

Comprehensive Range Rules Reference

**Southeast Regional Park and Tucson Mountain Park
Rifle and Pistol Ranges**



Gun Handling Rules

1. Always keep gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target, ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to use.
4. Know your target and beyond.
5. Be sure your gun is safe and operational.
6. Know how to use your gun safely.
7. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
8. Wear ear and eye protection.
9. Never use alcohol or drugs before shooting.
10. Store your guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized users.

Range Safety Rules

1. Obey all commands from range staff and volunteers.
2. All range users and shooters are personally responsible for range safety and safe shooting.
3. All shooters are responsible to immediately correct any unsafe conditions.
4. If you observe any unsafe Facility condition, report it immediately to a Rangemaster.
5. Shooters and observers must wear ear and eye protection
6. Firearms must be carried with the muzzle up, and action open.
7. Muzzles must always be pointed up, or down range.
8. Firearms will be kept unloaded until on the firing line.
9. Firing is permitted when all persons are behind the firing line and safe conditions exist and the Rangemaster commands are given.
10. Firearms are not to be handled during “range safe” (ceasefire) periods, or when people are in front of the firing line.
11. All shooting is to be into backstops only.
12. No shooting at unauthorized targets (cans, bottles, boxes, etc.) or anything on the ground
13. No shooting at target frames.
14. All shooting will be in authorized areas only.
15. Deposit all trash in containers.
16. Respect others and their equipment.
17. Alcohol is prohibited on all ranges.
18. Persons who have been consuming alcohol or are under the influence of drugs are prohibited from shooting.
19. Please follow these rules while using the range. Violations will be enforced.
20. Violators may be asked to leave the facility, and subject to criminal and/or civil sanctions.
21. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only.
22. Wash your hands after shooting.
23. All firearms carried from the parking lot to the Range Safety Tower must be unloaded. When entering the Range Safety Tower, long guns must be cased or have their actions open or otherwise be made safe. Pistols may be carried in their cases or brought in to the Range Safety Tower with their actions open or otherwise be made safe. Holstered pistols are considered cased.

Administrative Rules

1. Shooting is allowed at designated areas and at approved targets, with legal firearms only.
2. All youth under 16 years must be supervised by parent or responsible adult at the shooting table.
3. Firearm shooting is restricted to the designated ranges.
4. Driving off paved roads or parking lots is prohibited.
5. The range speed limit is as posted.
6. All trash must be placed in containers provided.
7. Glass containers are prohibited.
8. This facility is closed to the taking of wildlife.
9. All laws are enforced on this Range per Arizona Revised Statutes 13-1501. Violators will be prosecuted.

Permitted

- Single shot centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols
- Bolt action or lever action, magazine fed, centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols
- Semiautomatic magazine fed centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols
- Black powder muzzle loading rifles and pistols
- Black powder muzzle loading smoothbore muskets
- Shotguns firing rifled slugs or sabots

Not permitted

- Any and all class 3 firearms without required permits or stamps
- Fully automatic firearms, shooting full auto (semi auto is permitted)
- Hip shooting
- Thrown Targets
- Cross-drawing or fast drawing from a shoulder holster
- Drawing from a holster over a shooting table
- NO "BUMP FIRE/SLIDE FIRE" DEVICES – unless fired in manual semi-auto mode only. They cannot be fired in the BUMP/SLIDE – Fire Mode
- Any targets with human features
- Any zombie targets
- Any metal targets on regular range (permitted on AXN reactive target range only)
- Rolling ball type targets or targets on the ground
- Armor Piercing
- Tracer
- Incendiary ammunition or devices
- 50 BMG caliber
- 50 BMG wildcat or derivatives
- Explosive materials or devices

Black Powder

Ensure that firearms using black powder or black powder substitute be charged and the projectile inserted at the shooting tables only.

Black powder firearms may not be charged directly from a powder flask, powder can, or large powder containers. Once charged, all powder containers must be removed from the shooting table before priming. Black powder firearms may only be primed and/or capped at the shooting table with the muzzle pointing downrange. Black powder containers will not be left on the shooting tables when the firearm is being discharged.

Rangemasters and LSOs should ensure that black powder shooters are aware that when the tower operator (Rangemaster) calls “one minute to break,” if they have a charge loaded, they must fire prior to the ceasefire or notify the Rangemaster or LSO, and the line will be held until the shot is fired.

Rangemasters and LSOs should ensure that black powder shooters are aware that when the tower operator (Rangemaster) calls “one minute to break,” if they have a charge loaded, they must fire prior to the ceasefire or notify the Rangemaster or LSO, and the line will be held until the shot is fired.

If a black power firearm with a charge loaded is discovered after the ceasefire is called, the Rangemaster or LSO must notify the tower operator who will announce the “line is holding.”

- The tower will then direct all shooters to remain behind the yellow safety line, inform them that a charged firearm must be fired to clear it and direct all personnel to wear ear and eye protection.
- When all personnel are behind the yellow safety line and are wearing ear and eye protection, the tower will direct the shooter with the loaded charge (and only that shooter) to move forward to the shooting table and fire the charged firearm.
- After the charged firearm is discharged, the tower will call ceasefire, direct all shooters to remain behind the yellow safety line and ask the Rangemasters and LSOs to re-verify that the line is safe.
- When the line is safe, the tower will then announce that shooters may now go forward of the red firing line to setup and retrieve their targets.

Special Circumstances: Enfield Rifles

Enfield Rifles come with detachable magazines, but they were designed to be difficult to remove. The British military did not issue spare magazines to their troops, nor did they want them to remove the magazine in the field. The soldiers reloaded using 5-round chargers (stripper clips).

A shooter need not remove the magazine from the Enfield rifle for a ceasefire. A range safety officer may declare an Enfield rifle safe upon thoroughly inspecting the chamber and seeing the magazine follower, i.e. verifying there is no round in the magazine.

Appendix Carry – Draw from Holster

Shooters may draw from an appendix carry holster only if they blade their body sideways such that the muzzle is oriented downrange as it is drawn. Shooters may not draw from an appendix

holster while their shoulders and chest are squared to the target, as they would muzzle the people to the side while drawing.

Cross-Draw Situations – Draw from Holster Prohibited

Certain holsters, when drawn from naturally, will result in the firearm's muzzle initially pointing in a direction other than downrange, i.e., to the side or backwards. Keeping the muzzle oriented downrange when drawing from these holsters on a firing range requires special techniques that are not mastered or widely practiced by members of the general public. Therefore, drawing from these holsters on the range is prohibited.

Shooters may not draw from a small-of-the-back holster.

Shooters may not draw from a holster on the hip opposite the shooting hand.

Shooters may not draw from a shoulder holster.

Should a shooter arrive at the range wearing a firearm holstered in one of these configurations, the range staff should assist the shooter in removing it from the holster while keeping the muzzle downrange, and set the firearm on the shooting table in the proper orientation for shooting. Staff should be vigilant that the shooter not stage the firearm on the table by unholstering the firearm himself/herself in a manner that orients the muzzle incorrectly.

Shotguns at SERP

Shotgun shooting is divided into two categories.

- Shooters firing bird-type shot can shoot at the steel frames with cardboard attached for the purpose of patterning the gun.-usually only one or two shots. These targets may be placed at 25 or 50 yard distances. Shotguns shooting shot may also be shot at the 50 yard berms at the bottom third section, for function testing so long as the shot does not impinge up adjacent shooter's target frames.
- Shotguns firing slugs may be shot at targets on wooden target frames

Target Frames: Taller Frames

When shooting from a standing position at 5 or 10 yards, please use the tall frame.

Target Frames: Mobile Target Stands

Instructors:

- Certain instructional or qualification courses of fire require targets at distances not supported by the County range insets. Firearms instructors may use mobile stands provided by the range. The instructor must present himself/herself to the Rangemaster

as an instructor and check out the appropriate number of mobile stands from the County range inventory.

- Instructors may use the stands for instruction, not personal practice or personal shooting.
- If the Rangemaster determines the instructor is not, in fact, a bona fide instructor but simply a public shooter posing as an instructor in a ruse to use a mobile stand, the Rangemaster will revoke the approval and submit an Incident Report for documentation.

Public Shooters:

- Public shooters who are not instructors may not use mobile stands on the public range (SERP or TMP).
- The AXN Range does not have in-ground target holders, so shooters rely on mobile target frame holders. Public shooters who have been properly vetted to use the AXN Range may use the County mobile stands only on the AXN Range.

Target Frames: 25-yard Targets on Long Range at SERP

Procedures for shooting at 25-yard targets on the long range:

- Shooters must place their targets on the frame in the center of the cardboard, measured along the vertical and horizontal axes.
- Shooters may only fire at 25-yard targets seated from the bench. No standing, prone or kneeling shooting allowed at the 25-yard targets.
- No right-handed shooting is permitted from benches 19 or 20 (rightmost benches on the long range). Shots from these positions may impact the concrete wall.
- No left-handed shooting is permitted from benches 29 or 30 (leftmost benches on the long range). Shots from these positions may shoot past the left edge of the backstop.
- No shooting at 25-yard targets from lanes/benches 23, 24 or 25. Bullets impact the center concrete buttress in the berm.
- Shot fired at a 25-yard target on the long range may hit a 200-yard target on the adjacent lane. The Rangemaster will assign 25-yard positions to avoid crossfire into adjacent targets at 200 yards.

Children on the Range

Children must be under constant adult supervision and control at all times, including on the firing line, downrange and behind the Yellow Safety Line. All non-shooters except those who are assisting or spotting for shooters must stay behind the yellow safety line. Children must wear hearing and eye protection. Children are not allowed to be unsupervised on the Facility property.

Brass Pick-Up

Shooters are required to clean-up their area and pick up their personal spent cases (brass, steel, aluminum and plastic) for their own collection or place their brass into provided containers before leaving the range.

- **During Live Fire:** Brass may be picked up behind the Red Firing Line.
- **During Cease Fire:** Brass may be picked up in front of the Red Firing Line or behind the Yellow Safety Line.

Brass that is deposited in the buckets is the property of Pima County. Only brass belonging to a shooter who fired it may be taken from the range by that shooter.

Smoking Rules

Smoking must occur in the designated smoking areas only.

Hygiene Rules

- Consuming food is strongly discouraged while working at the shooting line. Unless operational/safety needs preclude staff from leaving the line, food should be consumed during lunch or regular breaks away from the shooting line in the office, classroom, warehouse, ramada or picnic tables away from the shooting areas (where availability of such amenities depend on the range).
- At lunch or other breaks, wash your hands before handling food or drink. Do not put anything into your mouth that may be contaminated by airborne lead or gunpowder dust or dust from your hands.
- Ensure that eating surface is clean
- Do not smoke without washing hands first
- Only food and properly contained beverages may be placed in the office refrigerator and perishable food must be removed after 8 days
- Wash hands before and after smoking
- Clean your area after use to include the desk, flooring and microwave