

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules

The Range Safety Officer (RSO) has full control of the range, including opening, closing and managing using range rules.

Ranges may not be used when an RSO is not in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. Range hours must be within 8:30 am to official sunset. Open hours are determined by the Rifle/Pistol committee.
2. All shooters must sign in and out at each range and pay appropriate fees.
3. All people on the range will be required to identify themselves if asked and state whether they are a member or guest. RSO's will display the appropriate badge or ID.
4. Members or Associate members must be present with any guests and are responsible for the actions of their guests. We require identification to be worn and visible for each range user.
5. Members/users are responsible for damage to our infrastructure caused by failure to follow the approved range rules.
6. Scheduled matches and training classes will have priority over open use of the range. Casual shooting may be allowed with agreement of those running the match/class.
7. Use only the target frames that are provided. Only paper targets not in the shape of a human are allowed unless approved by the Board of Directors.
8. No drugs or alcohol allowed on the range. No impaired individuals allowed on the ranges.
9. Violation of our rules may result in loss of shooting privileges.

RANGE SAFETY RULES

1. **Eye and Ear protection is required while ranges are hot. When the red light is on, the range is safe.**
 - When the range is hot, all shooters and spectators on the range must use eye and ear protection. In the event of a firearm failure the possibility of eye injury can be significant.
2. **Range users may go downrange when the red warning lights are on and all are behind red safe line. We can then place targets, etc.**
 - Cease fires are generally called when new shooters arrive on the range or when shooters need to change/pick up their target frames.
 - Before allowing anyone downrange, all firearms are to be checked for safe condition (unloaded, actions open, magazines removed, cylinders open and unloaded) and everyone is behind the red safe line.
 - In case of an injury or other emergency (unsafe situation) the RSO (or other member) will call a cease fire in order to focus on the problem and have other members assist.
 - The RSO will verify no one is downrange before turning the red warning lights off.

3. **All firearms must be pointed downrange at all times at the benches. Closed actions are allowed only during range hot conditions at the shooting bench when red warning lights off. Place unloaded firearms on the shooting benches when warning lights are off. When a cease fire is called, all guns should be empty and made safe. Actions should be open and magazine removed. Cylinders are to be open and empty.**
 - Anyone present will immediately call a cease fire if they observe an unsafe situation.
 - During cease fires, absolutely no handling of firearms is allowed.
 - If a member is ready to leave, they must wait until cease fire is complete (red warning lights off) before removing firearms from the shooting bench.
 - The cleaning or minor maintenance of rifles can be performed only on the shooting bench (not on the storage tables) and firearms must be pointed downrange. Members who reload cartridges at the range may do so only on the storage tables, not on the shooting benches.
4. **No crossing red safe line to handle firearms on shooting benches during a cease fire. Red warning lights will be on.**
 - The only person allowed in front of the red safe line during cease fires is the RSO.
5. **All actions must be kept open and safe (unloaded) when uncasing firearms at the storage tables or removing from vehicles.**
 - Cased firearms (only) should be left on the storage tables (no exposed firearms on the storage tables). Firearms transferred from the tables to the benches must be handled in a safe manner, actions open, magazines removed and pointed downrange at all times.
6. **No firearms allowed downrange or past the shooting benches. No guns will be carried in holsters except uniformed law enforcement officers.**
 - No one may have a firearm downrange of the shooting benches.
7. **No pistols on the rifle range. GPGC reserves the right to designate certain cartridges and types of firearms used.**
 - Handguns are not allowed on the rifle range. This includes the use of AR or AK-style (short barrel) pistols.
8. **No rifles on the pistol range. GPGC reserves the right to designate certain cartridges and types of firearms that may be used.(.22 rimfire rifles allowed)**
 - The steel backstop on the pistol range cannot handle high-power rifle cartridges. (Read bottle-neck ammunition). This includes the use of AR or AK-style (short barrel) pistols.
 - Certain tapered pistol cases are allowed (e.g Tokarev, 357 SIG, 400 Corbon, 44-40, 38-40)
 - Black powder muzzle loading rifles and pistols are allowed.
9. **Shoot at paper targets in approved frames or GPGC placed gongs only. No explosive targets.**
 - This is a critical issue for both ranges. The range design allows for a narrow shooting angle in order to impact the backstops. The target frames are designed to maintain the proper shooting angles. This is the reason for the height of the rifle range target frames, and multiple baffles.
 - Explosive targets are not allowed to minimize fire hazard.
10. **No shooting across lanes.**
 - Shooting across the firing lanes constitutes a major safety risk (read violation). The risk of ricochet either off the ground or safety features is too great to allow cross-lane shooting.

11. No buckshot or birdshot allowed – shotgun slugs are allowed.

- Buckshot presents a ricochet risk and smaller shot risks damage to the ranges. Slug shooting is allowed on the rifle range if the shooter is using a shotgun with a sighting system designed for this purpose. If a member wants to pattern test their shotgun, a pattern board is available at the end of the shotgun range.

12. Certain firearms are not allowed - 50 BMG, fully automatic, additions that simulate autofire, firearms unable to demonstrate the ability to hit the berm or bullet stop.

- The 50 BMG cartridge is capable of shooting through any of our range safety structures. Note the comparison of the 50 BMG to other magnum cartridges:

50 BMG	14,873 ft/lbs (kinetic energy)
460 Weatherby Magnum	8,035 ft.lbs
338 Lapua Magnum	4,808 ft/lbs

- Our Club's purpose is to promote the shooting sports to members, guests and those unfamiliar with shooting sports. This is why we do not allow camouflage clothing, shooting human shape (silhouette) targets or paramilitary-type behavior.

13. No rapid fire on either range - shooting more than one round every second is considered rapid fire at GPGC.

- Even if a shooter possesses the competency to shoot rapid fire, for everyone's safety this is not allowed.

14. No armor piercing, steel core, or tracer/incendiary ammunition allowed.

- These types of ammunition are not allowed in order to protect our safety structures and to mitigate fire hazards downrange.

15. All shots on the rifle range must be at or above the rifle range bench so as to impact the dirt berm.

- This rule reinforces the requirement that all rounds are fired within the proper shooting angle to impact only the dirt berm and not the any of the range baffles.
- Prone shooting is only allowed with use of a bench top platform.

16. All shots must hit the designated rifle range dirt berm or steel pistol backstop.

- All rounds must hit the backstops in order to keep all rounds within the confines of our property.
- Pistol targets are to be placed in the target frames so the fired projectile impacts the steel backstop at the 50 yard bunker. (i.e. mounted high in the frame if firing from the standing position or low in the frame if sitting and firing at bench level). Always check that the backstop is directly behind the target with no baffle structures in between before starting to shoot.

COMMON SENSE AND COURTESY

- Do not handle another person's equipment or pick up their brass without permission.
- Do not cause unnecessary delays at the firing line or while posting or scoring targets.
- Please try to leave the range cleaner than you found it. (Brooms should be available)
- Absolutely NO wildlife will be shot at.

Be Safe - Be Responsible - Be Friendly - Be Tidy - Have Fun