

RANGE RULES

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1. SUPERCEDEURE

The following rules, approved by the Range Committee, supercede and supplant any and all previously published editions of the Wayland Rod & Gun Club range rules.

Purpose:

The purpose of these range rules is to provide for the orderly control of all ranges when firing is taking place and to minimize or eliminate the risk of injury to shooters, guests, observers and the Club's neighbors. The receipt of Club membership, as signified by the membership card, denotes the member's acceptance of the Club rules with all of the rights, responsibilities and penalties specified hereinafter. Shooting can be, and must be, a safe sport for all of our members and friends.

2. SAFETY

SAFETY SHALL GOVERN THE RANGE

Safety must be exhibited to oneself, to others and to Club private and public property. Failure of a user to operate in a safe manner or the range officer to report any unsafe operation shall be considered a MAJOR OFFENSE. Rules of safety, which must be adhered to, include:

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Keep the action open and gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. Know how the gun operates.
5. Be sure your gun and ammunition are compatible.
6. Carry only one gauge/caliber of ammunition at the firing line.
7. Be sure of your target and what's beyond.
8. Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
9. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting.

Be aware that circumstances may require additional rules unique to a particular situation: e.g. COVID-19.

- All activities, plus shooters and observers, on the ranges MUST comply with all Massachusetts Firearms laws.

3. RANGE OFFICER

No range may be operated or the firing of any firearm take place without the presence of, and under the direct control of a range officer. The range officer shall assure that safe conditions prevail, that range commands are obeyed and that all range rules are followed. The range officer is responsible for reporting violations of rules and/or safety to the Club's Range Committee.

If the elected Range Officer (Vice President) is not present, any member may become a deputy range officer with full temporary authority to act as the range officer. The deputy range officer will be the first member of the day to sign for a range or, in the event that the range becomes unoccupied, the next member to sign in. If the elected or deputy range officer shall leave the range for any amount of time, the range officer must assure that a substitute range officer has been selected from the remaining parties. The departing range officer (RO) must notify the next member on the range that they are the new range officer and must indicate the appointment in the Range Logbook upon departure. Indoor and outdoor ranges require a range officer.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

4. RANGE LOGBOOK

A permanent range logbook, conveniently accessible in the Clubhouse, shall be provided for registration of members and guests using the firing ranges. Each user shall legibly print their name and sign in the appropriate space upon arrival. Their entry shall include the month, day, year, times of arrival and departure, which range is being used, calibers used, and whether the user is a member or guest. In addition, the range officer (RO) column for each range must be identified by checking the appropriate space. There must be an entry in the logbook for each person on the range; including non-shooters. Place "NS" in the caliber column to denote Non-Shooter.

Failure to comply with any of the above is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

5. GUESTS

A member may bring TWO guests to use the firing ranges, however, only one may be on the firing line at a time under the direct supervision of the member and the member may not shoot while the member is supervising his or her guest(s). The single exception is when the guest is an experienced shooter and holds a current Massachusetts Firearms license.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

Guests must abide by the range rules including accurate and complete signing of the logbook for which the member is fully responsible. Any specific guest may only be brought to the ranges a maximum of three times per year.

Failure to comply is a MINOR OFFENSE.

In the event of crowded facilities, guests must surrender their place on the firing line to members.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

6. RANGE HOURS:

Ranges will be closed during work parties and may be closed for special events. Please check the Club's web site for closure announcements.

Outdoor Range Opens:

Monday through Saturday, the outdoor range opens at 10 AM.

Sunday & State/Federal Holidays, the outdoor range opens at 12 PM.

Outdoor Range Closes:

The outdoor range closes at sunset.

Sunset is defined as the time of sunset shown in either the Boston newspapers, as posted on the Club bulletin board, or found online for Wayland, MA.

Indoor Range Opens:

The indoor range opens at 9 AM.

Indoor Range Closes:

For allowable centerfire pistol calibers, the indoor range closes at 9 PM.

For .22 caliber only, the indoor range closes at 10 PM.

Failure to comply with the range hours is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

7. LITTERING

No littering is permitted on Club property. No trash may be left behind including used paper targets and cartridge cases.

Failure to comply is a MINOR OFFENSE, with the exception that leaving loaded or misfired cartridge cases or shotshells behind is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

8. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

No alcoholic beverages, marijuana in any form or illegal drugs are allowed on any range at any time, regardless of whether or not firing is going on. Persons who appear to the range officer to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be permitted to shoot or remain on the range. Open or empty alcoholic beverage containers will constitute de facto evidence of intoxication.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

9. FIREARM ACTIONS SHALL BE OPEN

The actions of uncased firearms shall be open at all times the firearms are on Club property, with one exception-when the gun is held in the shooter's hands and is pointed at a safe target from the firing line. Firearms in cases may have their actions closed, but the cases must be opened upon request by any member to determine their load status. A pistol holster constitutes a case. Auto loading firearms whose actions cannot lock open must be cased when not in direct use or have their actions held open with a suitable safety device, or expended cartridge case. No uncased firearm may be handled when anyone is in front of the firing line, except for firearms back-slung for the purpose of carrying.

Failure to comply is a MINOR OFFENSE.

10. LOADED FIREARMS

No firearm may be loaded or have a cartridge in a seated magazine on Club property except when that firearm is directly in the hands of the shooter and the shooter is on the firing line with the gun pointed in a safe direction. There is one exception to this rule: a holstered pistol being carried in conformance with all applicable Massachusetts and Federal laws may remain loaded. The pistol may only be un-holstered in designated areas (the sand-bucket in the front vestibule of the Clubhouse) or at the firing line.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

11. HEARING & EYE PROTECTION

Hearing and eye protection is mandatory for all ranges.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

12. INDOOR RANGE

Only paper, cardboard, or Range Committee approved targets are allowed on the indoor range. Targets must be set up only on target hangers provided. All firing must be done from behind the shooting wall at the head of the shooting lanes. All targets must be placed directly in front of the backstop, at the full travel of the target hangers.

Only handguns chambered in approved pistol cartridges and .22 caliber rimfire rifles may be used on the indoor range. A list of approved pistol cartridges for the indoor range is posted near the logbook and at the indoor range. Only factory-loaded ammunition may be used on the indoor range.

Shooters must use jacketed, semi-jacketed, or hollow point ammunition on the indoor range, except for .22 caliber rimfire; unjacketed .22 caliber rimfire is allowed on the indoor range. No tracer, incendiary, explosive, or armor-piercing ammunition is permitted on the indoor range. Only straight walled pistol cartridges up to and including .45 caliber will be permitted. No centerfire magnums of any caliber will be fired indoors. No muzzle loader rifles, shotguns, or pistols of any caliber will be fired indoors. (See list of approved cartridges posted near sign-in book and on the wall in indoor range.)

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

Rapid fire is prohibited on the indoor range. Rapid fire is defined as more than 1 round fired per second. All rounds fired must impact the backstop.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

Purposeful failure to discharge bullets within the backstop is considered a MAJOR OFFENSE.

13. OUTDOOR RANGE

Only paper, cardboard, or range committee approved targets will be used on the outdoor range. No tracer, incendiary, explosive, or armor-piercing ammunition is permitted on the outdoor range. No .50 caliber BMG cartridge firearms of any type are allowed on outdoor range. Other types of .50 caliber firearms; e.g., .50 Action Express, .50 Wyoming Express, .50 JHR, .50 Linebaugh, 500 S&W, 500 Brunnell, and 500 Maximum may be used ONLY with Range Committee prior approval. (Muzzle loading pistols, shotguns, and rifles of any caliber up to .75 are allowed without any prior written approval.)

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

No vehicle parking is permitted in front of any active firing line.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

Purposeful failure to discharge bullets within the backstop is considered a MAJOR OFFENSE.

To facilitate emergency access when the range is in use, close but do not lock the gate, and fasten the lock to the chain. The last member to leave the outdoor range must close and fully and securely lock the gate behind them.

Failure to comply is a MINOR OFFENSE.

14. AUTOMATIC FIREARMS

Fully automatic firearms or machine guns are prohibited on the firing ranges. This rule shall not include semi-automatic firearms for which each shot requires a separate pull of the trigger, but does include selective-fire firearms and aftermarket accessories that enable an increased discharge rate; e.g., BUMPSTOCKS.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

15. IDENTIFICATION

Membership cards, valid and properly signed, must be carried by all members while on the ranges. These cards must be shown to any Club member upon request.

It is in the best interest of the Club members to inquire of unfamiliar persons as to their membership status; i.e., ask to see a membership card.

Failure to comply is a MAJOR OFFENSE.

16. OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS DEFINED

The range rules, when transgressed, carry definitive disciplinary actions in accordance with the gravity of the offense. Failure to comply with a rule shall be considered a MAJOR or MINOR offense as specified under each article of the foregoing.

A MAJOR or MINOR offense when observed by any member must be corrected immediately and without hesitation by the transgressor. Failure to immediately comply will elevate a MINOR OFFENSE to a MAJOR OFFENSE. The on-site observer must submit a detailed written report to the Range Committee or the Club Vice-President within five (5) working days of the occurrence or observation of the infraction. The report shall specify when the incident occurred and by whom it was committed. More than two MINOR OFFENSES in one calendar year constitute a MAJOR OFFENSE.

A MAJOR OFFENSE is, by definition, a grave threat to safety and requires immediate suspension of range privileges, confiscation of Club keys and membership card pending a Range Committee review. The Range Committee will notify the defendant prior to the Range Committee review of the incident, specifying the meeting time and place. Failure of the defendant to appear for rebuttal will be considered admission of the infraction of the rules specified.

The Range Committee will review MAJOR OFFENSES and may decide to:

- Immediately and permanently revoke all range privileges and confiscate the keys and membership card of the defendant,
- Suspend the defendant's Club privileges for one year from the date of the incident, at which time the defendant may reapply for membership as a new member,
- Enforce alternative penalties on the defendant, as deemed appropriate by the Range Committee, or
- Restore Club privileges and return keys and membership card to the defendant.

17. AMENDMENTS

Any Range Committee recommended changes or amendments pertaining to these range rules must be proposed to the Executive Committee for approval, then if approved, conveyed to the general membership. Notification of proposed changes to the Range Rules shall be accomplished by emailing or mailing the amendments. They shall also be posted on the Club web site for at least one meeting cycle. Upon approval, via a vote of the membership, all remaining copies of the previous rules shall be disposed of immediately and substituted with the newly revised Range Rules. The resulting body of rules shall be considered true and correct.