

West Walker Sportsman's Club Range Rules

ALL SHOOTERS MUST SIGN IN AT THE RANGE OFFICE BEFORE PLACING ANY GEAR ON THE FIRING LINE. Members **MUST** present their membership cards to the Range Monitor on duty. Remember to retrieve your card when you sign out. **If the Range Office is not open; the ranges are CLOSED.**

It shall be the duty and responsibility of each shooter to know the range rules and regulations and to abide by them. Failure to adhere to these and other posted rules or instructions from Range Monitors may be cause for removal from the range, suspension of privileges, and potential forfeiture of membership.

Any act deemed dangerous or reckless by the Range Monitor is cause for removal from the range. The Range Monitor has the authority to remove *anyone* from the range at any time for any act deemed undesirable and can seize such members membership card. Disputes over this action need to be taken up with the club's Board of Directors.

No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs allowed on the ranges that would cause the member to be considered "under the influence". If the Range Monitor on duty suspects a member is under the influence, they have the authority to deny shooting privileges for the day. This includes Marijuana usage. Please be reasonable & responsible should you require the use of prescription drugs that might affect judgment or dexterity.

All children anywhere on the property of WWSC must be supervised by an adult WWSC member at ALL times.

All firearms must be unloaded and cased when brought into the WWSC property (exception for holstered pistols - See section on Lawful Carry rules). All rifles on the 25, 50, 100 and 200M ranges must be uncased and re-cased **AT THE SHOOTING BENCH** with muzzle pointed down range. This is an added safety measure to avoid sweeping the muzzle of a gun across the shooting line when moving from the shooting bench to the back bench.

All firearms transported between vehicle and range, between ranges, or between shooting stations must be unloaded, action open, and muzzle pointed straight up. It is always preferable to transport your firearm to the shooting station in cased condition. Chamber flags are available & recommended; **required** if your firearm's action does not lock open.

The wearing of hearing protection and proper eye protection is mandatory for all people standing/sitting near the firing lines. Recommended to all people in the vicinity of the firing line or approaching it.

ALWAYS keep your firearm **UNLOADED** until ready to shoot. Firearms may be loaded **only** on the firing line.

ALWAYS handle your firearm as if it were loaded.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OUTSIDE OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.

ALWAYS keep the muzzle pointed **DOWN RANGE** in the immediate direction of the berm and your target. The muzzle should not extend beyond the yellow line painted on the shooting bench wall. This is a safety measure designed to prevent bullets from leaving the range in the case of an unintentional discharge.

Any firearm left unattended must be unloaded, action open, magazine removed (when applicable) and muzzle in the immediate direction of the berm or cased. Chamber flags are available & recommended, they **MUST** be used if your firearm's action does not lock open.

Whenever there is anybody down range, everyone **MUST** step back away from the firing line, and behind the yellow line. You **must** refrain from handling any firearm, magazines, or ammunition until the range is clear.

All rifle shooting must be done from the benches on the 25 yd, 50, 100 and 200 meter ranges. Pistol shooters are allowed to stand on the 7, 15 and 22 yd. ranges. Higher caliber rifle rounds are only allowed on the 22 yd range when sighting in a new scope or sights. After effectively putting 5 or less rounds on paper, you must move to the 50 meter range for continued shooting. This is a safety rule / precaution to prohibit any sort of ricochet or back splatter from the berms at 22 yards from high velocity rifle rounds. .22LR rifles & AR's chambered in .223 or 5.56 or smaller caliber are still permitted on the 22 yard range (see additional conditions below). **No rapid fire** is allowed. Each round fired **MUST** be aimed, with the following shot restrained until the sight to target picture has been reacquired. Double taps with a pistol are acceptable.

NEVER make adjustments (including sights) or repairs on a loaded firearm.

Targets must be paper or plastic sheet material only, attached to and contained entirely within the designated area of the target boards. *Do not* shoot across lanes at target boards, line of fire must be perpendicular to the berm.

Shooting at wildlife is strictly prohibited.

Climbing on any berm or impact area is prohibited at all times.

Firing on any range is prohibited if weather or other conditions prevent full visibility of the *entire line of sight* from the firing line.

All accidental discharges, damages or injuries **MUST** be reported to the Range Monitor immediately

Please conduct yourself in a courteous respectful manner, Report observed violations to the Range Monitor.

NOTES: *Firearms must be unloaded in the clubhouse, except pistols with CPL are allowed.*

Use of the Restricted Range(s) reserved for Charter Members, and /or for supervised club activities.

Range Commands

CEASE FIRE! : *IMMEDIATELY* remove magazine, unload firearm, lock action open/ engage safety, set firearm on bench with muzzle down range in immediate direction of berm, and step back from the firing line (behind the YELLOW line). Await instructions from the Range Officer or verify that all shooting stations are cleared before proceeding down range. **ANYONE CAN & SHOULD GIVE THIS COMMAND, LOUDLY, IF THEY BECOME AWARE OF AN UNSAFE CONDITION ON THE RANGE! DO NOT** touch your firearm or ammo until *after* “Commence Fire” command is given.

Is The Line Ready?: Only respond if *you* are not ready, or you know of an unsafe condition that would exist should the following command be given. ANY response will cause delay.

Commence Fire : (The Line is Hot!) No one is allowed in front of the shooting stations. You may return to your shooting station, load your firearm, and begin shooting. *ONLY* under this condition may you move your firearm to behind the line, (unloaded, action open, muzzle *straight up*) to pack up your guns & ammo.

Rules for Specific Applications

Projectiles: The target range structures are designed for single projectile type ammunition. **NO** shot shells at the regular target boards, nor on the 50, 100, or 200 meter ranges. Consult the Range Monitor as to the appropriate manner to discharge this type ammunition. Shotgun “slugs” and “buckshot” may be used in a manner that does not pose the immediate threat of damage to the facilities.

50 BMG Rifles: Have been banned from the club due to the amount of damage that this round does to our berms and target holders.

SBR's (Short Barreled Rifles) & AR Pistols: Are banned from the 7 yard pistol ranges due to safety concerns with back splatter of bullet fragments / ricochet. SBR's are allowed on all other ranges as long as a standard trigger is used.

AR Rifles / 22 yard pistol range: Are allowed on the 22 yard pistol ranges, as long as there are no other pistol shooters already occupying that range. This allows for the member to stand with a larger magazine which is cumbersome for benchrest shooting.

Rifle Optics / Sight In: It is preferred if shooting with brand new optics that are not sighted in yet that you start on the 22 yard pistol range to get on paper. Once on paper, you are free to move over to the 50/100/200 meter rifle ranges.

Trigger Assemblies: All Echo, Bump Stock or any assembly that allows for rapid fire (similar to automatic fire) are banned from the club. Rapid fire is strictly prohibited.

Indoor Pistol Range: Limited to handgun calibers only, with exception to muzzle loaders / black powder and .22LR Rimfire rifles / pistols. Magnum pistol rounds, shotgun slugs/birdshot and larger caliber rifle rounds (larger than .22LR) are prohibited.

****Shot shells to be fired at the patterning board, on 22yd range only (see Range Monitor)**

Muzzle Loaders: *Must* be swabbed and loaded with powder and projectile at the rear wall of the rifle range (use vertical rifle holder on wall) *behind* the firing line, then brought forward to the firing line with the muzzle *straight up* & above head level. It **MUST NOT** be “capped” nor “primed” except on the firing line with the muzzle in the immediate direction of the berm. No loose powder nor pellets may be handled at the firing line, all propellant containers must be closed & sealed except when actively loading muzzleloader. Cease Fire condition: Muzzle loaders are subject to the same DO NOT HANDLE restriction as any other firearm during a cease fire or when anybody is down range, the firearm must be left on the shooting bench *completely* unloaded.

Lawful Carry Rules: Holstered pistols may be carried anywhere at the club, concealed, open or otherwise; *HOWEVER*, once the firearm is removed from concealment to be fired on the range, it is there upon a *range firearm*. Such firearm must be handled as any other; no range firearm may be carried in front of the firing line for any reason, loaded or not. Draw & fire exercises are **strictly prohibited**. The firearm may be loaded and returned to concealment only after the range session has been concluded. Please do not test these safety rules by repeatedly commencing & concluding “range sessions”.

“Dud” shells: Should a round not fire, pause for at *least* 30 seconds with the firearm aimed at the original point of aim. Carefully unload the defective round and deposit it in the Red metal “brass” collection boxes.

Metallic Cases: Please cleanup and place *all* unwanted empty metallic cases in the Red metal “brass” collection boxes. You are permitted to keep your spent cases.

Refuse: Please place all trash in the metal barrels located at each of the ranges. **NEVER** put unfired shells, primers, or other explosive material in *any* of the barrels. (See “Dud Shells” section above) Please do not waste spent metal cases by placing them in the trash barrels (See "Metallic Cases" above)