

## **Range Rules West End Gun Club, Inc.**

### **I. Range Fees**

#### **1. Main Range Fees**

Fees are charged for the use of the Main Range when a Rangemaster is present and controlling the Main Range firing line. Currents fees are:

- a. \$10 daily range fee for each Limited member guest. Limited members are limited to 2 guest shooters, including Minor shooters.
- b. No range fees are charged for Annual members and his or her immediate family (including their spouse, minor children and minor grandchildren) and \$5 daily range fee for each Annual member guest, up to three guests per Annual member.
- c. No range fees are charged for any Minor shooters (less 18 or over) at the Main Range. The Rangemaster on duty must approve Minor shooters at the Main Range as safe to handle firearms. An adult must always supervise all Minor shooters when they are shooting. Waivers must be completed and signed by a guardian who is present for all guests that are minors and present on the range, whether they are shooting or not.

#### **2. Match fees**

The fees paid by competitors in scheduled events are set by each discipline's Director and are listed at the top of each month's newsletter. Payment of a match fee does not entitle the guest to shoot free of charge on the Main Range or to the use of any WEGC range facilities before or after the match, without being with a WEGC member. Check with the Match Director for additional fees for special match events.

#### **3. Group fees**

The Board establishes range fees and permission for special recreational events and use by members on a case-by-case basis. In general, however, range fees will apply, and an Annual Member must be in attendance with the group at all times.

### **II. General Club Rules**

1. No alcohol or other intoxicating substance (prescribed or not) is to be present or consumed by anyone, anywhere on club property, while guns are present and available for use. Once an individual starts to drink alcohol or ingest/inhale an intoxicating substance, he or she is finished shooting for the day.

a. Any condition resulting in the shooters impairment will result in their immediate termination of shooting and may result in the shooter being asked to leave the range until this condition is mitigated.

b. Absolutely no alcohol or other intoxicating substances are allowed on the Main Range at any time.

2. Smoking is allowed inside vehicles only with your windows up and doors closed. There is no smoking allowed anywhere else on the premises. E-cigarettes and "vaping" are also allowed inside vehicles only to avoid confusion.

3. All members and guests on all Club range facilities when in areas that may present a hazard due to the results of bullet impact and gunshot report are required to wear eye and hearing protection.
4. All Guests must sign a WEGC Waiver of Liability each time they visit the range or have a digital waiver kept on file annually with club and on their person while at the club.
  - a. Minor guests (under the age of eighteen) must have a WEGC Waiver of Liability signed for them by a guardian present. And shall have a signed parental permission slip with them while on WEGC property.
  - b. Guest participants of WEGC sponsored matches or events may have a WEGC Waiver of Liability kept on file annually by the Director of that match or event and therefore will not need to resign each time when participating in that specific match or event.
  - c. Excluding immediate family which consists of a spouse, minor children and minor grandchildren, Annual members are allowed to have no more than three additional guests while using the back ranges.
  - d. Match Directors may have as many guest shooters as their Range Safety Officer cadre is able to support at any WEGC sponsored match or event.
5. West End is a Cold Range. All guns are to be kept in a safe and empty condition until on the firing line or under the supervision of a Range Safety Officer during competition.
6. Except for those days and times when the Main Range is available to Limited members, when a Rangemaster is present, the Range Gate is to be kept locked by Annual members at all times. Make certain that the padlock has been snapped into place right side up and the combination scrambled.
7. Absolutely no sales of firearms or ammunition are permitted on range property.
8. Direct transfer of Black powder from bulk containers to a firearm is not permitted. Black powder shooters must reload from a powder horn or tin. Shooters may transfer Black powder from bulk containers to a powder horn, but then they must safely secure the bulk Black powder container before shooting.
9. Any shooters under the age of 18 years old are considered a Minor shooter. While shooting, Minors must be under the constant supervision of an adult.
10. Visitor guests are permitted to watch matches or events without charge on the range. They are not allowed to roam around freely, however, and must be accompanied by an Annual member when not in the vicinity of the Main Range or any of the matches.
11. Speed limits are enforced at the range. The speed limit for the range property is 5 mph, at all times. It is recommended that you do not exceed 15 mph on our access road which has loose gravel and blind curves.

12. No WEGC member may use the Club's property to conduct any business where they directly or indirectly personally profit from others (members or non-members) by using the range to facilitate their business transaction. This includes private instruction of firearms use, safety or tactics. Other business ventures where WEGC members profit from the use of Club property to facilitate their business are prohibited. This does not include Commercial Rentals. If a WEGC member is requesting a Commercial Rental and provides all the required insurance, safety plan, and payment mandates, this policy would not apply.

13. Never shoot at club property or structures. Any club equipment which you might use is to be used only for the purpose for which it was designed, including tables, chairs, benches, buckets, trash cans, rifle racks, equipment storage boxes and target holders. Intentional vandalism of club property will lead to expulsion from the Club and loss of membership.

14. Unauthorized use of safeguarded club equipment is prohibited. If the material is locked and you don't have a key, leave it alone.

15. Members are responsible for bringing appropriate targets to shoot at whenever they use the back ranges.

16. Shooting at rocks or any other inappropriate targets that cause ricochets or may start a fire is prohibited everywhere on the range.

- a. Shooting trash or junk is prohibited everywhere on the range.
- b. Shooting glass is prohibited everywhere on the range.
- c. Shooting any flammable or exploding material is prohibited everywhere on the range, including Tannerite or any other similar binary compounds.
- d. Shooting at containers designed to hold flammable material is prohibited everywhere on the range.
- e. Shooting at any non-biodegradable targets, that the destruction of and resulting debris would present a hazard if washed into the creek, is prohibited.
- f. Do not shoot at E-Waste such as TVs, computers, refrigerators, light fixtures, automotive components or large junk like furniture, anywhere on the range.
- g. Shooting at fruits or vegetables is prohibited.
- h. Do not shoot any targets in bays without knowing who they belong to unless you have authorization, or you will have to pay for it.
- i. At no time can you shoot any kind of ammunition over the top of any berm.

17. Do not dump E-Waste, petroleum products or any other hazardous waste in the WEGC trash cans or dumpsters.

18. Members are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their guests. Deposit trash in the appropriate trash cans, dumpsters or pack it up and take it home. This includes spent casings or shotgun hulls.

19. Hunting and shooting at any wildlife is strictly prohibited everywhere on WEGC range property.

20. Open campfires, wood burning and charcoal barbecues are strictly prohibited everywhere on WEGC range property. Only propane barbecues are permitted for use on WEGC range property.

21. Members and guests are not allowed to wear open-toed shoes, low cut or muscle top blouses or shirts because of the safety hazard.

22. While on the range at no time can you climb on or over any kind of berm or place any targets on the other side of any berm.

### III. Rules for the Main Range

1. The Main range is closed to Limited members on holidays or anytime the Rangemaster is not in attendance. The range gate will always be locked open if a Rangemaster is operating the Main Range.

2. The action of all guns shall always be open except when in shooting positions. Range safety chamber flags are required for all firearms on the firing line.

3. No handling guns of any kind or any equipment at shooting benches during the line-breaks.

4. Stay on the firing line when shooting.

5. Shoot at approved targets only. The Rangemaster on duty has the authority to classify any target as inappropriate to preserve the safety of the range, members and guests.

- a. Shooting at rocks or any other inappropriate targets that cause ricochets or may start a fire is prohibited on the Main Range.
- b. Shooting any flammable or exploding material is prohibited at the Main Range, including Tannerite or any other similar binary compounds.
- c. Shooting at any non-biodegradable targets, that the destruction of and resulting debris would present a hazard if washed into the creek, is prohibited on the Main Range.
- d. Shooting at glass bottles is prohibited on the Main Range.
- e. Shooting at any wildlife is prohibited at the Main Range.
- f. Shooting at fruits or vegetables is prohibited at the Main Range.
- g. Clay birds are prohibited on the Main Range and may not be used by anyone. *No flying targets allowed on Main Range.*

6. Tracer, incendiary and armor-piercing ammunitions are not permitted at the Main Range. The use of STEEL-CORE AMMUNITION may only take place at the MAIN RANGE. Before shooting permission must be given from the Rangemaster. If no one is on duty, then this type of ammunition may not be used.

7. Intoxicating beverages are not permitted on the Main Range.

8. Persons under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and shall not be allowed to shoot without adult supervision.

9. Children not shooting are not permitted on the firing line.

10. A time limit of 2 hours may be enforced if all firing points are occupied.

11. The Range-master may refuse anyone the right to shoot and may order anyone to leave the range to enforce range rules and preserve the safety of the range or the safety of members or guests.

12. Eye and hearing protection is required for everyone on the Main Range, including spectators.

13. While on the Main Range, only shoot rifles from the rifle side and pistols from the pistol side unless the Rangemaster on duty authorizes it.

14. Use of a holster to carry a gun or to draw from is prohibited on the Main Range.

#### IV. Rules for the Back Ranges

1. Before proceeding to the back range area, all Annual members and their guests must stop at the range office to check in with the Rangemaster whenever a Rangemaster is in control of the Main Range. He may inform you if any of the back ranges are unavailable for member use.

2. All Annual members are required to have a full-sized shovel whenever they are on the range and show it to anyone who asks. A 4 lb. fire extinguisher is also recommended. If a fire starts first report it to rangemaster or call 911. Then, if possible, try to safely put out the fire with your shovel or fire extinguisher.

3. Eye and hearing protection are required for everyone on the back ranges, including spectators.

4. All members are required to have their membership cards with them anytime they are on the range. All members are required to show their membership card anytime they are asked to and have the right to ask to see any members' card as well. When asked about membership status, guests are required to provide information about who they are and whom they are with.

5. Use by Annual members of the back ranges is on a first-come, first-served basis, except as described otherwise in these range rules. All members are required to share the range facilities with fellow members whenever attendance is high. This applies to all bays and pads. The Rangemasters have the final authority to close or open any bay or pad, at any time, to accommodate the maximum number of members using the range.

6. Use of the back ranges is limited to Annual Club members and their guests. Annual members must always accompany guests on the back ranges. Regularly scheduled matches are open to guests, but non-members must remain in the immediate vicinity of the match.

7. The **Smallbore Silhouette / Youth Minor /Rimfire** range is for *.22 Short, Long and Long Rifle rim-fire only. Absolutely no .17 caliber, no magnum rimfire, no rimfire ammo above 1,500 fps velocity and no type of centerfire ammo use are allowed. Clay bird targets are restricted and may not be used on the Rimfire Range by anyone.*

8. Rifle shooters are given priority to use the **Silhouette** pad (formerly known as 200-meter) on pads Monday, Wednesday through Friday and on fifth Saturday and Sunday mornings (also known as MEMBERS DAYS), before 10 am.

- a. Before 10 am members occupying bays beyond the **Silhouette** pad (formerly known as 200-meter) must move back to other bays at the request of Annual members wishing to use the **Silhouette pad** (formerly known as 200-meter), as long as there is space available for their activities in bays 1 through 11. After inspecting the back ranges are cleared of other occupants, the gate leading to bays 12 through 17 must be closed before using the **Silhouette pad** (formerly known as 200-meter).
- b. The Rangemasters have the final authority to close or open any bay or pad, at any time, to accommodate the maximum number of members using the range.

9. All rifle shooting positions that shoot over other shooting positions or bays requires a safety inspection first, where the member(s) drive(s) or walk(s) the full distance from the firing line to the impact area. Once the range is determined to be secure, with no other persons present downrange and all gates or safety cables closed to ensure that no one drives past your firing position while you are shooting, only then may firing commence.

10. Never walk or drive past any closed gates, cables, safety cones or barricades without checking to see if that area is a live-fire area. ONLY match directors are allowed to lock the gate by SILHOUETTE PAD (former 200-yard pad) during matches.

11. Shooting on the back ranges must always be in the direction of authorized impact areas and from designated rifle pads or while completely inside the berms of an authorized shooting bay. (Also see the rule in Section II, 2, I)

12. The use of incendiary, tracer or armor-piercing ammunition is prohibited everywhere on the range. STEEL-CORE AMMUNITION is restricted to only being shot at the MAIN RANGE. (Also see the rule in Section III #6.)

## V. Rules for the Upper Range – Shotgun Range, Rifle Pads and Pistol Bays

The Upper Range is available to members only at certain specified times- as shown on the club calendar which can be viewed on the club website, wegc.org. The Shotgun Range, Rifle Pads and Pistol bays each have their own schedules.

1. When accessing the Upper Range all members must check in at the range house before going up to shoot when a Rangemaster is present. No member shall drive or walk past a closed red safety gate, denoting a possibly live fire area, because the 450 or 500 shooting pads may be in use.

2. Only full members or guests of full members may use the upper range. Guests must be accompanied by a full member. The Shotgun Range is available to Limited Members when open according to the schedule, on weekends only. [This does not apply to matches]

3. All members must comply with all posted signs

4. All members must comply with the Shotgun versus Rifle Pads schedule which is posted on the Club Calendar which can be viewed on the Club Website. The shotgun range and pistol bays 101, 102 and 103 can operate at the same time.

5. Bays 101, 102 and 103 are pistol bays and only available for members and not matches. Paper and steel targets are allowed on these bays. Shooting rifles of any kind or shotguns is prohibited. These bays may be used when the shotgun range or 325 rifle pad is scheduled to be used, but not when the 450 and 500 pads are in use.

6. All rifle and pistol shooting in the Upper Range at the 325, 450 and 500 shooting pads will only be into the designated rifle or pistol impact areas. Members may use the 450 and 500 rifle pads only on Friday mornings from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. All members must check in with the Rangemaster on duty who will make sure the gates are locked to the upper area while the 450 and 500 pads are in use. If no one shows up by 9:00 am to use the 450 and 500 pads, they will be closed to shooting and regular use of the upper area will begin. The Rangemaster will notify

all members that the Rimfire range is closed when the 450 or 500 pads are in use and can post a sign if needed.

7. Trash must be carried out and placed into the trash bin.

8. Shell casings must be picked up and put in the container on the pad or in the trash bin.

## **VI. Rules for Archery Area**

1. Archery area is on bay one.

2. Discharge of any firearm is prohibited in the Archery Area.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

**FIRING LINE** - The line of positions from which gunfire is directed at targets.

**180-DEGREE PLANE** - an imaginary plane parallel to the impact (generally rear) berm extending from the shooter outward in all directions (left, right, up, and down). This imaginary plane moves with the shooter as he/she moves up and down the range through the course of fire. The 180-degree plane shall be used to guide the shooter(s). The shooter(s) may not break this plane with their firearm muzzle at any time whether they're engaging targets, moving between shooting positions, or performing weapon manipulations (drawing, reloading, clearing malfunctions, etc.). Any break in this 180-degree plane will constitute a FIREARM SAFETY INFRACTION. The 180-degree plane reinforces the Second Rule of Firearms Safety: Never Point the Gun at Anything You Don't Want to Shoot.

**UPRANGE** - A designated area in opposition to Downrange, that generally is at the front/entrance of a Bay or shooting line. It is also behind the 180-degree plane downrange area from the shooter.

**DOWNRANGE** - The SAFE direction of bullet travel toward a designated impact area/berm. The 180-degree plane shall be factored in the definition of downrange.

**HOT (RANGE)**- Any firearm that contains live ammunition.

**COLD RANGE** – A cold range is a range on which all firearms are to be unloaded at all times, unless the shooters are actually standing on the firing line. No live ammunition is contained IN the firearm.

**CCW** - Concealed carry weapons are firearms lawfully permitted and carried, hidden from view. A person with a CCW has been determined as legally able to do so.

These definitions shall be applicable and necessary for ALL SAFE FIREARM USE at West End Gun Club.