



The Lowell Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

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Outdoor Pistol Range Rules

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1. Use of the range.

The following are the only persons permitted to use the Outdoor Pistol 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. Club sponsored agencies when approved by the BOD.

2. Firearms And Ammunition

Firearms permitted:

- a. Any rim-fire, break-action pistols, revolvers, or semi-automatic pistols.
- b. Any rim-fired .22 caliber or less Rifle.
- c. Any pellet gun .22 caliber or less.

Ammunition permitted:

- a. Any modern .22 caliber or less rim fired.

Forbidden under all circumstances:

- a. Fully automatic firearms except with prior written approval from BOD and Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO).
- b. Tracer, incendiary, or armor piercing rounds.

3. Shooting Rules

Use the Range Inspection Checklist prior to shooting. All shooting must be from the authorized firing line, except by special permission from the on-site event coordinator. Recreational 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.

Metal silhouette or steel targets are to be used for matches and not for recreational shooting. **Steel targets must be a minimum distance of 15 yards for pistols and rifles.** Always check with the Target manufactures specifications for the type of target and shooting style as it may specify minimum distances and target arrangement/angles depending upon target quality, caliber, and bullet type.

Club sponsored agencies using this range have been briefed on the rules and will abide with the rules for safe shooting. They can use center fire ammunition at reduced distances (3-50 ft) with Certified Instructors and RSO's on site.



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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. Recreational shooting at anything other than paper or cardboard targets.
- c. Intentionally shooting at range support structures or target frame supports.

Upon completion of a shooting session, the shooters are required to:

- a. Pick up all spent cartridges, paper/plastic and other debris that accumulates on the range and deposit it in appropriate containers.
- b. Replace target frames to the designated storage area.
- c. Use the Range Inspection Checklist to ensure the range is ready for the next shooters.

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.

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 on the 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. All shooting must be from the authorized firing line only.
- j. Pistol and Rifle shooters may set up paper/cardboard targets 50 feet from the firing line.



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- k. To avoid ricochets from the ground, **targets shall be set up with the height of the aim point in line with the middle of sand berm.** The purpose is to minimize rounds leaving the range.
- l. Participating in a formal shooting event may require additional safety precautions not listed here. Follow all range commands of the RSO during these events.
- m. **The target holders used by outside agencies ARE NOT TO BE SHOT AT OR USED TO HANG TARGETS FROM. These uprights are not our property and thus is our responsibility to protect them.**
- n. The following are **FORBIDDEN** for health and safety reasons:
 - a. Eating or drinking while on the Range.
 - b. Smoking while on the range.
 - c. Loud talking or other distractions while people are shooting.