



Wildlife Action, Inc. – Horry Chapter Pistol/Rifle Standard Operating Procedure

I. USE OF THE RANGE

The following are the **ONLY** persons permitted to use the Wildlife Action, Inc. – Horry Chapter (WLAHC) Pistol/Rifle Ranges:

- An adult member in good standing of WLAHC who has passed orientation.
- A guest of a WLAHC member in accordance with the By-laws of the club (Guest must use the same range as member).
- Participants in organized shooting events and practices approved by the WLAHC Board of Directors (BOD).
- Students engaged in firearms training programs allowed by WLAHC BOD.

Shooters under 18 must be supervised by an adult member.

Live fire will only take place between 9am and dusk or during special times approved by the WLAHC BOD or Chief Range Safety Officer. During fall deer season all live fire will stop at 4pm.

All members must sign in before going to any range. Ranges are for use by members on a first come, first serve basis. If a range is occupied, go to another, **DO NOT** take over a range that is being used unless invited.

II. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Firearms permitted:

- Any revolver or semi-automatic pistol.
- Any modern long gun .50 caliber or less.
- Any primitive long gun .90 caliber or less.
- Any 22 caliber rimfire firearm.
- Any Shotgun – Allowed on Range 8 only.
- No Rifle caliber firearms on Range 1 & 2.

Ammunition permitted:

- Any ammunition .90 caliber or less primitive or .50 caliber or less modern

Forbidden under all circumstances:

- Fully automatic firearms or devices that simulate automatic fire. Except with permission from the BOD or the Chief RSO.
- Tracer, incendiary, or armor piercing rounds.
- No shotguns (except special events, on range #8 or Cowboy Action events).

III. SHOOTING RULES

All paper targets will be placed on the backboard area and not on the backboard frames. No objects are to be placed on the backboard frames as targets (plastic bottles, cans, etc.) Anyone observed deliberately shooting at the backstop/target frame supports will be asked to leave the range and will be reported to the WLAHC BOD and Chief RSO.

Metal targets are acceptable but use caution when setting up. They must be placed on or near the back berm, in a way that all bullets impact the back berm and shall be removed after shooting.

No ground targets are to be used. These are targets (plastic or metal) that are placed on the ground and are meant to tumble or roll when hit. Sometimes called Reactive Ground Bouncing Targets. No exploding targets of any kind.

Shooting must be from the authorized firing line with the following exceptions:

- Special permission may be given by the BOD for a specific event.
- Ranges 1-8
 - When there are no other shooters on the authorized firing line, a shooter may move forward up to 3 yards from the target.
- Rifle Range
 - When there are no other shooters on the authorized firing line, a shooter may move forward up to a distance of 50 yards from a target located at the 100-yard berm. No firing closer than 50 yards from the 100-yard berm is permitted.

Under no circumstances may anyone handle any firearms behind the authorized firing line while any person(s) is on the firing line or downrange. Additionally, no one on the authorized firing line will handle any firearms while any person(s) is downrange of the firing line.

Upon completion of a shooting session, the shooter is required to:

- Pick up all empty brass, used targets, ammunition packaging, and other debris from the shooting area.
- All spent brass is to be placed in WLAHC "Brass" barrels and is the property of WLAHC (you may keep your own brass).

IV. RANGE SAFETY

When present, a Range Safety Officer (RSO) has complete control of the shooting activities and conduct of the shooters. When there is no RSO, all members are to act as RSO's and are responsible for their actions and those around them. Commands given by a Range Safety Officer must be obeyed immediately. Failure to do so will be cause for revocation or suspension of range privileges. The Range Safety Officer may, at his/her discretion, stop anyone from shooting if they feel that they represent an unsafe condition.

The following range safety rules are to be followed at all times:

- Everyone must follow the Four Basic Rules of Firearm Safety at all times:
 - Treat all guns as if they are loaded.
 - Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to shoot, kill or destroy.
 - Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you are ready to shoot.
 - Be sure of your target, what is in line with it, and what is beyond it.
- Keep the gun's muzzle pointed down range or in a safe direction at all times.
- All firearms will have the actions open and unloaded until you are ready to shoot.
- No firearm will be loaded until the shooter is in position at their firing line and the command to load has been given.

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- No person will go forward of the firing line until all firearms on the line are safe with actions open, slides back, magazines out, and/or cylinders open. It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure that the line is safe.
- Shooters may carry and draw a loaded firearm from the holster.
- Shooters who are licensed for concealed carry or open carrying are considered "SAFE" and may go forward of the firing line while holstered. The firearm shall always remain in the holster and untouched when not on the firing line. If a holstered firearm is handled at any time while at WLAHC, then that firearm is considered "HOT" and all range rules apply until the carrier leaves the range.
- No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.
- EYE AND EAR protection are mandatory while on the range, whether you are firing or not.

The following are FORBIDDEN for health and safety reasons:

- Eating or drinking while on the firing line.
- Smoking while on the firing line.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages on WLAHC property.
- Loud talking or other distractions while people are shooting.

V. RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

The Board of Directors and the Chief Range Safety Officer shall appoint Range Safety Officers who will be responsible for the safe operation and conduct of all events and practices, whether scheduled or not, that take place on the Pistol/Rifle Ranges. Range Safety Officer selection criteria will be determined by the Chief Range Safety Officer.

The duties of a Range Safety Officer may include, but are not limited to:

- Operation of the range during scheduled and unscheduled events and practices.
- Certification of new members in rifle and/or pistol.
- Clarification of any range rule or dispute.
- Enforcement of all range rules.

Shooters must immediately obey any and all commands of the Range Safety Officer. Failure to do so may result in suspension or revocation of the range privileges.

VI. VIOLATIONS OF RANGE RULES

Any member violating these rules or conducting themselves in an unsafe or non-sportsman like manner may have their privilege of using the Pistol/Rifle Range suspended or revoked. The Board of Directors has the right to suspend or revoke a person's privilege to use the Pistol/Rifle Range for ALL ACTIVITIES as provided in the WLAHC by-laws.

Range Safety Officers may have any person removed from the premises if the Range Safety Officer feels that the person is conducting themselves in an unsafe or non-sportsman like manner.

All members are urged to report violations to the Chief Range Safety Officer, an appointed Range Safety Officer or the Board of Directors for action.

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