the target.
7. **Muzzleloaders**

- a. Muzzle loading firearms will not be primed until they are on the firing line and pointed down range
- b. All loading, except when using prepared cartridges, will be done at the rear of the firing line.

8. Handguns on HP range

- a. Handguns may be fired on the HP Rifle Range ONLY if they have a 6" or longer barrel AND screw adjustable metallic or optical sights.
- b. Handguns may only be fired from Position #1.
- c. Handgun targets must be mounted at 50 yards or greater distance from the firing line.

G. Bullseye Pistol Range

1. All targets are shot at 25 or 50 yards.
2. Targets must be placed on the backers so as to minimize the possibility of bullet strikes on the frames themselves.
3. The 50 yard target frames must be flat on the ground when shooting at 25 yard targets in front of them.
4. At no time will targets be attached to the wooden eyebrow, the baffles, or the supports.
5. No Sunday shooting on Positions 17 - 24 except on sanctioned weekends.
6. Children who are not large enough to shoot a handgun safely with one hand are NOT ALLOWED on this range.
7. Drawing from a holster is NOT ALLOWED on this range.

H. Indoor Air Pistol & Air Rifle Range

1. Air guns will be treated as firearms.
2. Only Sanctioned Events supervised by an authorized Range Officer or Coach.
3. Only target grade .177 pellet air guns with maximum velocity of 600 ft/sec.
4. Only paper targets mounted on the approved target stands
5. The supervising Range Officer or Coach will insure that range is properly set up prior to shooting. After shooting the ballistic cloth and target stands must be correctly stored, chairs and tables returned to their original positions, and the target area cleaned.

VI. HUNTING - No Hunting of any kind is permitted on the property.