

## I. USE OF THE RANGE

The following are the ONLY persons permitted to use the WLAHC Pistol/Rifle Ranges:

- An adult member in good standing of WLAHC who has passed orientation.
- Shooters under 18 must be supervised by an adult member
- A guest of a WLAHC member in accordance with the By-laws of the club.
- Participants in organized shooting events and practices approved by the Board of Directors.
- Students engaged in firearms training programs allowed by WLAHC BOD

Live fire will only take place between 9am and dusk or during special times approved by the WLAHC BOD or Chief RSO. 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.

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 Board of directors or the Chief range safety officer.
- Tracer, incendiary, or armor piercing rounds.
- No shotguns (except special events or on range #8) or Cowboy Action events

## II. 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 frames will be asked to leave the range and will be reported to the WLAHC BOD and Chief RSO

Metal targets, bowling pins, plastic bottles or cans are acceptable but use caution when setting up, they must be placed on or near the back berm, clean up 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.

The following types of shooting are FORBIDDEN: (Except for special events with permission which must be obtained from the Board of directors or the Chief range safety officer in advance) (01/05/21)

- Combat shooting.
- Fast-draw shooting.
- Shooting at the backstop/target frame supports intentionally.

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

- Special permission may be given by the BOD for a specific event.
- When there are no other shooters on the authorized firing line, a pistol shooter at the 25 yard berm may move forward up to 3 yards from the target.
- When there are no other shooters on the authorized firing line, a shooter at the 100 yard berm 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 at the authorized firing line handle any firearms while any persons are downrange of the firing line.

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

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

### **III. RANGE SAFETY**

When present, a Range Safety Officer has complete control of the shooting activities and conduct of the shooters. When there is no NRA 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:

- Keep the gun's muzzle pointed down range or in a safe direction at all times.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Members who are licensed for concealed carry and carrying a firearm are considered "SAFE" and may go forward of the firing line while carrying. The firearm will remain in the holster and untouched. If a "CARRY" firearm is handled at any time on the range, then that firearm is considered "HOT" and all range rules apply until the carrier leaves the range.

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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.

#### **IV. RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS**

The Board of Directors and the Chief Range Safety Officer can 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 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.

#### **V. 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 an authorized Chief Range Safety Officer, Range Safety Officer or the Board of Directors for action.

APPROVED BY: The Board of Directors and the Chief Range Safety Officer.