



The Lowell Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

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Black Power Range Rules

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1. Use of the range.

The following are the only persons permitted to use the Black Powder Range:

- a. An LSC member who has been approved by the Board of Directors (BOD).
- b. A guest of an LSC member in accordance with the By-Laws of the club.
- c. Participants in organized practices, training and shooting events.

2. Firearms And Ammunition

Firearms permitted:

- a. Any primitive or modern muzzle loading handgun or long gun; .90 caliber or less.

Ammunition permitted:

- a. Any primitive or modern muzzle loads; .90 caliber or less.
- b. Black Powder, pellets or the modern substitutes.

3. Shooting Rules

All shooting must be from the authorized firing line, except by special permission from the on-site event coordinator. Targets will be paper or cardboard only.

Upon completion of a shooting session, the shooter is required to:

- Pick up all paper/plastic hulls, boxes and other debris that accumulates on the range and deposit it in appropriate containers.
- Ensure any communication devices are powered off and secured as needed.

4. Range Safety

At least one Range Safety Officer (RSO) must be present on the range during live fire and has complete control of the shooting activities and conduct of the shooters. Commands given by an RSO must be obeyed immediately. Failure to do so is cause for revocation or suspension of range privileges. The RSO may, at his/her discretion, stop anyone from shooting if he/she feels that they represent an unsafe condition.



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The following range safety rules must always be followed:

- a. Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
- b. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- c. Always keep your gun unloaded and action unprimed until ready to use.
- d. No firearm will be loaded until the shooter is in position at his/her station.
- e. Firearms must be empty when moving from one station to another.
- f. No person will go forward of the firing line until all firearms on the range are safe and not primed.
- g. It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure that the firing line is safe.
- h. No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.
- i. Ear and eye protection are mandatory for all shooters and spectators while on the shooting range.
- j. Misfires will be handled in a safe manner according to the best safety practices for the firearm.
- k. 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.
- l. The following are **FORBIDDEN** for health and safety reasons:
 - a. Eating or drinking while at the shooting stations.
 - b. Smoking while on the shooting stations.
 - c. Loud talking or other distractions while people are shooting.
 - d. The consumption of alcohol on the range.
 - e. Use of controlled substances is strictly forbidden on club grounds.