

Pensacola Rifle and Pistol Club Range Safety Rules (May 2010)

Club Board of Directors (BOD) serve as Range Safety Officers and are empowered to enforce all Club rules and regulations. The unsafe handling of firearms will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the Club. Members of the BOD have the authority to immediately suspend member privileges.

All members are responsible for knowing and adhering to the RANGE SAFETY RULES and the RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS. Failure to follow stated rules and regulations will result in the termination of membership in the Pensacola Rifle and Pistol Club. Members should police each other to promote safe practices for all.

All members are responsible for their guests and actions while on range property. The member must make sure their guests follow all rules and procedures of the range. Failure to do so may result in termination of membership.

Safety Rules

1. Always keep the firearm muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.
4. When not in use, all firearms must remain unloaded, with actions open and muzzles pointed downrange.
5. Be aware of your target *and what is behind it*; all bullets must impact the lower half of the berm.
6. **Range Commands:**
 1. **Cold Range:** The range is only considered "cold" when:
 - 1) All firing has ceased.
 - 2) Firearms have been laid down unloaded with actions open and magazines removed.
 - 3) All participants verbally acknowledge a cold range.
 - 4) Members should police each other to make sure actions are open and unloaded.
 - 5) At this point members may proceed forward to targets.
 2. **Hot Range:** The range is only considered "hot" when:
 - 1) All participants have returned behind the firing line.
 - 2) All participants verbally acknowledge that the range is going into a "hot" status.
 - 3) Only then can firearms be handled and firing may commence.
 - 4) No one may proceed forward of the firing line.
 3. **Cease Fire!!** The cease fire command is given when any unsafe act or condition is witnessed.
7. Firearms not in use on the firing line will be UNLOADED at all times. Revolving cylinders will be opened and SWUNG out, magazines will be removed. Actions/breeches on all weapons must be open. When moving between firing lines, firearms will not be carried in holsters.
8. The Trap Range must coordinate with the rifle range before going forward of the firing line, except in the case of a schedule competition.
9. Scheduled competition Match Directors have priority and control of the ranges they occupy. Match Directors will coordinate the range conditions and only they will give the range commands.
10. No open shooting on the scheduled ranges until the matches have completed and the Match Director gives back control of the ranges in use. This includes social occasions after scheduled matches where food and drink is consumed.
11. Highpower Rifle uses the 200 yard rifle range, but controls the trap and 100 yard range during matches. Trap uses the trap range, but controls the entire rifle range during matches.

Pensacola Rifle and Pistol Club Range Procedures (May 2010)

1. **Identification:** Proof of Membership must be presented at the request of a Member of the Board of Directors (BOD) or a Range Safety Officer.
2. **Keys:** Keys are issued yearly at the beginning of the membership year. Only members in good standing may use their keys. "Loaning" any keys to allow non-members access to the range facility is grounds for termination of membership. If a member loses their key, contact the BOD for a replacement at member's cost.
3. **Gates:** The outer gate must always be closed behind entry, the inner gate may remain open while members are on the range. The inner gate is closed and locked any time the last member leaves the range.

Note: The outer gate may only be left open by a member of the BOD or a Match Director and will be locked after the function or match is complete. A sign will be placed on the gate to leave it open for a special event.

4. **Guests:** Members must accompany their guests at all times, remaining together on the same range. Members will be held responsible for the actions of their guests and must inform them of the range safety rules and procedures. Members should not abuse the guest privilege by bringing guests on a regular routine.
5. **Children:** Minor children are prohibited from the firing line unless directly supervised by their parent or guardian.
6. **Target Frames:** 2x2 wood is provided for use in the steel target stands. Only paper targets (including cardboard backers) may be used with club materials. Targets will be attached in a way to not cause damage to Club property. Personal target frames may be used as long as the stand meets Club specifications.
7. **Targets:**
 - 1) The plinking range allows many kinds of objects (aluminum can and plastic bottles) for "plinking" however hard targets such as concrete, glass and "exploding" targets (ex: Tannerite) are prohibited. Objects must be placed on or at the base of the berm only, but no higher than the middle of the berm.
 - 2) All other ranges require paper targets only.
 - 3) To avoid ricochet, targets must be placed at a height so that all rounds fired will impact the **only the berm**, from the bottom to no higher than the middle. All rounds must stay inside the range property. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - 4) Steel silhouette targets may be used for practice or matches, but must be shot with lead bullets only.
 - 5) All target debris must be cleaned up before leaving the range.

8. **Range Uses:**

Plinking Range: General purpose shooting, any allowed weapon may be used.

Pistol Range: Only pistols and rimfire rifles are allowed to be used on this range.

100 Yard Rifle Range: Targets may only be placed at 25 to 100 yards following target rules and frames listed above.

200 Yard Rifle Range: Targets may only be placed at 150 to 200 yards following target rules and frames listed above.

50 Yard Rimfire Range: Targets may only be placed at 50 yards following target rules; allowed frames are on the range. Care must be taken to place targets in a way that the custom wood framing will not be struck.

9. **Weapons:** Fully automatic weapons are not allowed on the property. Fully automatic shooting is terms for immediate dismissal from the Club. Caliber 50BMG firearms with muzzle brakes are not allowed on the range property.
10. **Rate of Fire:** Firing rate will not exceed 10 rounds in 5 seconds except on the plinking range.
11. **Dry firing:** permitted only on the firing line or in the case of schedule matches, a designated firing area.

12. **Misfires:** Ammunition that does not fire, should be removed from the action while the firearm is pointed downrange. Disposal on range property is made using the red boxes on the back side of the firing line.
13. Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended.
14. Alcohol consumption is not allowed on a specific range until shooting is complete and all weapons are secured.
15. Hunting: Hunting is expressly prohibited on Club property.
16. Pets are not allowed on Club property.
17. Before leaving, all trash must be policed and buildings locked. Last member on the range must secure all buildings including the bathrooms.
18. Member use of the range is restricted to: the firing line and buildings, those areas cleared for targets and the road, unless you are working on an official work party.
19. Spent bullets may be removed from the range, however, a simple weight report must be made to the BOD to comply with EPA regulations.

Violations and Termination of Membership

Deliberate safety violations or willful failure to follow the rules can result in probation periods to termination of membership. Only the most egregious violations will cause loss of membership.

1. Minor or unintentional violations can be taken care of through simple correction of the action through the membership policing themselves.
2. Deliberate safety violations or willful destruction of any Club property will be dealt with by the BOD.
 - 1) A certified letter will be sent to the violator requesting an appearance at a meeting of the BOD.
 - 2) The person will be allowed to speak at the meeting in their defense.
 - 3) From the moment of major violation requiring BOD action, range privileges are suspended, disregard for the suspension will result in termination of membership. Any appearance on range property is prohibited until suspension is lifted.
 - 4) The BOD may decide to issue a probation, suspension or termination of membership based on the violation and/or the character, composure and defense the member presents. A simple majority of a quorum of BOD members will vote to apply the punishment.
 - 5) If the violator does not appear at the meeting without making prior arrangements to reschedule (suspension will remain in place), he will be deemed to have voluntarily accepted termination of membership. Appearance on the range as a guest of a member is prohibited and will be considered trespassing.