

## Little River Sportsman's Association Range Rules (2018)

1. Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times anywhere on the range while the range is “hot”. This includes non-shooters.
2. Transporting firearms to and from the range should be done in a safe and secure manner. No firearm should be brought to or removed from the range while loaded (unless concealed carry).
  - a. All firearms will be removed from your vehicle unloaded and in a case or similar container.
  - b. If you do not use this type of container, then the firearm must be carried from the vehicle unloaded and the action opened, (an Open Bolt (OBI) or Empty Chamber Indicator is recommended), with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction (up). In any case, the line must be hot.
  - c. Licensed carry procedures: You may transport your licensed carry firearm from your vehicle in your holster. In order to handle or place that your firearm on the shooting benches, the line must be “HOT.”
3. **Range commands:** It is the responsibility of everyone going forward of the firing line to ensure that all safety precautions are in place:
  - a. **“THE LINE IS SAFE”** or **“THE LINE IS COLD”**.  
**When this command is acknowledged by all shooters on the line all shooting will stop, all firearms will be unloaded and all actions will be opened.** On all ranges it is recommended that all chambers will have an open bolt or empty chamber indicator inserted and that muzzle loaders will have the open bolt or empty chamber indicator inserted in the muzzle. When the line is called safe or cold, no one will handle any firearm for any reason (adjust sights, clean, remove from line if finished, bring to line if just arriving, or touch for any reason).
  - b. **“THE LINE IS HOT”**.  
This command is given and acknowledged by all shooters on the line when all shooters have completed their activity forward of the firing line and are ready to begin firing. If you observe any unsafe condition announce loudly **"NO! THE LINE IS NOT HOT"**. Only during a **"HOT LINE"** may a shooter who has completed firing remove a firearm from the line or bring firearms on to the line.
  - c. **“CEASE FIRE”**  
If an unsafe condition is observed by anyone on the range they should shout **“CEASE FIRE”** immediately. Upon hearing **“CEASE FIRE”**, remove your finger from the trigger, put the firearm on the bench and step back from the line until the unsafe condition can be corrected.
  - d. **RED FLAG**  
Before going down range on the rifle range, place the red flag in the holder so it is visible to the entire Centerfire and Rifle firing line. In addition, you must also make sure the Long Range rifle range is COLD. When returning from downrange, put the flag back in the original position (up). Also inform shooters on the Long Range rifle range that the line is now HOT.
  - e. **LONG-RANGE GATE**  
Only shooters who have been qualified have a key to the gate to the roadway on the Long Range Rifle Range. When the gate is **UP**, the Pistol range, Centerfire Range and Rifle range (as

well as the Long Range Rifle Range) must remain COLD. A long-range shooter must make sure these other ranges are COLD before proceeding down range, and must inform the shooters on these other ranges that the range is HOT, when returning from down range. The Gate must be lowered and locked when the range is HOT. When shooter arrive at the range and the Gate is UP, they may not handle any uncased firearms on the Pistol Range, Centerfire Range, 200yd Rifle Range, or the Long Range Rifle Range, until the range is returned to HOT condition.

#### 4. Shooting Rules:

- a. At no time should you fire at targets not appropriate for the caliber of firearm. Tin cans, bottles, fence posts, target frames, plates, plastic covers, etc. or any other non-club-approved target are not to be used as targets. Ammunition and firearm specific restrictions are posted on each range.
- b. With the exception of clay targets on the shotgun range, and the provided steel targets on the proper ranges for that purpose, paper targets are the only approved targets at LRSA.
- c. When using the metal target frames on the ranges you should place the target with the bullseye or aiming area in the center of the frame to preclude destroying the metal frame. Target clips must always be on the backside of the metal target frames.
- d. No metal targets are to be shot at a distance of less than 10 yards. The pistol “falling plate” racks are not to be moved!

#### 5. Firearm Specific Rules. Rules for each of the ranges are posted prominently on each range. Additionally:

- a. Centerfire rifles (non-pistol caliber) are **not** to be fired on the Action Pistol Range, the Pistol Ranges or at pistol targets.
- b. The Dr. Glenn Tucker .22 Plinking Range is for .22 caliber rimfire (long rifle, long and short) ammunition only. .22 caliber rimfire pistols and rifles may be used on other rifle and pistol ranges. Note: .22 magnum, stinger or other hyper-velocity ammunition can may not be used on the Dr. Glenn Tucker .22 Plinking Range.
- c. Fully automatic firearms (NFA Tax Stamp or other authorizing legal document) are allowed to be fired on the Centerfire Range or 200 Yard Range; however only one may be in use at any given time. Federal Law requires that the NFA Tax Stamp or other authorizing legal document be with the firearm at all times.
- d. All shooting must be done at a 90 degree angle to the firing line. Crossfire shooting, shooting without a backstop or not shooting from the firing line is prohibited.

#### 6. Ammunition Specific Rules:

- a. For safety reasons and for the preservation of the steel targets and supports, no “AP” (armor piercing) rounds of any caliber or 50BMG rounds are to be used anywhere on the range property! If the ammunition being fired permanently damages a target, then it is inappropriate to use on that target. Ammunition and firearm specific restrictions are posted on each range.

- b. The Action Pistol Range is for the use of pistol caliber firearms (.45 cal. or less, no magnums) and shotguns using #6 lead pellets or smaller. NOTE: Under scheduled and controlled Match conditions other caliber firearms may be used to shoot at paper targets only! After range use, return all steel targets to where they were found.

## **7. General Rules of Conduct:**

- a. Illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on club property at anytime. Persons under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol are not allowed on club property at anytime.
- b. Children are welcome; however children (under 18) must be under have direct adult supervision while shooting.
- c. Keep our range clean! Place all trash (drink containers, glass, cans, etc.) in the receptacles provided.
- d. All brass and shotgun shells must be picked up and placed in the proper container for recycling or disposal or taken off the range by the shooter.
- e. All paper targets must be disposed of properly, all target backers must be replaced in the storage shed.
- f. If you move any tables, chairs, etc. put them back where they belong.
- g. Guests: Members are always welcome to bring guests to the range, but each guest must sign the liability waiver agreement (available at the range from the box located on the West side of the Centerfire Range or downloaded from the club web site: <http://www.lrsa.info>) prior to shooting. If a member brings more than two guests, prior permission must be obtained. In addition, the following regulations must be followed:
  - 1) Each participant must sign the Hold Harmless agreement (waiver)
  - 2) If a class is being held for which students pay a fee, LRSA is to receive \$10 per participant per day.
  - 3) The range must be left in at least as good a condition as found. This includes
    - a) Policing all brass.
    - b) Putting all tables and chairs back where they were found.
    - c) Removing all trash generated by the event. This means it is up to the organizer to be sure that all trash is disposed of properly, and removed from the range.
- h. Hunting is not allowed on the range. Fishing is allowed in water uprange, however shooting takes precedence. Fishing is not allowed downrange.
- i. A point of courtesy: never touch another person's guns or gear without permission!

**8. Range Security:** Range keys are for members only, they are not to be loaned to anyone (including family members) for any reason; doing so is grounds for expulsion from the club. Members have the right and responsibility to ask anyone on club property to show his/her key for identification purposes and if it can not be produced to ask him/her to leave.

## **9. General rules for the Shooting Ranges**

- Shooting sunrise to sunset only

- Each guest must sign a waiver form
- Eye and ear protection are required for everyone, including spectators
- Before anyone can proceed forward of the firing lines (range cold), no one may be handling any uncased firearms.
- Cleanup after yourself
- Leave the range better than you found it
- No alcohol or drugs

## **10. Range Specific Rules**

### **a. Action Pistol Range Rules**

- Pistol caliber only - nothing larger than .45ACP or .45 Colt – No Magnums
- Shotshells #6 or smaller
- No rifle ammunition
- No full automatic firing
- Steel targets must be at least 10 yards away
- Use only targets appropriate for the designated match
- Do not use ammunition that damages the targets.
- Do not shoot at targets placed on the ground

### **b. 200-Yard Rifle Range Rules**

- Rimfire or Centerfire Rifles and Handguns in calibers smaller than 50BMG
- Shotguns – Birdshot, Buckshot, Slugs
- Black Powder Firearms
- Fully Automatic Firearms
- Use paper targets in LRSA target stands at 25, 50, 100 or 200 yards or the LRSA steel targets at 100, 150 or 200 yards
- Do not use Armor-Piercing or Steel Core or any magnum ammunition
- Do not shoot at targets placed on the ground
- Do not use ammunition that damages the targets.

#### **Making the range safe (cold to go downrange) or hot:**

- ask “can we make the line safe/cold”
- when all shooters acknowledge
- announce “line is safe/cold”
- if rifle range shooters are going downrange, lower flag
- when all shooters are back from downrange
- announce “line is hot”
- raise flag

### **c. Centerfire Range Rules**

- Rimfire or Centerfire Rifles and Handguns in calibers no more powerful than .308
- Shotguns – Birdshot, Buckshot, Slugs
- Black Powder Firearms
- Fully Automatic Firearms

- Use paper targets in LRSA target stands at 15, 25, and 50 yards or the LRSA steel targets at 50 yards
- Do not use ammunition that damages the targets (Steel core, Armor piercing, etc.)
- Do not shoot at targets placed on the ground

**Making the range safe/cold to go downrange or hot:**

- ask “can we make the line safe/cold”
- when all shooters acknowledge
- announce “line is safe/cold”
- if rifle range shooters are going downrange, lower flag
- when all shooters are back from downrange
- announce “line is hot”

**d. Long Range Rifle Range Rules**

You must demonstrate competency and be on the approved list before using the long range rifle range. Check the [www.Lrsa.Info](http://www.Lrsa.Info) Website for requirements then e-mail <mailto:Longrange@lrsa.info> to schedule a qualification

We do not qualify guests. However, only those guests with long-range certification by other means will be allowed to shoot on this range.

Shooters who have been qualified may shoot centerfire rifles (.338 lapua magnum or smaller) at paper targets attached to plywood target backers at 600 yards or at the steel targets at 600 yards

You may not shoot at any target placed on the ground, or with any ammo that damages steel targets (steel core, armor piercing, etc.). You are not allowed to use “Kentucky windage.” Only firearms appropriate for this range may be used – no shotguns, no handguns, no fully automatic firearms, and no black powder firearms except those specifically designed for long range shooting.

**Making the range safe/cold to go downrange or hot:**

- before proceeding downrange, the pistol, .22 plinking, centerfire and rifle ranges must be made safe:
- all firearms unloaded
- no one handling any uncased firearms
- after returning from down range, all shooters on these ranges must be informed that the range is "Hot."
- a motor vehicle must be used to proceed to the 600 yard line along the roadway provided.

**e. Turkey Range Rules**

- Shotshells only at paper targets attached to the wooden target board
- no slugs or buckshot
- no pistols or rifles

**f. The Dr. Glenn Tucker .22 Plinking Range Rules**

- .22LR rifles and pistols only
- steel targets at least 15 yards away
- Do not shoot anything centerfire

- Do not shoot any rimfire other than .22 short, .22Long or .22 LR
- Do not shoot any targets placed on the ground.

**g. Pistol Range Rules**

- Pistol caliber only - nothing larger than .45ACP or .45 Colt – No Magnums
- Shotshells #6 or smaller
- No rifle ammunition
- No full automatic firing
- Steel targets must be at least 10 yards away
- Use only targets appropriate for the designated match
- Do not use ammunition that damages the targets.

**h. Archery Range Rules**

- Archery/Crossbow equipment only
- Shoot only within the archery lane and only in the downrange direction (from culvert to the west)
- Use only commercially available archery targets
- Remove your targets when finished
- 30 minute time limit per group when others are waiting

**i. Wobble Trap Rules**

- You may use this range only after being trained or as a guest of a trained member
- Shot shells only, no slugs or buckshot
- You may not shoot from anywhere within the throwing arc of the wobble trap
- No rifles or pistols
- put all the wobble trap equipment back where it belongs

**11. Safety Violations/Reporting:**

- Any member who has been reported twice for disregarding the safety rules is subject to disciplinary action which will include retaking the new member orientation and safety briefing at a cost of \$25.
- All members have the right and responsibility to report misconduct by anyone on the range. A safe and clean range is every club member's responsibility!
- Rule violations should be reported to club officers: David Boyd (244-3161), Lee Ovaert (630-1212) or Lee Turner (269-2100).