

Range Rules

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ALL RANGES



Safety is the responsibility of every member and guest at Albany Rifle and Pistol Club. To safeguard members, guests, facilities and equipment, ARPC has established the following rules and procedures:

THESE THREE SAFE GUN HANDLING RULES ARE THE SAFETY FOUNDATION OF ARPC.

- Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and ready to fire.
- Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot.

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7AM-9PM Monday through Friday, 8AM-8PM Saturday & Sunday.

ARPC is a “cold” range. All firearms must be unloaded before entering the club and when not in use, with the following exceptions:

- a. Law enforcement officers may carry loaded firearms to the extent required by their organizational written procedures; however, such firearms must be properly holstered or secured and may not be handled except in accordance with their written procedures.
 - b. Concealed firearms may be carried so long as they are neither visible nor apparent. Firearms carried under this provision may be loaded and if used on the range must be handled per standard range rules.
 - c. Loaded firearms may be holstered on a firing line to practice drawing from a holster.
1. All legal, “hands on” firearms are allowed at ARPC such as pistols, shotgun and rifles. All other devices such as cannons, mortars or other devices fired without direct physical control are not allowed without Executive Board approval.
 2. All firearms will be uncased and cased on the firing line with the muzzle facing downrange. Any uncased rifle must be carried with the muzzle up; any uncased handgun must be carried with the muzzle down.
 3. Uncased firearms must always have the actions open (if possible) when not in use.
 4. No person may go forward of a firing line except when the bay or range is “cold”.
 5. Cold Range definition: A Cold Range means EVERYONE on the bay or range has agreed to cease fire, all firearms are completely empty, magazines out, actions open and firearms are either facing downrange, in a rack or cased. During a “cold range” condition, no uncased firearms may be handled. The range is not Cold until these conditions have been met. The audible and visual indicators on the main range are there to let people outside and inside of the range know that the range is cold.
 6. Eye and Ear protection is mandatory for all members and guests on any ARPC shooting range. Ear protection may be removed during cold range conditions.
 7. Stay off all berms including bullet impact berms and Saddle Butte.

8. Full auto firing is permitted on:
 - a. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and 4pm.
 - b. Second and fifth Sundays and the first, third and fourth Saturdays of each month between 10am and 4pm.
 - c. During club scheduled full auto events.
9. Commands of Staff, a Range Officer, Discipline Director or Match Director must be obeyed by everyone on the range.
10. Guests and minors on ARPC property must be accompanied by a club member, who is responsible for their guest's actions. Member must constantly monitor any guest that is actively shooting. Members can only shoot when their guests are not actively shooting. Members must sign in all guests and only two guests with member supervision may shoot at one time. More than two guests may shoot at one time provided there is a separate ARPC member supervising. Members and guests must wear identification badges always. During special events competitors are not required to wear club or guest identification badges.
11. No alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs or recreational drugs including marijuana are permitted on ARPC facilities. This includes empty alcoholic containers. No one is allowed on ARPC property if they are impaired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
12. Clean up after using a range by removing used targets, picking up empty cartridges and squeegeeing if necessary. Always leave the range in better shape than when you found it.
13. Informal shooting shall not interfere with scheduled events but may be permitted at the discretion of the scheduled event Match Director.
14. Tracer ammunition and exploding targets are prohibited on all ranges except by Executive Board approval.
15. Ammunition and magazines, not attached to firearms, may be handled at any time in all areas except for safety areas or other areas marked 'no ammunition allowed'.
16. Approved Targets: Shoot only targets approved for the bay or range you are using. See specific range rules for the list. If you bring it to the range, take it home with you. No vegetables, fruit, glass, hazardous materials, flammable materials, rocks, concrete or targets that create a mess may be used except by Executive Board approval.
17. Only ARPC clay bird throwers can be used on the Trap Range. No hand throwers are allowed on any range.
18. Hunting is NOT allowed on ARPC property.
19. Pets on ARPC property must be leashed or in vehicles.
20. Smoking: ARPC follows Oregon Statutes regarding smoking in public places. Smoking is not allowed in classrooms or enclosed shooting areas or within 10 feet of entrances to those areas. The main range and shooting bays are not considered enclosed shooting areas. Outside smoking is limited to gravel and concrete areas.
21. Discipline Directors and Match Directors set their own rules with approval and oversight of the Vice-President and Chief Instructor.

Violation of club policies or range rules can lead to disciplinary action up to and including membership cancellation.

SPECIFIC RULES – MAIN RANGE

If you see a dangerous or emergency condition- In a loud and clear voice say “CEASE FIRE” repeatedly and push the “cold range” button. Explain the situation to members and guests and agree on how to proceed. Solve the condition before resuming normal operations.

NORMAL RANGE PROCEDURES

1. To go down range of the red firing line the range must be in a “cold” condition:
 - a. Physically talk with all persons on the firing line to make sure they are ready for a “cold range” condition. Make sure to look for prone shooters who may not be readily visible, then;
 - b. Walk both directions along the firing line to make sure all firearms are either cased or empty, with actions open, and everyone is back behind the yellow line and not handling firearms.
 - c. **YOU** are solely responsible for conditions a and b **BEFORE** continuing. In a loud and clear voice say “Going Cold”, check left and right for compliance one more time, then press the top button. This engages the audible and visible “Cold Range” status indicators and must be on before anyone goes downrange or forward of the red firing line.
 - d. All persons shall cross the firing line through the green striped zones only.
 - e. If anyone remains behind the firing line during a “cold range” condition, they must stay behind the yellow line and not handle any uncased firearms.
 - f. Before turning off the “cold range” indicators make sure everyone is behind the yellow line and communicate the firing line is going “HOT”. Be certain that no one is down range, behind the target frames or on the walkways when terminating a “cold range” condition. In a loud and clear voice say “Going Hot”, then push the bottom button. Note, always use the buzzer-strobe system to indicate a “cold range” even if you are by yourself. A verbal “cold range” can be used in case of an emergency or power outage.
2. All types of firearms are allowed on the main range including pistol, rifle, black powder, shotguns and full autos. (See #1 above under All Ranges).
3. **APPROVED TARGETS:** paper, cardboard, clay pigeons (use supplied clothes pins and attach to chicken wire on target boards) and steel either provided by ARPC or brought by the member. All targets, except for ARPC supplied and maintained steel, including member supplied steel, must be attached to the target Boards. Do not shoot target frames, rocks or any other target not approved for use.
4. **25-yard plate racks are for PISTOL CALIBER HANDGUNS ONLY- NO PISTOL CALIBER CARBINES, RIFLE CALIBER PISTOLS OR RIFLES.**
5. **MINIMUM ALLOWED DISTANCE FOR ALL STEEL TARGET ENGAGEMENT ON MAIN RANGE:**
 - **Handgun cartridges- 25 yards MINIMUM.** All targets, except for ARPC supplied and maintained steel, including member supplied steel, must be attached to the target Boards. Do not shoot target frames, rocks or any other target not approved for use.
 - **Shotgun Slugs- 50 yards MINIMUM.** All targets, except for ARPC supplied and maintained steel, including member supplied steel, must be attached to the target Boards. Do not shoot target frames, rocks or any other target not approved for use.

- **Rifle cartridges 100 yards MINIMUM. NO GREEN TIP OR ARMOR PIERCING BULLETS MAY BE USED ON STEEL TARGETS.** All targets, except for ARPC supplied and maintained steel, including member supplied steel, must be attached to the target Boards. Do not shoot target frames, rocks or any other target not approved for use.

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SPECIFIC RULES – NORTH & EAST RANGES

1. Park on the north side of the road across from the north range bays or the parking lot below the east range bays. No parking next to or inside bay buildings except for police emergency vehicles during law enforcement training (Law Enforcement requirement). This keeps the 'Fire / Emergency' lane clear in front of the bay buildings.
2. All "cold range" conditions are verbal on the north / east ranges in all bays. When not in use or to go to a cold range condition, all rifles will be: empty and cased **OR** empty, actions open, and either in the rack or on the bench facing downrange. Pistols shall be empty and cased **OR** empty, no magazine and holstered, **OR** action open, no magazine and facing downrange on the bench. All people must be away from the benches before the range is "cold".
3. All types of firearms, as described in "All Ranges #1", are allowed on the north / east ranges including pistol, rifle, black powder, shotguns and full autos **except bays 4 and 5. Bays 4 and 5 are PISTOL CALIBER HANDGUNS only. Rifles, shotguns or pistol caliber carbines are not allowed in Bays 4 and 5.**
4. Do not place any target higher than six feet above the bay floor. Do not shoot at anything above the six-foot limit.
5. **Targets approved** for the North Range, **EXCEPT BAYS 4 and 5**, and all East Range Bays; paper, cardboard, clay pigeons, firearm approved steel, golf balls, tennis balls, clean cans, reactive targets (plastic ground bouncing targets) and clean plastic bottles/jugs.
6. Steel targets must have a minimum shooting distance of:
 - **12 YARDS for pistol caliber handguns and shot from shotguns.**
 - **50 yards in Bay 12 ONLY for shotgun slugs**
 - **Pistol caliber carbines or shotguns can be used with MEMBER SUPPLIED STEEL ONLY.**
 - **Steel must be 100 yards' minimum distance to be shot with rifles. Therefore, rifles cannot be fired at steel targets on North or East ranges.**
 - **Plate racks and other ARPC supplied steel are for PISTOL CALIBER HANDGUNS ONLY- NO PISTOL CALIBER CARBINES OR RIFLES.**
7. Keep doors on bay buildings closed except during extremely warm conditions and shoot from within the noise control structures when possible.
8. Whenever possible share shooting bays with other members during busy times.
9. Hand clay bird throwers are not allowed in these ranges or on ARPC property.
10. Always keep gates between buildings closed.

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SPECIFIC RULES – INDOOR RANGE

1. Pellet guns, BB guns and .22 caliber **RIM FIRE ONLY** (short, long & long rifle ammunition) pistols and rifles can be fired in the indoor range. 22 ammunition with a muzzle velocity over 1300 feet per second is not allowed on the indoor range. All other firearms and ammunition including .22 magnum and .17 rim-fire ammunition are **prohibited** in the indoor range.
2. Indoor Range approved targets are cardboard and paper only. They must be attached to the provided target system.
3. No one shall go downrange of the red firing line for any reason.
4. The Indoor range is open to Range Officers, members who have attended the Indoor Range Safety Class and their guests. The Indoor range is also open to everyone when an organized event is in progress. Please contact the club office about the Indoor Range Safety Class or check the club calendar.

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SPECIFIC RULES – SHOTGUN RANGE

1. Firearms, other than shotguns, are not allowed on the trap range except by Executive Board approval.
2. When shooting on the shotgun range make sure all shot falls downrange and not across the north range road berm or the main range berm. Always shoot from designated shooting areas.
3. Shotguns shall be empty and cased **OR** empty, action open and in the shotgun rack prior to going downrange of the shooting enclosures.
4. The only approved Shotgun Range targets are Clay Pigeons or the pattern board.
5. Only ARPC clay bird throwers can be used on the shotgun range, no hand throwers are allowed.
6. A “cold range” condition on the main range does not mean there needs to be a ‘cease-fire” on the shotgun range or visa-versa.
7. Shot size is limited to #6 shot or smaller for clay pigeons.
8. The only steel plate to be intentionally shot is the patterning board at the north edge of the shotgun range. The steel patterning board is NOT to be shot with anything but shotguns. No buckshot or slugs. Steel shot hunting loads may be tested, no closer than 30 yards, but no T or F sized shot.

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SPECIFIC RULES – ARCHERY RANGE

1. The only approved arrow tip is a target tip. Broad head tips are not allowed on the 3D or known distance archery ranges.
2. No firearm shooting is allowed within any archery range. Empty handguns can be carried per ARPC Range Rules to simulate hunting situations.

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