

PENSACOLA RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- 1. The Board of Directors (the Board or BOD) are elected by the membership and exist to serve the membership. They enforce the club rules and regulations. Any member may address the Board at its monthly meeting.
- 2. All club members are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Rules and Regulations. Deliberate failure to adhere to these, especially deliberate violation of safety regulations, may result in expulsion from the club.
- 3. Members may bring guests to the range. A maximum of four guests may be brought to the range. Only two of these guests may be on the firing line at any one time and must be under the direct supervision of the sponsoring member. All guests must sign the Release of Liability form available in the clubhouse. Parents or guardian of minor children must sign for their children. The member is directly responsible for the behavior of guests and their actions. Make sure your guests know and understand the rules and follow them.
- 4. Each PRPC membership is that of the member alone. Cards are never loaned to another and the gate key remains in the possession of the member at all times.
- 5. Membership cards shall be visibly displayed on the member while on the range. A lanyard or clip-on is acceptable.
- 6. The outer gate is to be locked behind you. It is only left open for scheduled matches or special events. A sign will be placed on the gate to notify members that the gate should be left open. The person in charge of the event will close the gate.
- 7. Target mounting
 - Standard size cardboard backing is 28"x28". It is available for purchase in target house #4 located on the 200 yard rifle range. Referred to as "standard backer" in the rules.
 - Cardboard brought from home should be cut reasonably close to the standard backer size. This size is the intended size to fit all club frames. Cardboard from home should also be taken home, not left on the range.
 - Whenever the phrase "cardboard" or "target backer" is used, it will mean size 28x28 inches.
 - Paper targets must be mounted in the center of the cardboard backer. Effort must be taken to lessen the chance of bullets striking the wood uprights.
 - Wood is available for use in the steel target stands. Every effort should be made to avoid damage to the wood or steel stands. Members may bring their own wood or complete stands.
- 8. Fully automatic firearms are not permitted. Bumpfire, slidefire, or similar items are not permitted. 50 caliber BMG or crew served weapons are not allowed.
- 9. Hearing protection is required, eye protection is highly recommended. Children under 16 must wear both.
- 10. No hunting allowed.
- 11. No pets allowed.
- 12. Last member to leave the range should check that all buildings including rest rooms are locked.
- 13. Members are restricted to firing lines, target areas, buildings and roads. Exceptions to this rule (i.e., a work party) must be authorized by the board and the entire range will be closed.

- 14. Bullets may be removed from the backstop. Range must be cold. A report of the weight of projectiles recovered must be delivered to board of directors.
- 15. Alcoholic beverages of any kind are NOT allowed on club property at any time.

BASIC SAFETY RULES

- 1. Keep muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
- 2. Finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
- 3. When not firing, firearms must be unloaded, actions open and muzzles pointing downrange.

DO NOT HANDLE UNCASED WEAPONS UNTIL RANGE IS HOT OR YOU HAVE SPECIFICALLY BEEN CLEARED TO HANDLE WEAPONS BY THE RANGE OFFICER DURING COMPETITION.

DO NOT UNCASE WEAPONS UNTIL RANGE IS HOT.

DO NOT HANDLE UNCASED WEAPONS WITH PEOPLE DOWNRANGE.

- 4. Bullets must impact the lower half of the berm.
- 5. Firing rate shall not exceed 5 shots in 10 seconds.

HOT AND COLD RANGE

While a specific range is in use, it is in one of two states, **HOT** or **COLD**. A **COLD** range is a safe range. Firearms are unloaded, actions are open, and are not being handled. Personnel may go downrange.

- 1. A **HOT range** is ready to fire.
 - a. No personnel can go downrange.
 - b. All personnel must remain behind the firing line.
 - c. Firearms may be safely handled and fired.
 - In either case:
 - FIREARMS NOT IN ACTUAL USE ON THE FIRING LINE WILL BE UNLOADED. Actions will be open, and magazines removed.
 - UNCASED FIREARMS WILL NOT BE HANDLED WHEN THE RANGE IS COLD EXCEPT WHEN DIRECTED DURING A MATCH BY THE MATCH DIRECTOR.
- 2. The range is COLD when:
 - a. All firing has ceased.
 - b. Firearms are placed on the bench with actions open and magazines/clips removed.
 - c. All persons on the firing line acknowledge a cold range.
 - d. All firearm handling has ceased.
- 3. The range may be made HOT when:
 - a. All personnel have returned behind the firing line.
 - b. All personnel verbally acknowledge that the range is hot.
- 4. The trap range, the 200-yard rifle range and the 100 rifle yard range all go cold, or go hot together.

When a scheduled match is in session, the match director controls all three ranges. The two ranges not in use are closed until opened by the match director. This includes time for scoring, presentation of awards, equipment set up and take down.

RANGE SPECIFIC RULES

PLINKING RANGE

- 1. Any allowed firearm may be used.
- 2. Aluminum cans, plastic bottles, spinners, and paper targets with backers may be used as targets.
- 3. No concrete, glass or exploding targets.
- 4. ALL projectiles must impact the berm from the base to no higher than half way up.

NAT ARENSON BULLSEYE PISTOL RANGE

- 1. Pistols only on standard existing frames.
- 2. Only one target may be placed in the center of a standard backer and slid into the existing target frame brackets.
- 3. Targets are NEVER attached to the wood frames, only standard backers that fit the frame will be used.

100 YARD RANGE

- 1. Targets may be placed at any point from 25 to 100 yards.
 - 25, 50, and 75 yard lines: ALL paper targets should be mounted to a standard backer and target stand placed so bullet strikes will not impact higher than halfway up from the 100 yard backstop.
 - 100 yard line: Targets may placed no higher than six feet from the base of the backstop.
- 2. Paper targets must be centered on cardboard backers, not close to any wood holding the target.
- 3. Metal silhouette targets may be used. They must be placed in front of the base of each berm.
- 4. Clay pigeons are ONLY to be placed on the 100 yard backstop no higher than half way up.

200 YARD RANGE

- 1. Paper targets must be on a standard backer and may ONLY be placed at 150 yards, 200 yards or 200 meters which is the base of the backstop.
 - Bullets should not impact higher than halfway up from the bottom of the 200 yard/meter berm.
 - No ground targets except against the backstop wall.
 - NO targets may be placed against the horizontal wood poles at the 200 yard line. That is not a target backstop.
- 2. Paper targets mounted to standard backers must be attached to the wood uprights in a way that bullets will only impact the backstop.
- 3. Metal silhouette targets may be used.
- 4. Steel targets
 - Member owned steel targets may only be suspended from the wood stand at 200 yards.
 - -NEW July 2025 Club owned steel targets are mounted to posts.
 - + The club has provided steel targets mounted on posts for members to try out their marksmanship skills.
 - + These targets are club property and are NOT to be removed from the range, nor are they to be moved to any other part of the range.
 - 1. Only the steel targets are to be shot. Every effort should be made to not shoot the metal mounting posts.

- 2. Ammunition
 - No ammunition that has a steel core or penetrator are allowed.
 - Do NOT use armor-piercing ammo on these targets. Surplus armor-piercing 30.06 ammunition will have a black tip and should not be used.
 - If you are not sure if your ammunition is armor-piercing or not, DON'T use it.
- 3. The targets have been painted white.
 - Users will bring your own WHITE spray paint
 - Target preservation: Users will repaint the targets at the end of their shooting session.

BOBBY KAHN MEMORIAL RIFLE RANGE

- 1. This is a 100, 200, 300 yard precision rifle range. Centerfire rifles and rifle caliber carbines may be used on any range. 22 RF rifles, centerfire carbines, (such as M1 Carbine) and pistol caliber carbines may only be used on the 25 yard and 100 yard range.
 - No pistols are permitted.
 - Muzzle loaders are not allowed on this range and should be shot on either the 100/200 yard rifle range or the plinking range.
 - If you do not have an established zero, sight in first at the 25-yard line.
- 2. The shooter on the far left serves as Range Officer and calls the range hot or cold. He serves as safety observer.
- 3. The red strobe light must be lit when people are downrange.
- 4. Some benches are marked for specific target lanes. Use these benches for the specific target.
- 5. Cross firing is prohibited.
- 6. Paper targets are mounted on standard backers and may ONLY be placed at 25, 100, 200 and 300 yards. Intermediate distances or ground targets are NEVER allowed.
- 7. Paper targets are centered on standard backers which are then clamped to the top of the frame. Target backers are NOT be placed within any area marked RED.
- 8. The ONLY exception to this rule is at the 300 yard line where hanging steel targets may be used at the specific and marked spots.
- 9. Target must be place to avoid all ricochets.
- 10. All shooting must take place from behind the firing line ONLY.
- 11. Only shooting off the benches or from the prone position is allowed. Standing, or offhand/standing position is not allowed.
- 12. Clean up target material when leaving.
- 13. Steel targets
 - Member owned steel targets may only be suspended from the wood stand at 300 yards.
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 - 1. Only the steel targets are to be shot. Every effort should be made to not shoot the metal mounting posts.

- 2. Ammunition
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TRAP RANGE

- 1. Keep shotgun unloaded with action open until the firing line and range is hot.
- 2. While on firing line keep the shotgun pointed downrange at all times.
- 3. Do not move from firing line with a loaded gun.
- 4. No magnum loads, no shot larger than $7\frac{1}{2}$.
- 5. Load one round for singles, two shells for doubles.
- 6. All duds or empties must be removed from range by shooter. Pick them up when range Is cold.
- 7. Only shooters are allowed on the trap line while shooting is in process unless allowed by Range Officer.
- 8. Only authorized persons are allowed to reload the trap.

BENCHREST RANGE

- 1. .22 rimfire caliber only.
- 2. Targets must be mounted so bullets will not strike any wood frames.

SILHOUETTE RANGE

- 1. No cartridges over 2,500 feet per second.
- 2. No full metal jacket or penetrator type cartridges.
- 3. No shotguns.
- 4. No cartridges that **damage the plates.**
- 5. Approved targets are paper or unpitted steel.
- 6. No cross firing.
- 7. .22LR only on .22LR targets.
- 8. Empty chamber indicators required on a cold range.
- 9. All shots must impact the lower half of the berm.

VIOLATIONS AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

DELIBERATE SAFETY VIOLATIONS, WILLFUL FAILURE TO FOLLOW RULES, OR ACTIONS WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD OF CONSEQUENCES WILL RESULT TO IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGE.

- 1. Minor violations may be handled by correction with no further action.
- 2. Deliberate safety violation or destruction of club property will be handled as below:

A certified letter will be sent to the member announcing their suspension and offering a chance to address the BOD.

- a. The member may speak to the BOD in their defense.
- b. Except for this meeting, the suspended member may not be on range property.
- c. After this meeting, the BOD may issue a probation, suspension, or membership termination.
 It may vote to take no action and the member will have his membership restored.
 A simple majority of the BOD present makes the decision.
- d. If a member does not appear at the meeting without good cause, his membership will be terminated. He may not be a guest.



RANGE FACILITY MAP

