

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE PROCEDURES (amended November 2003)

Always check the Newsletter for the Calendar of Events and updated information.

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The following rules and procedures were created to operate and manage the rifle and pistol ranges in a safe manner, and are for the benefit of the shooting members and nearby neighbors of the Izaak Walton League. Sections may be deleted, added to or amended as necessary by the Board of Directors. Change notices will be published in the Chapter Newsletter.

An 'on-site orientation' will be required prior *for the person whose name is to appear on the rifle card PRIOR to that* member receiving a Rifle/Pistol card. The receipt of the Rifle/Pistol card indicates acceptance of the rules and procedures. **Post your Rifle/Pistol Card** at your bench when on the ranges. Found cards should be deposited in the guest pass box.

Every member using the range is a presumed 'Range Officer' and should monitor shooting activities while on the range. Should a shooter observe activity contrary to the rules, please (tactfully) correct the situation. If unresolved, advise the Board of 'who, what, when and where' the problem occurred. **Those unable or unwilling to follow the rules and procedures will appear before the board and may lose their range privileges.**

The person named on the rifle/pistol card may bring his/her spouse and children less than 19 as guests at no cost but the card holder MUST remain on the range while THEY ARE PRESENT.

Adult members with a current R/P card may also bring no more than two youth less than 19 years old to promote shooting education. These individuals are not required to have a 'Guest Pass' (see "Guests" below.) A supervising adult from the young person's family is also strongly encouraged to attend. Should this adult choose to not shoot, this individual will not need a Guest Pass either. **The member MUST remain while the young person is on the range.**

GUESTS

A regular or family member holding a current Rifle/Pistol Card may bring non-member adult shooting guests onto the rifle or pistol ranges by purchasing a 'Guest Pass' for each guest. Guest Passes cost \$10.00 for each guest and are valid for the date of issue only. Purchase the pass on arrival from the 'Sign-in' box near the gate to the ranges. The member must remain on the ranges with all guests. Guest Passes will not be issued on student memberships.

Members smuggling or "failing to register" guests upon entry will be assessed a \$20 fine and will have range privileges revoked for at least 3 months.

A guest who becomes a member within 30 days of purchasing a Guest Pass may apply the cost of their pass, not to exceed \$25, toward the purchase of a current year's Rifle/Pistol Card upon presentation of the used pass.

Members are responsible for their guests following range rules and procedures.

Any member may ask to see a rifle card or guest pass.

RANGE ENTRY

Entry to the range is through the electronically controlled gate by the clubhouse. Your Gate Card, if activated will open the gate when placed near the sensors (black box on the post out in front of the gate) for entry and exit both ways. The gate will open, drive through. The gate will close after you. You can leave it in your wallet if you like. The card will work as long as your Lincoln Izaak Walton dues are paid and current. Delinquent members will have their card de-activated by the computer until they have satisfied all requirements for membership. In the event of a gate failure, the chain and padlock will be re-installed To open the lock: dial the combination on the bottom of the lock, depress the shackle, then pull the lock open. To re-lock it, spin the dials and depress the shackle. Please 'thread' the lock shackle through the larger links of the chain. Lock the chain after each entry or exit - don't leave the chain down.

While the right to own a firearm may be guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, the privilege of having a safe place to shoot is not. Don't take either one for granted. Do your part to keep both.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE RULES

(Recent changes in italics)

ALL RANGES

- Only paper targets, which do not exceed the backer height supplied by the shooter, may be used on the Open Range facilities. Staple the targets onto the target boards, not the posts or the target frames.
- The rifle and pistol ranges are shared. Members present will manage the cease fires for target changes.
- Shotguns using slugs may be used on the rifle or the pistol ranges. There is a shotgun shot-patterning range to the west of the Sporting Clays range.
- Some ranges may not be available for open shooting during certain scheduled activities: Silhouette shoots, 300-yard shoots, Bowling Pin shoots, zero-in days (usually the last two Sundays of October/first Sunday of November), etc. **Check the Newsletter/Calendar or the Lincoln IWL Website www.lincolnikes.org**
- Maintenance or unanticipated events may occasionally close the ranges without notice, but members will be notified of normal downtimes when possible.
- Please don't dig bullets out of the backstop. It destroys the bank.
- Shoot only from the firing line, ***(Except that shooters may move downrange for close range to boresight, WHEN all shooters present agree. The time period is limited to 15 minutes or 15 rounds).*** Please don't remove the shooting benches from the covered concrete firing lines.
- No unsafe shooting etiquette. Courtesy and safety dictate that during any cease-fire all arms should be benched/racked with the action open.
- Fully automatic firearms (or devices to simulate automatic fire) are prohibited.
- Rimfire shooters (.22 Caliber only) may place pendulum spinner targets ***downrange only immediately in front of the berm.*** Be certain that the **line-of-fire** ensures the shots go into the backstop, not over it or into the ground. If necessary, adjust the target height.
- Please leave any "abandoned" equipment with the caretaker if available or notify one of the listed contacts.

PISTOL RANGE

- .17 & .22 Rimfire firearms, muzzleloading rifles, shotguns with slugs, and handguns and rifles using ammunition of the posted calibers are allowed on the pistol range. Only board approved cartridges are permitted. Note that some of the "hotter" cartridges are prohibited from use on the snail trap.
- **Centerfire rifle cartridges are not allowed.**
- If the shooter is not sure where the firearm is sighted-in, verify the point of impact at a closer range before moving to the desired distance.
- ***Intermediate targets may be used on this range for AIRGUNS only.***
- Shoot into the target so that the line-of-fire directs the bullets into the dirt backstop behind the target rather than ricocheting off the ground.

300-YARD RANGE

- The 300-yard range is open only for scheduled supervised shoots. Do not use this range for Open Shooting - rifle, pistol or shotgun.
- .50 BMG rifles are allowed only on the 300-yard range, subject to the following: the firearm must be a single-shot or bolt-action rifle; the rifle may be fired only during scheduled events; the owner must be a Lincoln IWL member; and must make application in person to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Other exceptional calibers will be considered individually as the need arises.

Safety is the FIRST priority! A bullet should never leave the shooting range - These rules will be strictly enforced to ensure the safety of our members, our neighbors and our facility.