

AMARILLO RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

Range Rules (Revised 1/27/2020)

1. Firearm Handling Rules

- 1.1. Always keep the muzzle in a safe direction.
- 1.2. Keep your finger off the trigger until the sights are on the target.
- 1.3. Behind the firing line firearms shall be completely unloaded. The chamber and fixed magazine shall be empty. Loaded detachable magazines shall be removed.
 - 1.3.1. Firearms outside a case or holster shall have actions open.
 - 1.3.1.1. Rifles and shotguns in a rack shall be muzzle up with actions open.
 - 1.3.1.2. Actions that cannot be locked open shall be propped open with an inert object.
 - 1.3.2. Openly carried holstered pistols shall be worn unloaded with hammers down and, if semiautomatics, magazines removed.
 - 1.3.3. Cased firearms shall be uncocked and completely unloaded as defined in 1.3.
- 1.4. When people are to be forward of the firing line, call "Cease Fire".
 - 1.4.1. Before anyone moves forward of the firing line, firearms must be unloaded and either tabled, grounded, racked, holstered or cased.
 - 1.4.2. **Firearms shall not be handled while people are down range.** (*This means Don't Touch Them, Period. No adjusting scopes, no cleaning, no moving them to or from vehicles, - nothing, nada, zero, zip – keep your mitts off them.*)
- 1.5. The following individuals are exempt from the requirements of sections 1.3, 1.3.2, 1.4.1, and 1.3.3 concerning the need to unload holstered handguns.
 - 1.5.1.1. Holders of a License To Carry (LTC) carrying loaded holstered handguns in compliance with applicable Texas statutes are exempt insofar as their holstered handguns are concerned.
 - 1.5.1.2. Peace officers displaying a badge are exempt insofar as their holstered duty sidearms are concerned.

2. Personal Protective Equipment

- 2.1. Hearing protection is required on all ranges. (*Be courteous of arriving and departing shooters. Refrain from shooting until they can don their "ears", and allow them to remove their hearing protection and depart the range before you resume shooting.*)
- 2.2. Eye protection is required on all ranges.

3. Live Fire Rules

- 3.1. Know and obey all range commands.
- 3.2. Shooters shall know the condition and safe operation of firearms in their possession and shall use the correct ammunition for each firearm.
- 3.3. Always shoot from a firing line. (*If the range has a canopy, the firing line is the front edge of the concrete slab under that canopy*)
- 3.4. Load, unload and handle loaded firearms only on a "hot" firing line.
- 3.5. While chambering a round (*loading*), when a round is chambered (*loaded*), and when unloading, keep the muzzle pointed below the top of the range backstop. Muzzle loaders are "loaded" when the priming powder is placed in the pan, when a percussion cap is placed on the nipple, or a primer is installed.
- 3.6. Every fired bullet must safely impact the range backstop.
 - 3.6.1. Shoot only at paper targets (*Metal targets are not allowed*).
 - 3.6.1.1. Don't shoot at cans, bottles, trash, rocks, etc.
 - 3.6.1.2. Don't shoot at level ground (*ricochet hazard*).
 - 3.6.1.3. Don't shoot at animals on Club property.

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- 3.6.2. Position targets on target frames to ensure your bullets directly and safely impact the range backstop.
- 3.6.3. When shooting at targets with multiple bullseyes, confirm that a bullet through each bullseye will directly and safely impact the range backstop.
- 3.7. Aerial shotgun shooting is not allowed (*shot does not impact a backstop*).

Operational Rules

4. Prohibitions

- 4.1. Fully-automatic firearms, select-fire firearms set to full-auto/multi-shot burst fire, 'bump-firing', and use of accessories which mimic full-auto fire such as inertia trigger-actuators (*i.e. Hellfire*), crank-type trigger actuators, and 'bump-firing' stocks (*i.e. Slide-fire*) are prohibited.
- 4.2. Firearms chambered in 50 Caliber BMG (Browning Machine Gun) are prohibited.
- 4.3. Incendiary or tracer ammunition is prohibited.
- 4.4. "Exploding" (*i.e. tannerite*) targets are prohibited.
- 4.5. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind are prohibited on Club property.
- 4.6. Loaning Club keys or Radio Frequency ID (RFID) access cards to non-members for them to use the Club ranges is prohibited.

5. Range Use and Guests

- 5.1. Club facilities shall be used only by members and invited guests, or as otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.
- 5.2. Anyone on Club property is subject to all Club rules.
- 5.3. Members will display their membership card while at the Club. Accompanied guests will display a guest card.
- 5.4. All shooting shall be done by members or under the direct supervision of a member.
 - 5.4.1. Members are responsible for their accompanied guests who will shoot only under the direct supervision and observation of that Club member.
 - 5.4.2. Match Directors/Course Instructors are responsible for unaccompanied guests participating in their scheduled activity. Unaccompanied guests shall shoot only under the direct supervision of a Match Director/Course Instructor.
- 5.5. Children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their safety and behavior. Children must be kept out of danger behind the firing line and not interfere with or distract shooters.
- 5.6. Pets on Club property will either be confined to a vehicle or leashed. Pets exhibiting aggressive behavior or being a nuisance must be removed from Club property immediately.

6. Sign in before shooting

- 6.1. Members will sign in electronically by using their RFID to ENTER through the electric gate. Members entering through the manual (guest) gate are not signed in and must do so before shooting.
- 6.2. Unaccompanied guests will sign in with the Match Director/Course Instructor.

7. General behavior

- 7.1. Mind your manners, and be polite at all times.

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- 7.2. Be mature, and listen if your behavior is questioned. If you're wrong, admit it, apologize, and correct your behavior immediately. If you're right, don't start an argument.
 - 7.3. Do not embarrass or imperil the Club by your behavior. Remember, you're representing your fellow members to guests, neighbors, and the community.
8. Safety Officer Obligation
- 8.1. Every member is a de facto Safety Officer with an obligation to speak up if unsafe situations are observed. Be polite, diplomatic, but firm.
 - 8.2. In a real or potential emergency, be it a rule violation or a range incursion by a child or animal, all individuals have a duty to call "Cease Fire."
 - 8.3. "Cease Fire" shall also be called immediately on all outdoor ranges when people or animals are visible on the property north of the creek and shall remain in effect on all outdoor ranges until the intruders are no longer in the area.
9. Range Hours and Access
- 9.1. Outdoor range hours are sunrise to sunset 7 days a week.
 - 9.2. Indoor matches may be conducted after dark.
 - 9.3. Speed Limit on Club property is 10 mph.
 - 9.4. Except for scheduled activities the gates shall be kept locked.
 - 9.4.1. Members enter and exit the property only through the electric gate. *(If you don't card in and card out in sequence the gate controller will lock you out of the Club.)*
 - 9.4.2. Unaccompanied guests (*non-members attending scheduled activities*) and commercial service providers or contractors enter and exit the property through the manual gate.
 - 9.5. Except for scheduled activities or maintenance the Indoor Range building will be locked.
10. Range Housekeeping and Maintenance
- 10.1. Don't Litter. Place trash (*including cigarette butts*) in the appropriate receptacles. Pick up or sweep your brass off the firing line.
 - 10.2. Use target frames correctly.
 - 10.2.1. Don't lean target frames against backstops or protection berms, or jam them into the ground.
 - 10.2.2. Return Club target frames, or stakes and target-cardboard, to their respective storage buildings/boxcars when you're finished shooting.
 - 10.2.3. You may use personal target frames provided they are made of wood or plastic and match the height and width of the Club frames.
 - 10.3. Climbing on berms or digging in backstops is forbidden unless it's related to maintenance.
 - 10.4. Members damaging Club property or equipment are liable for the damage and are responsible for repair or replacement. *(This includes Club target frames.)*
 - 10.5. If an accompanied guest damages Club property/equipment, the host member is responsible for repair or replacement.
 - 10.6. The Club shall not be responsible for personal property or issued equipment left on Club premises.
 - 10.7. Lost or stolen RFID's will be replaced after payment of a \$25 fee. Defective RFID's, once returned, will be replaced at no charge.

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11. Special Range Rules: Indoor Range

- 11.1. 22 rimfire rifles, and pistols chambered for 22 rimfire or for conventional pistol calibers using plain or powder-coated lead bullets, may be used on this range. (*No 17 HMR or 22 Mag*)
 - 11.1.1. No jacketed-, plated-, or polymer-clad-bullet centerfire pistol ammunition is allowed.
 - 11.1.2. Clad lead-bullet 22 rimfire ammunition is OK.
- 11.2. Don't point loaded firearms, or firearms being loaded, at the side walls or the roof.
- 11.3. No food or drink (including bottled water) on the range. (*Eat or drink in the classroom after washing hands in cold water.*)
- 11.4. All blowers behind the air filters will be ON when firing is in progress and left ON until the range is swept.
- 11.5. Sweep the range floor with oil-based "floor sweep" material at the conclusion of each day's shooting.

12. Special Range Rules: Smallbore Range

- 12.1. Rimfire rifles, centerfire rifles, and rifle-caliber pistols may be used on this range. Handguns chambered in conventional pistol calibers are not allowed. (*Use the pistol ranges*)
- 12.2. Smallbore prone target shooting is done with 22 rimfire rifles and the narrow smallbore target frames at 50 and 100 yards.
- 12.3. Rimfire position shooting (standing, sitting or kneeling), or shooting from a bench, is done with rimfire rifles and the Benchrest targets set at 100 yards only.
- 12.4. Centerfire rifles, and rifle-caliber pistols, may be used off a bench or from positions (standing, kneeling, sitting, or prone) using the Benchrest target frames set at 100 yards only. Do not shoot at the narrow smallbore target frames with centerfires.
- 12.5. When driving on the Smallbore range, follow "golf-course rules" and do not drive diagonally across the range. (*When going down range stay on the north-south roads from the east or west edges of the firing line. When crossing the range drive parallel with the firing line.*)

13. Special Range Rules: Action Pistol Ranges (Pits)

- 13.1. Pistols, pistol-caliber carbines, and 22 rimfire rifles and pistols may be used on these ranges to practice practical shooting techniques.
 - 13.1.1. Shotgun use is restricted to matches under the direct supervision of the Match Director.
 - 13.1.2. Centerfire rifle calibers, such as those used in AK's, AR's, SKS's, Mini 14's, M1 Carbines, and Model 94's, are prohibited.
- 13.2. Handling pistols behind the firing line is restricted to the designated Safety Zone in the southeast corner of each pit.
 - 13.2.1. You may practice draws and dry fire in the Safety Zone. An arrow indicates the safe direction to point your unloaded firearm while in the Safety Zone.
 - 13.2.2. Firearms shall not be loaded in the Safety Zone.
 - 13.2.3. Ammunition, dummy rounds, or empty casings are not allowed in the Safety Zone and magazines shall not be loaded with them in the Safety Zone. Prepare your magazines at the tables or barrels outside the Safety Zone.
- 13.3. Pistols outside the Safety Zone shall be unloaded and holstered with hammer down and, if semiautomatics, magazines removed.
- 13.4. There is no conventional fixed firing line on these ranges: the firing line is where the designated shooter is standing. The shooter may position themselves any distance from the target up to the 15 or 30 yard maximum available within the pit.
- 13.5. Only one shooter, the designated shooter, shall be on the firing line at any time.
- 13.6. Those not shooting shall act as Safety Officers for the designated shooter.

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- 13.7. All bullets must impact the defined impact areas on the north backstops. Don't shoot east or west.
- 13.8. Do not drive in the Pits unless it's related to maintenance or you have a Handicap/Authorization letter from the Secretary.

14. Special Range Rules: Outdoor (National Match/Bullseye) Pistol Range

- 14.1. Pistols using conventional pistol-caliber ammunition (*up to 500 S&W Magnum but NO 223, 7.62x39, etc*) may be used on this range. No rifles or carbines, including 22 rimfire, or rifle-caliber handguns are allowed. Rifle-caliber pistols, including Remington XP-100s, Thompson Center Contenders, etc, are used on the Benchrest range or Smallbore range.
- 14.2. Shoot from under the canopy, from, or above, the top of the firing-line bench.
- 14.3. Shoot only at targets on Club or equivalent-dimension frames placed in the 25 and 50 yard target holders.
- 14.4. Use only one centered target per Club frame.

15. Special Range Rules: Benchrest Range

- 15.1. Centerfire and rimfire rifles, rifle-caliber handguns, and shotguns shooting slugs or buckshot may be used on this range. Handguns using conventional pistol calibers are not allowed with one exception: scope-sighted hunting handguns may be used at 100 or 200 yards only.
- 15.2. All shooting must be done seated at one of the benches. "Position" shooting (standing, kneeling, sitting, or prone) is not allowed.
- 15.3. When shooting at 25 or 50 yards, targets must be vertically centered along the horizontal center-line of the target frame.
- 15.4. Do not crossfire: shoot only at targets in frame holders corresponding to your bench number.
- 15.5. Shotguns may be zeroed with rifled slugs or buckshot but frames damaged by slugs or buckshot must be repaired immediately by that shooter. Do not pattern shotguns with bird-shot using Club target frames.
- 15.6. When going downrange, display the flip-up "Danger Shooter Down Range" safety sign to alert others that someone is forward of the firing line.

Administration

Any rules violations are subject to review by the Executive Committee and place the violator in jeopardy of expulsion from the range and suspension or expulsion from the Club.

16. NRA membership

- 16.1. Members shall maintain current NRA membership and must document that membership with the Secretary.
 - 16.1.1. Members shall be suspended and their RFID gate-access card disabled on their Club-record NRA membership expiration date. Members may be reinstated by documenting current, continuous, NRA membership.
 - 16.1.2. A member suspended for NRA membership expiration may be replaced by an applicant on the waiting list present at a meeting where applicants are to be inducted. The replaced (suspended) member will be placed on the waiting list on the date they are replaced.
 - 16.1.3. Any member, current or suspended, whose NRA documentation confirms a gap in NRA membership, may be removed from the membership roll.
 - 16.1.4. A member suspended or replaced for NRA membership issues may be offered a pro-rated refund of Club dues to the end of the membership year. If accepted they will be considered as having resigned and will be removed from the membership roll and waiting list.

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17. Club Officer/Division Director/Match Director/Instructor Authority

- 17.1. Club Officers and Directors will enforce the rules.
- 17.2. A Division Director is directly responsible for, and is the final authority as to, the operation of their range. As such, they have control over shooters' and spectators' conduct on that range.
 - 17.2.1. The Division Director may deviate from these rules, other than prohibitions in Section 4, to safely and efficiently meet the objectives of a scheduled activity.
 - 17.2.2. A Division Director who deviates from a rule under authority of paragraph 17.2.1 shall, upon the request of the President or the Executive Committee, send a written report of the deviation to the President.
- 17.3. A Match Director or Course Instructor of a scheduled activity has Division Director authority during their entire event.
- 17.4. Non-compliance with a Club Officer's or Division Director's instructions or admonitions is grounds for immediate expulsion from the Club property. *(It also places the offender in jeopardy of being barred from the range and having their Club membership terminated.)*

18. Scheduling events

- 18.1. All scheduling requests must be submitted to the Secretary at least 30 days before the event.
- 18.2. A scheduled activity reserves the range(s) or facilities for the exclusive use of that activity, including setup ahead of the posted start time, for the duration of the event.
- 18.3. Members and their accompanied guests may use outdoor ranges whenever the ranges are not reserved for scheduled activities.
- 18.4. The Indoor range is only used for scheduled activities: it is not available for individual use.
- 18.5. Third-party events
 - 18.5.1. Club matches and activities take precedence over third-party events.
 - 18.5.2. Third parties wishing to use Club facilities should contact the Club President to obtain approval of their event. If the President is unavailable the Vice President may act in his place.
 - 18.5.2.1. Non-profit third-party events or activities may be approved by the President.
 - 18.5.2.2. Commercial third-party events or activities require Executive Committee approval.
 - 18.5.2.3. Due to the large number of commercial third-party License to Carry (LTC) programs the Club will not approve requests to use Club facilities for those programs.
 - 18.5.3. Commercial events must have their own liability insurance. Where possible the Club should be listed as an "additional insured" on the third-party liability policy.
 - 18.5.4. The Club President will coordinate third-party range-use requests with Division Directors. If a Division Director is not available to approve the use of their range for an event, the President may act in their place but assumes that Division Director's event-coordination responsibility.
 - 18.5.5. The Club President will designate a Club member to oversee each third-party activity or event. The designated Club member will have Match Director authority for the event. The designated individual will be physically present during the entire third-party event.
 - 18.5.6. The Club Secretary shall provide the third party with written authorization for the approved event and will include the name of the Club member responsible for "Match Director" event oversight.
 - 18.5.7. Third party events shall include trash management as part of their program and shall take their garbage with them when they leave.