

# Indoor Range Rules

## I. USE OF THE RANGE

The following are the **ONLY** persons permitted to use the Indoor 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.

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

Shooters are requested to **NOT CHANGE THE ADJUSTMENTS** of the heating and air cleansing controls.

## II. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Firearms permitted:

- .22 caliber rim fire rifles. [Rifles normally configured for center fire ammunition may be used if converted to shoot .22 short, long or long rifle.]
- .22 caliber rim fire handguns (any type of action).
- .177 or .22 caliber air rifles or pistols (firing lead pellets only).
- Center fire revolvers up to .45 caliber.
- Center fire semi-automatic pistols up to .45 caliber.

Ammunition permitted

- .22 caliber rimfire short, long and long rifle
- .177 or .22 caliber lead air gun pellets.
- Centerfire pistol ammunition up to .45 caliber
- Lead Round Nose and Full Metal Jacket rounds may be fired on any lane
- Hollow Points and Wadcutters may be fired on lanes 1 & 2 only

Forbidden under all circumstances:

- Any center fire, handgun that is not a revolver or semi-automatic pistol (Contenders are not permitted).
- Rifle rounds from any firearm (i.e., 5.56/.223, 7.62x39 mm, .45-70, etc.)
- “Gas check” rounds.
- Shot shells and safety slugs.
- Black powder.
- Armor piercing or penetrator rounds of any kind.
- Tracers or incendiary rounds.
- BBs, darts, or any other similar projectiles (no steel projectiles).

- Rifles firing any cartridge except .22 rim fire short, long or long rifle,
- Pistol caliber carbines.
- Pistol calibers over .45 caliber.

### **III. SHOOTING RULES**

All shooting must be from the authorized firing line, except by special permission from the on site event coordinator.

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.

The ventilation fans **MUST BE ON** whenever firearms are being used in the range.

The following types of shooting are **FORBIDDEN**, except for special events with the permission from the Board of Directors, Chief Range Safety Officer or the on site event coordinator.

- 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.

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 and floor.
- Turn off the air cleansing controls.
- Reset the heating thermostat to the posted temperature.
- Turn off all lights.
- Lock the door on the way out.

### **IV. 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.

During informal shooting sessions when no Range Safety Officer is present, each shooter shall act as his or her own Range Safety Officer and conduct themselves in a safe and proper manner. There must be at least two members of LSC present before any live fire commences.

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 inside the range room.
- Members who are licensed for concealed carry and carrying the firearm are considered "SAFE" and may go forward of the firing line while carrying. 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 in the range room.
  - Smoking while inside the range room.
  - Drinking alcoholic beverages while inside the range room.
  - Loud talking or other distractions while people are shooting.

## V. 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 in the Indoor 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.
- Clarification of any range rule or dispute.
- Enforcement of all range rules.

Shooters must immediately obey commands of any Range Officer. Failure to do so may result in suspension or revocation of Indoor Range privileges.

## VI. 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 Indoor Range suspended or revoked. Revocation or suspension means loss of key privileges. The Board of Directors has the right to suspend or revoke a person's privilege to use the Indoor 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 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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# Indoor Range Inspection Checklist

Yes No

- Controlled access door closed \_\_\_\_\_
- Lights in good working condition \_\_\_\_\_
- Backstop/Impact area inspected and in good repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Target frames and hanging systems in good repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Ventilation system in good working condition \_\_\_\_\_
- Firing Line clearly marked \_\_\_\_\_
- Firing points numbered and clean \_\_\_\_\_
- RSO area 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- PA system 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 available and clearly marked \_\_\_\_\_
- Brass buckets available and clearly marked \_\_\_\_\_
- Supplies available \_\_\_\_\_
- Wash Area Identified \_\_\_\_\_

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Inspected by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_