



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

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## **Trap Range Rules**

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

The following are the only persons permitted to use the Trap 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. A trained individual must be on the range to operate the trap machine.

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

Firearms permitted:

- a. Any type of shotgun and gauge suitable for clay shooting.

Ammunition permitted:

- a. Any gauge with target loads up to 7 ½ and shot loads up to 1 1/8 oz.

Forbidden under all circumstances:

- a. Shot loads larger than 7 ½
- b. Shot loads larger than 1 1/8 oz.
- c. Slugs or personal defense rounds.

### **3. Shooting Rules**

All shooting must be from the authorized firing line/shooting station, except by special permission from the on-site event coordinator. Shooting will be at clay targets only.

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

- Pick up all spent cartridges, paper/plastic hulls, boxes and other debris that accumulates on the range and deposit it in appropriate containers.
- Ensure the trap machine is powered down and disarmed.
- Ensure the 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 open until ready to use.
- d. No firearm will be loaded until the shooter is in position at his/her station.
- e. No firearm will be loaded with more rounds than are needed for the station.
- f. The muzzle **WILL NOT BE RESTED ON THE FOOT AT ANY TIME.**
- g. Firearms must be empty when moving from one station to another.
- h. No person will go forward of the firing line until all firearms on the range are safe with actions open or in the case of break action guns, they are empty, closed and placed on the gun rack.
- i. It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure that the firing line is safe.
- j. No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.
- k. Entry into the trap house is not allowed until the trap machine is disarmed and declared safe by a qualified person.
- l. No one may be inside the trap house during live fire.
- m. Ear and eye protection are mandatory for all shooters and spectators while on the shooting range.
- n. 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.
- o. 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.