

Big Bore Range Rules

Rev 03/09/2021

I. USE OF THE RANGE

The following are the **ONLY** persons permitted to use the Big Bore Range:

- An adult member of the LSC who has been approved by the Board of Directors.
- A guest of an LSC member in accordance with the By-laws of the club.
- Participants in organized shooting events and practices approved by the Board of Directors.
- Students engaged in firearms training programs allowed by the LSC and the Board of Directors.

No live firing will be conducted on the Big Bore Range without at least one Range Safety Officer on duty and present on the range. (Revised 09/01)

The range is for use by members on a first come, first serve basis during posted times only.

II. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Firearms permitted:

- Any revolver or semi-automatic pistol.
- Any modern long gun .50 caliber or less.
- Any primitive long gun .90 caliber or less.

Ammunition permitted:

Any ammunition .90 caliber or less, primitive or .50 caliber modern

Forbidden under all circumstances:

- Fully automatic firearms except with permission from the Board of Directors or the Chief Range Safety Officer
- Tracer, incendiary, or armor piercing rounds.

III. SHOOTING RULES

Shooting will be at **PAPER OR CARDBOARD TARGETS ONLY**. No recognizable person in either cartoon or realistic form may be used. Standard, purchased “bad guy/hostage” type targets **ARE** acceptable.

All *sighting in* will begin with the shooter placing targets at the 25 yard position. Once target attainment is achieved at 25 yards the shooter may then place targets at the 100yard backstop. The purpose is to minimize rounds leaving the range. (Added 8/01)

The following types of shooting are **FORBIDDEN**: (Except for special events with permission which must be obtained from the Board of directors or the Chief Range Safety officer in advance)

- Combat shooting.
- Fast-draw shooting.
- Shooting from the hip.
- Cross-firing.
- Shooting at anything other than paper or cardboard.
- Shooting at the backstop/target frame supports intentionally.

All shooting must be from the authorized firing line only.

- Shooting from the prone position must be from the provided platforms (not the ground).
- Pistol shooters may set up a target to within 3 to 25 yards of the firing line.
- Rifle and shotgun targets may be set up from 25 to 100 yards from the firing line
- To avoid ricochets from the ground, targets shall be set up with the height of the aim point in line with 100 yard berm.

Exceptions to the above may be given by the Board of Directors for a specific event.
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Upon completion of a shooting session, the shooter is required to:

- Pick up and/or sweep up all empty brass, used targets, ammunition packaging, and other debris from the shooting area.
- Replace target frames to the designated storage area.

III. RANGE SAFETY

When present, a Range Safety Officer has complete control of the shooting activities and conduct of the shooters. Commands given by a Range Safety Officer must be obeyed immediately. Failure to do so will be cause for revocation or suspension of range privileges. The Range Safety Officer may, at his/her discretion, stop anyone from shooting if he/she feels that they represent an unsafe condition.

The following range safety rules are to be followed at all times:

- Keep the gun's muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- All firearms will have the actions open and unloaded until you are ready to shoot.
- No firearm will be loaded until the shooter is in position at his/her firing line and the command to load has been given.
- No person will go forward of the firing line until all firearms on the line are safe with actions open, slides back, magazines out, and/or cylinders open. It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure that the line is safe.
- No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.
- **EYE AND EAR** protection are mandatory while on the range, whether you are firing or not.
- Members who are licensed for concealed carry and carrying the firearm are considered "SAFE" and may go forward of the firing line while carrying. The firearm should remain in the holster and untouched. If a "CARRY" firearm is handled at any time on the range, then

that firearm is considered “HOT” and all range rules apply until the carrier leaves the range.

The following are **FORBIDDEN** for health and safety reasons:

- Eating or drinking while on the firing line.
- Smoking while on the firing line.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages on the range.
- Loud talking or other distractions while people are shooting.

IV. RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

The Board of Directors and the Chief Range Safety Officer can appoint Range Safety Officers who will be responsible for the safe operation and conduct of all events and practices, whether scheduled or not, that take place on the Big Bore Range. Range Safety Officer selection criteria will be determined by the Chief Range Safety Officer.

The duties of a Range Safety Officer may include, but are not limited to:

- Operation of the range during scheduled and unscheduled events and practices.
- Certification of members in rifle and/or pistol.
- Clarification of any range rule or dispute.
- Enforcement of all range rules.

Shooters must immediately obey any and all commands of the Range Safety Officer. Failure to do so may result in suspension or revocation of the Big Bore Range privileges.

V. VIOLATIONS OF RANGE RULES

Any member violating these rules or conducting himself/herself in an unsafe or non-sportsman like manner may have his/her privilege of using the Big Bore Range suspended or revoked. The Board of Directors has the right to suspend or revoke a person’s privilege to use the Big Bore Range for **ALL ACTIVITIES** as provided in the Lowell Sportsman’s Club by-laws.

Range Safety Officers may have any person removed from the premises if the Range Safety Officer feels that the person is conducting himself/herself in an unsafe or non-sportsman like manner.

All members are urged to report violations to an authorized Chief Range Safety Officer, Range Safety Officer or the Board of Directors for action.

APPROVED BY: The Board of Directors and the Chief Range Safety Officer.

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OUTDOOR RANGE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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| Controlled access gate is closed and locked | _____ | _____ |
| Impact area inspected and safe/ Check the fence for ricochet prior to each range session. Report fence damage | _____ | _____ |
| Target frames in good repair | _____ | _____ |
| Firing Line clearly marked | _____ | _____ |
| Firing points are numbered and clear of debris | _____ | _____ |
| RSO area is centrally located and clear of all obstructions | _____ | _____ |
| Shooting tables inspected and in good repair. | _____ | _____ |
| Sand bags on hand | _____ | _____ |
| Ready area designated and posted | _____ | _____ |
| Spectator area designated and posted | _____ | _____ |
| Scoring area designated and posted | _____ | _____ |
| Emergency communications in good working order | _____ | _____ |
| Communication system available and working | _____ | _____ |
| First aid kit available and stocked | _____ | _____ |
| Bulletin board hung | _____ | _____ |
| SOP posted | _____ | _____ |
| Range Rules posted | _____ | _____ |
| NRA rules for safe gun handling posted | _____ | _____ |
| Guns racks available | _____ | _____ |
| Trash receptacles provided and empty | _____ | _____ |
| Dud container is available and clearly marked | _____ | _____ |
| Brass buckets are available and clearly marked | _____ | _____ |
| Supplies available | _____ | _____ |
| Wash Area Identified | _____ | _____ |

Comments:

Inspected by: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____