

PALO ALTO RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

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RANGE RULES

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Any violation of the following stated rules by a member (or their guest) will subject that member to possible disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of their membership and expulsion from the club.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- A. All members by acceptance of these rules and by their participation at Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club are, by extension, Range Safety Officers. As such, if any member in their capacity as a RSO witnesses any unsafe act or rules violation, it is their accepted duty and responsibility to make the other party aware of such. Or to report the incident, along with the name(s), date, time and issue to an Officer of the Club.

II. RANGE HOURS OF OPERATION

- A. Firing may begin at 7:00AM
- B. Firing must end NO LATER than sunset.

III. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION

- A. Hearing protection will be worn at all times when a range on which a member (and/or guest) is participating or observing is "hot." It is also highly recommended that it be worn if shooting or observing on an adjacent range to the "hot" range in use.
- B. The use of impact resistant eyewear with side (temple) protection is strongly recommended.
- C. Use of mandatory eye protection may be required for specific classes or competitions.

IV. RANGE FIRING LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

- A. Indiscriminate fire:

a. Unaimed or indiscriminate fire has a higher probability of impacting target frames and/or other range equipment or of escaping the safety berm, so is therefore prohibited.

b. Examples of indiscriminate fire are:

1. Using any firearm without sights or without employing the sight system on the firearm.
2. Firing from the hip, chest or other position that does not allow proper visual sighting.
3. Firing "quick draw" style without using sights or bringing the firearm's sighted into the shooters visual plane.
4. Firing any fire arm "gangster style." I.e. holding the firearm sideways without using the sights.

B. Prohibited Items:

1. Unapproved steel targets
2. Bottles, cans or other hard item used as a target

3. FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

4. Any firearm which mimics full auto firing
5. .50 caliber BMG rifles
6. Tracer, explosive or incendiary ammunition
7. Any firearm not equipped with sights or an adequate aiming/sighting apparatus
8. Long guns without a shoulder stock (including side or under-folder style stocks with the stock folded)
9. Anything that may impair a person's senses or ability to conduct himself in a safe manner.

C. Consumption of alcohol on the premises.

V. GATE

A. Make sure the gate is closed and locked behind you when entering or exiting the

range. The gate is to remain closed and locked at all times except for match days.

- B. No member is to give out the gate combination to any non-member. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.

VI. SIGN IN BOOK

- A. Upon arrival, each member must sign in using the book located on the 100 meter range. They will record their name, **the name of any guest(s) and/or family member and relationship, i.e. son, wife, etc.**, the range to be used (i.e. pistol, 100, 600) and time arriving. When leaving the member needs to record the departure time in the book as well.
- B. Your membership card must be displayed at all times. This is not a requirement if shooting in a sanctioned match at the range (i.e. Mid-Range, Smallbore, Across the Course, etc.).

VII. GUESTS

- A. **ALL** guests must be recorded in the Sign-In Book. **PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY**
- B. The guest fee is \$15.00 per day with no attendance limits. Envelopes are provided in the sign in box.
- C. Guest fees are to be paid with ten (10) days of the guests(s)' visit.
- D. Members are responsible for all guest activities while on the range.
- E. Guests can only shoot on the same range as the member.
- F. No guest fee will be charged for:
 - 1. Member's immediate family (wife/husband, dependent children under 21.
 - 2. Member's student child over 21.
 - 3. Member's non-resident immediate family member.
- G. The member **MUST** be present if family members under F above are shooting on the range.
- H. **Family members' must still be signed in as guests and relationship noted**

VIII. GARBAGE/REFUSE

- A. Do your part to keep the range clean.
- B. Pick up spent brass and dispose of it.
- C. Do not place live or defective ammo in the trash barrels.
- D. Fired .22 rimfire brass should be swept up and disposed of or swept onto the gravel portion forward of the firing line on the pistol and 100 yard lines.

IX. TARGETS

- A. Paper targets are to be used. **APPROVED** steel targets can be used on the pistol range only.
- B. Unapproved steel targets, bottles, propane tanks, etc. are not acceptable targets.
- C. The 600 yard competition targets located in the container on the 600 yard range may only be used by those members who have received an additional orientation regarding usage of that range beyond 300 yards.
- D. **DO NOT** place other targets on the competition target backers. A target frame and backer is provided for members use when shooting from 200 and 300 yards.

X. TARGET FRAMES

- A. All target frames must be made of materials that will not promote ricochets.
- B. **ALL TARGET FRAMES** must be configured and positioned so as to ensure that all bullets impact the rear berm.
- C. Do not position targets so the fired projectile will impact the side berms.
- D. Do not position targets so that fired projectiles will impact the ground in a manner which could cause a ricochet and escape the protective berm(s) or range complex. Existing target frames are designed to meet this requirement.
- E. If a member wishes to use their own target frame it must meet the requirements set forth in A, B and D.
- F. Paper targets are to be secured to the backer with staples, pins and/or tape. **The target must fit entirely within the confines of the black border on the supplied target frames.**

- G. When firing is complete, remove the target, staples, pins and/or tape and return the target frame to the target storage.
- H. **DO NOT MOVE ANY OF THE METAL TARGET BASES FROM THE PISTOL RANGE TO THE 100 RANGE FOR USE WITH A RIFLE.** Striking one can easily cause a ricochet. There are provided sockets in the ground at 50 yards and 100 yards for target frames to be inserted on that range.
- I. Shotguns are NOT to be fired at club target frames. To pattern a shotgun, the member must supply their own club approved frame.
- J. If a member has any questions about this section, please ask an officer.

XI. FIRING LINE SAFETY RULES

- A. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded at all times.
- B. Firearms should always be pointed up or downrange when being handled. DO NOT “muzzle sweep” the line.
- C. Do not load the firearm until the line is hot and firearm is pointed downrange.
- D. All personnel must be thoroughly familiar with their firearm(s) and must follow all manufacturers’ operating instructions.
- E. Shooters experiencing a malfunction of any kind will keep their muzzle pointed down range at the berm at all times. The malfunction will be dealt with per manufacturers’ instructions.
- F. Anyone on the range can and should call an immediate “cease fire” if they see an unsafe or potentially dangerous situation.
- G. Any shooter experiencing an “abnormal report” or misfire will keep the muzzle pointed at the target for a minimum period of 30 seconds to preclude the possibility of a hang fire (delayed ignition).
- I. **All uncased firearms MUST have actions OPEN and MAGAZINES REMOVED, unless the firearm is active on the firing line.**
- J. **Every firearm on the shooting bench or shooting mat MUST have an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) installed in the chamber when the firing line is “cold.”**

- K. Firearms active on the firing line will not be touched, handled, cased, uncased, moved etc. and all personnel will remain behind the shooting benches whenever personnel are downrange and the firing line is “cold.”

XII. TRANSPORTING FIREARMS

- A. Whenever a firearm is removed from a vehicle it must be in an unloaded condition.
- B. When transporting UNCASSED firearms from a vehicle to the range, the action must be OPEN and the magazine REMOVED.
- C. When transporting CASSED firearms from a vehicle to the range, upon opening the case, the firearm must immediately have the action OPENED and any magazine REMOVED.
- D. As stated earlier- Firearms should always be pointed up or downrange when being handled. **DO NOT** “muzzle sweep” the line.

XIII. RANGE COMMANDS

- A. Routine Range commands (i.e. “cease fire”, “the line is cold”, “the line is hot”, etc.) are to be issued by members only. An emergency “cease fire” can be called by anyone.
- B. A “cease fire” should be called every 15 minutes or sooner, if by agreement.
- C. Before calling the line “HOT”, the member wishing to call it “hot” will-
 - 1. Determine that no one is downrange.
 - 2. Poll all persons on the firing line to see if they are ready. I.e. hearing protection in, etc.
 - 3. The command “the line is hot” will then be given loudly enough for all on the firing line to hear it.
- D. After a “hot” period of 15 minutes or sooner if by agreement, a member may call the line “COLD.” Before calling the line “cold”, the member requesting it will-
 - 1. Poll all personnel on the firing line to see if all are in agreement
 - 2. Double check that all shooting positions, including prone or standing have made their weapons safe (bolt is open, ECI inserted, etc.) and have moved away from them to behind the shooting bench area.

3. The member shall then call the line "Cold."
4. The command will be acknowledged by all shooters.
5. People may only then go downrange.

XIV. RANGE USE

PISTOL RANGE

- A. The 25 yard pistol range can be used for pistol, rifle or shotgun. Targets may be placed at any distance provided an approved target frame is used (i.e. no short frames).
- B. Pistol competitors who are "**STEEL QUALIFIED**" may follow their standard pistol protocols in lieu of the above ECI requirement when using the Pistol Range.

100 METER RANGE

- A. The 100 meter range can be used for pistol (minimum 4" barrel), rifle or shotgun
- B. **Rifle and Pistol targets must be no closer than the 50 yard line.** If you need to shoot closer than 50 yards, use the pistol range.
- C. Approved frames must be used.
- D. All firing must be done from the firing line (the end of the concrete slab).
- E. All rounds must impact the back protection berm.

600 YARD RANGE

-GENERAL RULES FOR 600 YARD RANGE

- A. It is the member's responsibility to maintain good judgment in the use of appropriate equipment when firing from any or all distances.
- B. Members must have a knowledge of elevation and windage doping to safely place a round in the target at all distances.
- C. **DO NOT** close the bolt on a chambered round until the muzzle is safely pointed downrange in a level position.

- D. Follow all other rules as outlined in the orientation.
- E. Targets are to be placed on the designated frames only. Members are asked to use Target Carrier #12 or lower, when possible.
- D. All members are entitled to use the wind flags and equipment located in the container in the 600 yard pit area. It is the user's responsibility to return equipment and flags to their proper container(s) when completed.
- E. No vehicles are allowed to drive on the grassy area of the range during wet conditions.
- F. Any shooter not demonstrating the ability to hit the target within three (3) rounds will immediately move to the 100 yard range or 200 yard berm/bench area to correct their issue.

-200 YARD FIRING AREA USAGE

- A. Any member may shoot from the 200 yard berm or bench.

-300 YARD FIRING AREA USAGE

- A. Any member may shoot from the 300 yard berm or bench.
- B. SKS's, AK's, 30-30's, etc. are not suitable rifles for usage at 300 yards

-600 YARD FIRING AREA USAGE

- A. All members who wish to fire at distances greater than 300 yards on the 600 yard range must first attend and successfully complete the 600 Yard Qualification Orientation.
- B. The qualification process will involve the testing of knowledge and equipment to be used at 600 yards.
- C. SKS's, AK's, 16 inch AR's, 30-30's, etc. are not acceptable rifles for usage beyond 300 yards
- D. Red dot sighting is not acceptable for usage at 600 yards.
- E. Mid-Range and Highpower competitors may be exempt from the 600 yard orientation. This information will be provided by the appropriate Match Directors, when requested.
- F. All members that have been qualified to use the 600 yard firing line will be issued a different colored membership card which states in bold lettering "600 YARD QUALIFIED." This card replaces the standard membership card and must be displayed at all times.

- G. "600 YARD QUALIFIED" members may bring non-qualified members or guests to shoot on the 600 yard firing line, but they will be solely responsible for those persons' actions and suitability of equipment used.
- H. Shooting beyond 300 yard firing line will require a person in the pits and there must be communications between the firing line and the pits.
- I. An approved remote viewing camera system can be used in lieu of a person in the pits **if-**
 - 1. The camera system is designed to remotely send a clear picture of the target to the firing line.
 - 2. Approval to use a camera will be at the sole discretion of the board based on information submitted regarding the system to be used.
 - 3. No workarounds are allowed (i.e. no cell phone camera can be used). It must be a dedicated camera system primarily designed for remote viewing.
 - 4. If you wish to use a remote viewing camera system, please provide an officer with the information. **DO NOT begin using a remote viewing camera until you have been authorized.**