

High Power Range Users

Some issues have come up that require action on the part of everyone who uses the HP range. There have been too many safety, club and range violations. The range itself is suffering from unnecessary damage, and excessive time and cost for maintenance. Our dues and assessments are only enough to keep this shooting club in existence. All of the work and most of the materials used to keep the HP range going are provided by volunteers and donations. Safety and range preservation always has, and always will be, the duty and responsibility of the range users.

Here are some of the main violations we've been experiencing :

- People forward of the line when Hot
- Not keeping muzzles vertical behind firing points
- Not wearing safety glasses
- Not picking up targets and brass
- Shooting more than 2/3 up the berm at 50 and 100 yards
- Attaching targets to tires, posts and support cables
- Deliberate shooting of posts, cables and gong support chains

The range rules have been posted there for almost two years now. All of the problems we're having are covered in those rules. They are simple and common sense requirements whose purpose is to prevent accidents and to preserve the range. People who in the past haven't cared about these requirements, or who have been unwilling to follow them, must either start following them or stop using the range.

Starting in January

Everyone will have to visibly display their membership cards at the HP range or be asked to leave. Members are allowed one guest, other than a family member, per visit. This is already required by the club standing rules.

Everyone who uses the HP range must become familiar with and follow the range rules. Don't hesitate pointing the rules out to others on the range, and don't take offence when someone points them out to you.

Members are responsible for safe placement of their targets and the proper disposal of targets, spent brass and shell casings. Bring your own targets and backers, and take them home with you. I recommend that everyone buy or build their own target stands. They are cheap or easy to make, and will fit in your trunk or back seat. The wire mesh is there as a convenience and may not always be kept in repair.

If you see someone damaging the range, not picking up their targets and brass, or otherwise not following the range rules after you've pointed them out, get their name and/or license no. and report it to the HP range director or other club officer.

Violating club, range or safety rules can result in:

- Monetary fines.
- Suspension or expulsion from the club.
- Criminal proceedings.

Questions or comments can be addressed to Rick Baldwin, HP Range Dir. at 943-8658 or H4295@yahoo.com

HIGH POWER RANGE STANDING RULES

Please maintain the safety and integrity of the range by observing the intent of the following guidelines.

Address all questions or concerns to a Range Safety Officer (RSO) if present, or to the HP Range Director.

Safety:

- Eye and ear protection is mandatory for everyone whenever range is HOT.
- Muzzles always pointed in a safe direction (up, or down range) when handling firearms.
- Do not go forward of the firing line unless the range is declared COLD/SAFE.
- Do not handle firearms if anyone is forward of the firing line.
- Load firearms only on the firing line with muzzle pointed at berm, and only when the range is HOT.
- When an RSO is present they have direction of the range, otherwise, coordinate with other shooters before declaring the range HOT or COLD/SAFE.
- Before declaring the range HOT: Check impact area for stragglers, animals, and unsafe conditions.
- Before declaring the range COLD/SAFE: All firearms must be unloaded, magazines removed, bolts open, then benched, grounded or racked, and shooters behind firing points.
- The 25 yd bay must be COLD/SAFE before moving forward on the HP range.
- Anyone may call CEASE FIRE when an unsafe condition is observed or suspected.
- When a CEASE FIRE is called: Immediately remove magazines, unload, leave bolts open, ground or bench firearms and, if requested, stand back from firing line.
- Duds or live rounds may be disposed of in rain barrels at either end of firing line.
- No Alcoholic beverages.

Range limitations:

Permitted calibers: Black powder rifles and pistols up to .85 cal. (observe Black Powder Range Rules), Rim fire and Center fire rifles & pistols to .50 cal. (excluding .50 BMG), and Shotguns.

Shotguns, at aerial clay pigeons only, under the following conditions:

1. Shotgun shooting is a secondary activity. Other shooting shall have priority for range use.
 2. Shotgun shooting shall be the only shooting activity conducted at that time.
 3. Shot size shall be no larger (numerically smaller) than #7 1/2.
 4. Shooter shall be no than more 5 yards in front of the established firing line on the range.
 5. Direction of fire shall be parallel to the long axis of the range; lateral limits are the range width at the extreme end of the range.
 6. All shell debris shall be removed from the range. Unbroken targets shall also be retrieved.
- Do not load, aim or fire with muzzle pointing left or right of impact area at 200 yd berm, nor more than 2/3 up the berm (except for Shotguns at aerial clay pigeons).
 - No armor piercing or incendiary rounds allowed.
 - Paper targets only. Other targets may be provided by the club or approved in advance by the HP Range Director.
 - Targets must be placed so bullets impact in the bottom 2/3rds of the berm at that yard line.
 - Do not place or shoot at targets where bullets could impact target bases, stands or supports.

Please help keep the range clean:

- Pick up and dispose of all spent cases (including 22's and steel cases) in containers provided.
- Before leaving, retrieve and dispose of any targets and backers you placed.
- Leave your firing point and area cleaner than when you started.