



# **The Lowell Sportsmen's Club, Inc.**

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## **Indoor Range Rules**

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### **1. Use of the range.**

The following are the only persons permitted to use the Indoor 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.
- d. The range is for use on a first come, first served basis during posted times.

### **2. Firearms And Ammunition**

Firearms permitted:

- a. .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).
- b. .22 caliber rim fire handguns (any type of action).
- c. .177 to .22 caliber air rifles or pistols (firing lead/alloy pellets only).
- d. Center fire revolvers up to .45 caliber.
- e. Center-fire semi-automatic pistols up to .45 caliber.

Ammunition permitted:

- a. .22 caliber rimfire short, long and long rifle.
- b. .177 to .22 caliber lead/alloy air gun pellets.
- c. Centerfire pistol ammunition up to .45 caliber.
- d. Lead Round Nose and Full Metal Jacket rounds may be fired on any lane.
- e. Hollow Points and Wadcutters may be fired only on lanes 1 & 2.
- f. Magnum rounds are permitted if other shooters on the range agree.

Forbidden under all circumstances:

- a. Any center fire, handgun that is not a revolver or semi-automatic pistol (Contenders are not permitted).
- b. Rifle rounds from any firearm (i.e., 5.56/.223, 7.62x39 mm, .45-70, etc.)
- c. "Gas check" rounds.
- d. Shot shells and safety slugs.
- e. Black powder.
- f. Armor piercing or penetrator rounds of any kind.
- g. Tracers or incendiary rounds.
- h. BBs, darts, or any other similar steel projectiles.
- i. Rifles firing any cartridge except .22 rim fire short, long or long rifle.
- j. Pistol caliber carbines.
- k. Pistol calibers over .45 caliber.



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## 3. Shooting Rules

**Prior to any shooting on the Indoor Range, ALL personnel must evacuate the Main Hall to the kitchen side of the curtain. The curtain must be closed, and the sign must be showing that the indoor range is in use. This area is off limits to all personnel until the range is safe and all shooting has terminated.**

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

The following type of shooting is **FORBIDDEN**, except for special events with the permission from the BOD, CRSO or the on-site events coordinator.

- a. Combat shooting, Fast-draw shooting, Shooting from the hip, Cross-firing.
- b. Shooting at anything other than paper or cardboard targets.
- c. Intentionally shooting at the backstop/target frame supports.

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

- Pick up all spent cartridges, paper/plastic and other debris that accumulates on the range and deposit it in appropriate containers.
- Turn off the air cleansing controls.
- Reset the heating thermostat to the posted temperature (if required).
- Turn off all lights.
- Lock the door on the way out.
- Open the curtain in the Main Hall.

## 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 open until ready to use.
- d. No firearm will be loaded until the shooter is in position at his/her firing line and the command to load has been given.
- e. 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.
- f. No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.
- g. Ear and eye protection are mandatory while inside the Indoor Range.
- h. 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.
- i. The following are **FORBIDDEN** for health and safety reasons:
  - a. Eating or drinking while in the Indoor Range.
  - b. Smoking while inside the range room.
  - c. Loud talking or other distractions while people are shooting.