RANGE RULES

ISRA

P.O. Box 637 Chatsworth, IL 60921

Safety Plans

This safety plan has been established to ensure the health and safety of those individuals who use or frequent this facility and the community at large.

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I. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The following information appears on a sign on each range.

Medical Emergency Procedure

Heart Attack, Stroke, Anaphylactic Shock, Diabetic High or Low Blood Sugar, Heat Stroke, Broken Bones, any Blow to the Head or Loss of Consciousness for any reason *are all medical emergencies.*

1. Dial 911 [*Cell OK, but Land Line Preferred*]

Say "We have a medical emergency at 1589 North 7000 West Rd." (Warner Bridge Rd.). Don't go into details, but answer questions, e.g., "Is the injured person conscious?" Yes or No

2. Cease fire

Notify ALL Ranges to shut down.
Firearms should be cleared and cased until the emergency is resolved

3. Station someone at the gate.

Have a gate card, lock the gate open.
Keep the entrance and apron clear. Do not block Warner Bridge Rd.
Direct the ambulance to the correct range.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

General Conduct and Safety Regulations

The following are rules for safe and orderly operations of the shooting range that must be adhered to by all shooters. Any changes, exceptions, or additions will be made at the discretion of the ISRA Board of Directors, the Range Facilities Committee, and/or the Chief Range Officer.

ANY CHANGES TO ANY RULES ARE IMMEDIATE AND WILL BE POSTED IN THE SIGN-IN BUILDING AND AT THE ISRA OFFICE.

The Range is operated exclusively for the benefit of its members and others if authorized by the Board of Directors. This includes:

- The members of the Range
- Guests of members of the range—each guest is allowed in the range only one time a year with a maximum of three guests per visit.
- The public, if approved by the Board of Directors for the purpose of education, training, public safety and formal competitions
- The armed forces of the United States, subject to the rules and limits of the range
- The police of various jurisdictions, subject to the rules and limits of the range
- Special groups, such as the Boy Scouts of America, 4H, and other programs

Identification

Each time the range is used, any member bringing in guests must sign them in and out inside the building at the west end of the Pistol Range.

- All guests must be signed in individually and signed out. All guests must fill out and sign a waiver.
- Range members may bring their minor (under the age of 21) grandchildren **or nieces and nephews** to the range, provided a parent or legal guardian of the grandchildren, **nieces or nephews,** has submitted a completed and signed waiver to the ISRA office through the sign-in process currently in effect at the Bonfield Range. The waiver is valid for ONE calendar year, and must be renewed each year. Range members may add their minor grandchildren on their range membership by including them as a family member with a cost of $80 per year.

  The range member grandparent will be given an identification card and holder for each grandchild. You will need to come to the clubhouse to get these items. The card will state the child's name, the range member grandparent's name, and the date the waiver was signed. The word "Grandchild" will be entered in the league area on the card. The grandchild must wear their identification card at all times while on the Bonfield Range.
- All members must wear/display their key card while at the range. The name of the member will appear on the sticker.
- Members may be required to produce photo identification by an Officer or Director of the ISRA Board of Directors, Range Facilities Committee Member, or a Range Safety Officer to verify that the person with the key card is a bona fide range member.

Note: Other individual ranges may occasionally have special events scheduled at the ISRA range; these will take precedence.

Each member will receive a Range schedule as well as a schedule of matches and leagues with their membership renewal. The Range schedule will also be published in The Illinois Shooter and on the ISRA web site: **http://www.isra.org.**

Look for the Official ISRA Calendar under "Events."

III. Gun Handling Rules

- All persons must always point the muzzle of a firearm in a safe direction.
- All persons must always keep the firearm action open until ready to fire.
- All persons must always keep their finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
- No one under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be allowed to handle firearms.
- A firearm must not be handled while picking up dropped ammunition, magazines, or accessories
- All persons are strongly urged to wear eye and ear protection on all range property. Eye protection is required on the Airgun Range.
- No one may handle a firearm or ammunition while people are down range – all firearms must be unloaded, benched, racked, or grounded with the action open, the magazine removed, (unless it has a fixed magazine), and the safety in the on position, if the firearm is so equipped.
- "Down Range" is anywhere beyond the firing line, from 0 yards to the backstop.
- To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms should be uncased or cased **only** at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. (Exceptions for specific classes or competitions subject to approval by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.)
- An NRA "Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI)" is required. ECI must be inserted in the firearm's chamber whenever the firearm is not loaded and ready to fire. Match conditions may have their own rules for ECI use. ECI use is mandatory as of July 2017.
- Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.
- A common firing line will be maintained on all ranges, as described in the following individual range policy statements.

ALL PERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW AND OBEY ALL RANGE RULES.

Note: Shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead safety baffles, is not only discouraged, but will be considered as willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly. Know, follow, and obey all safety rules at all times!
It is everyone's responsibility!

V. General Rules

The range may be used from 8:00AM until sunset year round. The official sunset is as published by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Region 3).

All new range members must have their orientation before shooting at the range.

Only paper targets may be used. All members must bring their own targets with them, unless otherwise provided for by ISRA competition teams or events. Certain shooting activities are not allowed. See General Range Rules and Specific Range Rules.

The range may be scheduled for certain activities with approval of the Chief Range Safety Officer, Facilities Committee, and Board of Directors. All activities must comply with the Administrative Rules.

Pets must be on a leash and controlled at all times. Pet waste will be removed by the pet's owner. Pets are not permitted in the Clubhouse.

Transportation of firearms to and from the facility must comply with state law.

It is the duty of everyone to keep the buildings and grounds as clean as possible.

There is no food service on the grounds except as arranged for specific events.

There is no eating or drinking on the firing line.

Always wash your hands with cold water before eating and after your shooting activities are completed. This is to reduce the possibility of lead, oils or solvents being absorbed through the skin.

Parking is available in designated areas.

The Range Safety Officer may shut down any range at any time for safety concerns or for maintenance.

Children under age seven, pregnant women and others who have concerns should consult a physician before visiting shooting ranges.

Anyone may be asked to leave the range for any reason the Range Safety Officer deems improper conduct.

& Key Card

The gate is to remain closed at all times, unless prior permission has been given by the ISRA Board of Directors, Range Facilities Committee, Range Manager or Chief Range Officer.

All non-member shooters must leave at the conclusion of an organized event or may camp as a guest of a range member on the range for a multi-day event. While on the range property, the non-member guest must be accompanied by the member at all times. The guest may only use the range scheduled for the registered event and during that event only.

An electronic key card that allows entrance to the gate will be issued to each paid range member (a limit of one per family). The key card is good from year to year as long as the member's dues have been paid and are up to date. An additional key card will be issued to a **spouse** of a range member for a fee of $25.

Members **must** swipe in and swipe out with the key card, even when the gate is open (for special events or convenience of service or maintenance vehicles).

The key card is on loan to you, the member, and must be surrendered on demand by an Officer or Director of the ISRA Board of Directors, a Range Facility Committee Member, or a Range Safety Officer.

Do not LEND or DESTROY your key card – return the key card to the ISRA Principal Office located at 420 E. Locust St., Chatsworth, IL. 60921.
Replacement for a lost key card is $25.

Membership

ANNUAL RANGE MEMBERSHIP

All Members must be current members of the ISRA as well as the range by paying dues set by the ISRA. No refunds will be issued.

Each range member is required to work two days at the range per membership year. If you are billed for work days that you have worked or for work days that were worked after your bill was processed, but before your renewal, please provide a copy of the work day receipt with your renewal. Days worked after the renewal will be credited to the following year's fees. Failure to provide a receipt will result in your being charged for the day(s).

A fee of $50 will be assessed for each day not worked.

All Annual members over age 59, and ***Range*** Life Members, are exempt from work days, but are still encouraged to work. Your experience, especially on days like the Annual Open House would be greatly appreciated.

Work days shall be one Saturday of each month, but not on the same day as the Facilities Committee meeting is slated to occur as shown on the range schedule, weather permitting. Special work days may be scheduled at any time if needed.

LIFE RANGE MEMBERSHIP

A Life Membership shall accord the member the same rights, privileges, and obligations as an annual member.

FAMILY RANGE MEMBERSHIP

A Family Membership shall accord the member the same rights, privileges, and obligations as an annual member.

While at the range, all children must be under direct supervision of the parent or legal guardian at all times. This includes following all safety rules and proper, courteous conduct.

Failure to follow safety rules or to properly supervise children will result in the expulsion from the range for the remainder of the day or permanent expulsion from the range.
No refunds will be given.

ARCHERY

Archery activities is only allowed on the Archery Range 7. Archery is not permitted on any of the firearm ranges.

ISRA Range Alcohol Policy

No alcohol may be consumed on any range property (ready areas, ranges, pits, camping areas, buildings or parking lots of the range) except as specified below.

No person who has consumed alcohol during that day may shoot or handle a firearm on the range property.

Individual range members, and guests accompanied by a range member, may have alcoholic beverages in the Pavilion only after they have completed shooting for the day and they have secured and stored all firearms in their vehicle. No minors may have alcohol at any time.

All debris, cans and bottles are to be discreetly bagged and disposed of in the available dumpster or removed entirely from the range property.

Group event organizers must request permission from the ISRA office two (2) weeks prior to the event if they intend to serve or allow alcohol. Permission will be contingent on the conditions above, to include use of the range Club House if the event is to have access to that facility. No open alcohol is to be carried between the Pavilion and the Club House. Event organizers are responsible for the behavior of attendees and clean-up.

Any Range Safety Officer may remove anyone from the range if in his/her judgment they are causing or contributing to a disturbance or exhibiting unsafe behavior.

VI. General Range Rules

In case of severe sickness or injury on the ISRA Range it is everyone's responsibility to help secure the Range and assist the Range Safety Officer (RSO).

Know and obey all range commands.

The Big Picture Rule: Be aware of what is going on around you. Respect others and their equipment.

No shooting at unauthorized targets (cans, bottles, boxes, etc.). Shoot only at authorized targets. Use of targets other than paper or targets approved by the Committee in advance is prohibited except on the trap range. On that range, only, clay targets may be used.

No shooting at target frames.

Maintain the proper target height to ensure that the fired projectile, after passing through the target, hits the desired portion of the backstop. This will reduce the possibility of ricochets. **See Specific Range Rules.**

Designate a range officer when none are present or assigned.

All persons present on the range are responsible for the safety of everyone present. Anyone perceiving an unsafe situation has the duty and authority to immediately call a 'Cease Fire.' Everyone present must obey such a Cease Fire command the same as if it came from an RSO.

All firearms must remain unloaded with actions open, except when on the firing line and authorized to be loaded.

Unload, open the action, remove the magazine and ground and/or bench or rack all firearms during a cease fire.

When firearms are benched or grounded, keep the actions open and ejection ports facing upward so chambers are visible. If in a rack, muzzles must be pointed up with the action open. The use of an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) is mandatory.

Muzzle-loading firearms or break or hinged action rifles, shotguns, pistols or air guns do not require an ECI when they are in a rack.

No one shall handle any firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are down range. "Down Range" is anywhere beyond the firing line, from 0 yards to the backstop. Policing the area (picking up brass or trash) in front of the firing line is permissible only during a cease-fire. Policing the area between the ready line and the firing line is only permitted when the range is "hot."

When uncased firearms are present, individuals must step behind the ready line while others are down range. Similarly, on ranges 8, 9, 10 and 11 (where there is no ready line), individuals must be 10 feet away from tables where firearms are present. Firearms may be holstered on training ranges 8-11, but must not be handled during a cease fire; or when others are down range in front of them during live fire.

Members arriving at a range during a cease-fire may post targets, but should wait until all members are behind the firing line before moving any gear to the firing line.

Everyone practicing must be in control of their firearm until the firearm is placed securely on the table, rack, holster or other stable object case or container. When any long gun is not at the firing line (muzzles pointed down range), all muzzles must be pointed up, down or enclosed in a case.

All uncased guns must be unloaded with the action open and with an empty chamber indicator (ECI) ***in the chamber.***

Negligent discharges are grounds for removal from the premises.

Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range or in a provided safe area.

If a firearm is dropped, a cease fire must be called. The firearms retrieved must be unloaded and checked before being returned to service.

Dry firing is only permitted at the firing line, with muzzle pointed downrange, and only when authorized (when the range is "hot" and firearms may be handled); or in a designated "safe area"; or in a class under the supervision of an Instructor or Range Officer.

All shooting is to be into backstops only. Always keep the muzzle pointed at the backstop. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction other than the impact area of the backstop.

Deposit all trash in containers.

Rules for holster use on the ISRA Range

- Open and concealed carry are now allowed on the ISRA range **subject to the following conditions:**
- Only ISRA Range members and guests that hold a valid concealed carry license, which you may be asked to produce by a Range Safety Officer, may carry concealed on the range.
- Sworn police officers may carry on the range.
- You MUST produce your license when asked.
- Participants in concealed carry classes and competitors in tactical pistol matches may open carry ***only*** while on **the specific range being used,** if the class or sanctioned competition requires it.

  A non-member competitor or class participant must load and unload their firearm on the range where they are competing and secure that firearm before leaving the event-specific range.

  Range member competitors/class-participants who hold a valid CCL may carry concealed after leaving the class or competition. **But open carry is not permitted beyond the event's specified range.**

  During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready or index position.
- Open and concealed firearms may only be loaded or unloaded on the firing line or other safe area.
- When moving about the range you may not remove your firearm from its holster except at the direction of a Range Safety Officer, Match Director, or Match Director's designee.
- Concealed and or open carry may be banned from competition or training at the discretion of the Match Director or instructor.
- Anytime a firearm is drawn, strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- No shoulder holsters, or cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters will be permitted.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other device.

Ammunition malfunctions: Misfires, Hangfires, and Squib loads.

A misfire is when a cartridge does not fire after the primer has been struck by the firing pin.

A hang-fire is a perceptible delay in the ignition of a cartridge after the primer has been struck by the firing pin. The normal procedure for handling both misfires and hang-fires is to:

- Keep the gun pointed downrange (in a safe direction).
- Wait at least 30 seconds in case it is a hangfire
- For muzzleloaders, if the cap or the frizzen pan ignites, it is safest to assume it is a hangfire. With muzzleloaders, wait at least three minutes.

A squib load is when there is less than normal pressure or bullet velocity after ignition of the cartridge. The bullet may or may not exit the barrel. Squib loads are identified by difference in recoil or noise. The normal procedure for handling squib loads is:

- Stop firing immediately.
- Keep the gun pointed downrange.
- Unload the gun—make sure the chamber is empty.
- Insert a cleaning rod down the barrel from the chamber end (if possible) to make sure the bullet is not lodged in the barrel.
- Notify the RSO when there is a firearm stoppage malfunction.

It is prohibited to:

- Shoot prior to 8:00am.
- Shoot after legal sunset. Legal sunset is defined for Kankakee County in the IDNR Hunting & Trapping Guide.

Use full automatic or burst control firearms (this includes Hellfire-type devices, slide fire or bump fire type devices, binary triggers and other devices that act in a similar manner). Exceptions may be approved by Range Director for official law enforcement or military training with prior approval.

- Use armor-piercing, explosive, incendiary or tracer ammunition.
- Handle firearms while any person is down range.
- Hunt on ISRA property.
- Perform un-aimed firing, snap shooting, or quick draw shooting, except that SASS, IDPA, UPSA, NRA Action Pistol type shooting will be allowed so long as all shots / muzzle direction / safety rules of these sports is strictly adhered to.
- Shoot under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medications that impair judgment.
- Use rifles chambered for the .50 caliber Browning Machine Gun cartridge, or any cartridge derived from the .50 caliber Browning Machine Gun cartridge —any time, on any range.

Note: Shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead baffles, is not only discouraged, but will be considered as willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly.

VII. Specific Range Rules

Ranges shall be known by the following numbers:

#1 West Pistol Range	#5 100 Meter Range	#9 Training 25 Meter Range
#2 East Pistol Range	#6 Shotgun Range	#10 Training 25 Meter Range
#3 High Power Rifle Range	#7 Archery Range	#11 Training 25 Meter Range
#4 100 Yard Benchrest Range	#8 Training 25 Meter Range	#12 Air Gun Range

Ranges #1 & #2: Pistol Range (25 and 50 Yard Range)

Only common pistol calibers are allowed. No single shot pistols in center-fire rifle calibers will be allowed at any time; shooters may use the 100-yard range.

Pistol caliber carbines are allowed. These would include .22 rimfire, .30 M1 Carbine, .380ACP, 9mm, .357 Sig, .40S&W, 10mm, and .45ACP.

Rifles or Carbines in .223/5.56mm *OR other rifle calibers* are NOT allowed.

Rifle caliber carbines may only be used in sanctioned competitions, classes or when otherwise authorized by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.

.20, and .22 calibers rim fire rifle, as well as shotgun slugs, buckshot, birdshot and black powder firearms are permitted.

Drawing from a holster is not permitted on ranges 1 and 2.

A common firing line will be used for all shooters. The minimum target distance is 4 yards.

The center of the target should be as close as possible to the center of the slot height of the target frame, and centered between the frame's uprights. Relative to the height of the shooter, target position may be adjusted to keep trajectory as close as possible to horizontal, within the limit of the available space for the cardboard backer.

Multiple targets may be arranged horizontally—not stacked vertically— on a single target frame Stacking vertically may increase the probability of ricochets.

With prior approval, classes or matches may establish firing lines forward of the concrete pad. If the firing line is forward of the concrete pad, the target will be placed as close as possible to the base of the impact berm and centered as close to 48 inches above nominal ground level as possible.

Prone, kneeling and sitting positions (on the ground) are not permitted on Ranges 1 and 2.

COLD WEATHER: The shelters at the West end of Range 1 and East end of Range 2 may be used for shooting in cold weather. A **red flag** should be placed into the flag holder outside the shelter, to let others know that someone is shooting from inside. The flag should be returned to the holder inside the shelter, when the member has completed shooting. When shooting from inside, target frames should be positioned so that all shooting is directly down range.
Please open the window before shooting, and close the window when you leave.

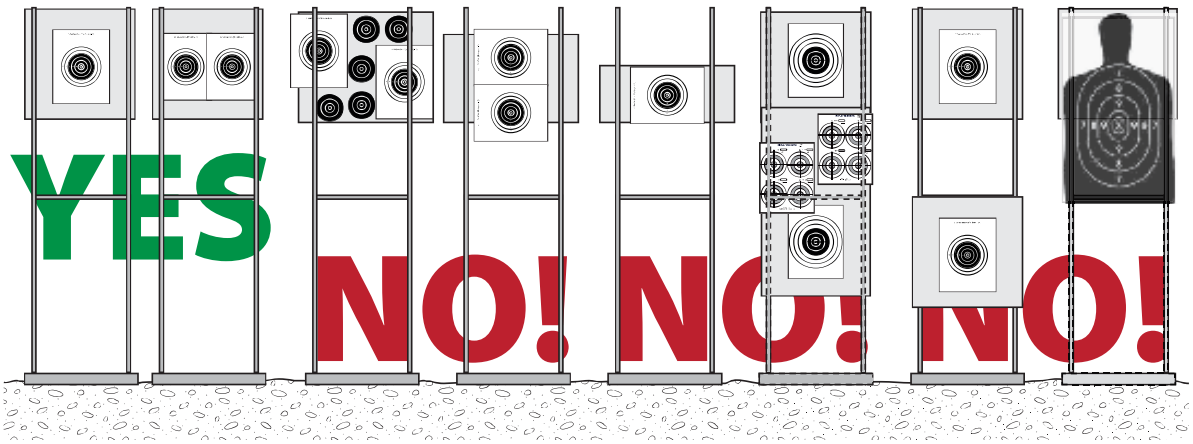
Note: Shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead baffles, is not only discouraged, but will be considered as willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly.

Correct target placement for ranges 1 and 2

Place target in the center of the cardboard

Cardboard should be 24" x 24" (or close to that size).

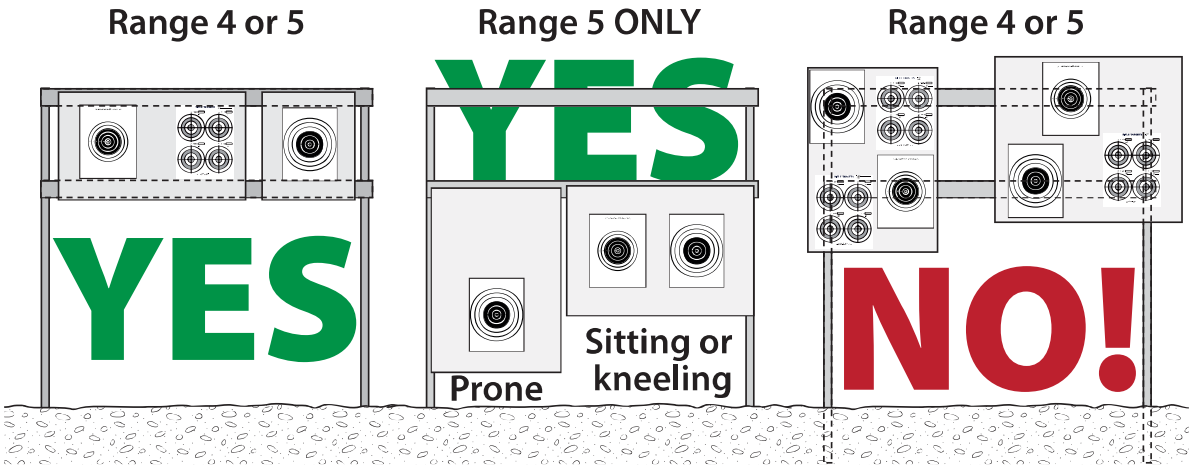
Incorrect target placement can cause ricochets to leave the range.



Standing, or sitting at a Bench

Correct target placement for ranges 4 and 5

Place target in front of opening, not in front of wood



Range 4 is Bench Rest ONLY.

On Range 5 position shooting is permitted: Standing, Sitting, Prone, or Bench.

Range #3: James Vinopal Range
High Power Rifle (200 and 300-yard range)

Important: If you do not know proper elevation, do not use the High-Power Rifle Range to sight in. You must start on the 100-yard range, range 4, or the 100-meter range, range 5 beginning at 50 yards, using a large (at least 30" x 30") target and shooting using the bench. Once you have zeroed in at 50 yards, you may then place the target at 100 yards. After you have sighted in at 100 yards and are confident you can stay on target, you may then move to the High-Power Rifle Range "Range # 3."

Shooters may use either the 200 or 300-yard firing line on this range. All shooters must use only the provided target carriers. Practice targets are available on the outside of the target shed near the entrance to the pits. All targets are to be returned to the rack when shooting is completed, and the rack should be covered with the provided tarp.

The first person on the range will determine which firing line to use, either the 200 or 300 yard. The next person to arrive may either join the shooter or wait until the first shooter has completed firing and then determine his or her firing line. Cooperation is of utmost importance! Please do not tie up the firing line for more than one hour at a time – give your fellow members a chance to use the facilities.

Note: Shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead baffles, is not only discouraged, but will be considered as willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly.

No rimfire calibers except 17 HMR, 17 Win Mag and 22 Win Mag are permitted at 200 or 300 yards. No pistol calibers at 200 or 300 yards except by special arrangement. No Black Powder at 300 yards.

Shotguns, whether using slugs or shot, are not allowed on the High Power Rifle Range at any time.

There will be no permanent benches at or on the 200-yard firing line. However, members may bring their own portable benches, which must be removed when leaving the range. All cartridge cases and trash must be removed when leaving the firing line and pits.

At the 300-yard firing line, the firing line must be determined by the use of the benches. If shooters are firing from the benches, all firing must be done from the concrete slab. However, if no one is using the benches, the grass firing line may be used. Shooting from the standing (off-hand) position is not allowed at 300 yards.

Special targets, conditions, and rules may be used during special organized events that are under the direct supervision of a match or event director and approved by the Facilities Committee. These include special clinics, CMP clinics, and international shooting events or instruction.

Pit Policy

Eye and ear protection are required.

After all firing is completed:

- All carriers must be chained down.
- All targets must be removed and placed back on proper storage Racks. Wooden uprights must remain in the carriers.
- All trash must be picked up and removed from the pit area.

Vehicle Policy

Vehicles may be driven to the 200-yard firing line, only if the ground is dry. Park in the low area behind the firing line, or on the slope well behind the firing line. When the ground is wet, all vehicles must be parked behind the entryway and walk-in entrance.

NEVER drive any street vehicle on or across any firing line.

Target Puller Policy

Each shooter may have another person in the pit to pull and score the targets (it is highly recommended to utilize a two-way radio for better communications). All pit personnel must enter and leave the pits through the tunnel provided. Eye and ear protection is required.

At NO TIME shall anyone be anywhere in the pits except on the catwalk unless the range has been secured and marked as closed.

Range #4: 100 Yard Benchrest Range

All firing must be done from the concrete benches. The firing line is determined and marked near the north edge of the concrete slab. All shooters will shoot from the firing line at all times.

At no time will targets be placed closer than 50 yards from the firing line.

No position shooting is allowed on this range. Position shooting includes standing, kneeling, sitting (other than at the bench) and prone.

Targets must be attached to cardboard mounted on the wooden target frames, in such a manner that no wood is behind the aiming center of the target.

Range #5: 100 Meter Range

Shooters must maintain a common firing line. The firing line is marked near the north edge of the concrete slab. When benches are used, they will be lined up on this line. At no time will targets be placed closer than 50 yards from the firing line.

Targets must attached to cardboard mounted on the wooden target frames, in such a manner that no wood is behind the aiming center of the target.

From any shooting position (standing, bench, sitting/kneeling, prone), the height of the bullseye should approximately correspond to the height of the firearm’s muzzle, to ensure that all bullets hit the impact area of the backstop.

Range #6: Shotgun Range

Only #6 shot or smaller is allowed on the shotgun range. Rifle slugs, sabots and buckshot are prohibited. No rifles or pistols are allowed on the shotgun range.

For safety, please do not leave throwers cocked when leaving the range.

Range #7: Archery Range

No firearms are allowed on the archery range.

Ranges 8–11

No Parking on the range. Only service or maintenance vehicles are allowed on the range.

The muzzle direction must be maintained in such a way that any discharge will remain inside the shooting bay.

Ranges 8–11 are for pistols or pistol caliber firearms only. Pistol caliber carbines are allowed. These would include .22 rimfire, .30 M1 Carbine, .380ACP, 9mm, .357 Sig, .40S&W, 10mm, and .45ACP.

Rifles or Carbines in .223/5.56mm OR other rifle calibers are NOT allowed.

Shotguns and rifle caliber carbines may only be used in sanctioned competitions, classes or when otherwise authorized by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.

Range #8: Training 25 Meter Range

- All targets must be placed in the marked area on the target board only. NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.
- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters are permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed under instructor supervision during a class ***OR*** when everyone on the range is doing the same drill.
- Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning to service.
- During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.

Range #9: Training 25 Meter Range

Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity.

- All targets must be placed in the marked area on the target board only. NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.
- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters are permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed under instructor supervision during a class ***OR*** when everyone on the range is doing the same drill.
- Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. Will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning to service.
- During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.

Range #10: Training 25 Meter Range

Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity.

All targets must be placed in the marked area on the target board only.
NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.

- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters are permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed under instructor supervision during a class ***OR*** when everyone on the range is doing the same drill.
- Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. Will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning to service.
- During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.

Range #11: Training 25 Meter Range

Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity.

- All targets must be placed in ISRA provided or approved target stands only. NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.
- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters will be permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed under instructor supervision during a class ***OR*** when everyone on the range is doing the same drill.
- Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. Will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning
- During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Range Manager or Facilities Committee.

Range #12: AIR GUN ONLY

Range 12 is located inside the classroom and is only to be used when there is no class scheduled.

No air guns that have a velocity of over 700 FPS or larger than .177 caliber may be used. If your rifle or pistol uses compressed air (pre-charged pneumatic) or CO2 filled from a bottle, great care must be taken when filling your air gun. Those under the age of 18 should not fill their own air gun from a compressed air or CO2 bottle.

All those who are using compressed air or CO2 tanks must make sure their tanks have a current Hydrostatic test. Check posted rules for compressed air and CO2 tank usage located in the club house.

The only positions allowed are standing, sitting, kneeling and prone. Airsoft is not allowed.

Air gun .177 Cal.

Target heights are pre-determined by the target support system, High for standing, Middle for sitting, Low for prone.

All air guns will be handled with the same safety precautions as a standard firearm. No firearms are allowed on this range—air guns only.

Range #13: TOMAHAWK RANGE

Located in the wooded area South of Range 4

Tomahawk range rules

- The thrower must be in the throwing box.
- Spectators must stay behind a designated line.
- Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- All shoes must have closed toes.
- Long pants are highly recommended.
- A helmet is recommended.
- No one can be directly behind the thrower.
- No firearms are allowed on the Tomahawk range.

VIII. GENERAL MUZZLELOAD FIREARMS RULES

Muzzle loading rifles may be utilized on the following ranges:

Pistol ranges 1 and 2; high power range #3 from 200 yards only; 100-yard range #4, 100-meter range #5;
Ranges # 8, 9, 10 and 11 when specifically authorized by ISRA Board of Directors, Chief Range Officer and/or Range Manager.

Muzzle loading pistols may be utilized on the following ranges:

Pistol ranges 1 and 2, ranges 8, 9, 10 and 11.
Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity.

For both rifles and pistols all rules and guidelines established for the noted ranges will be followed, which include target placement and shooting positions.

Muzzle loading firearms are defined as any type of firearm loaded from the muzzle (or into the chamber of a revolver) regardless of the type of ignition system the firearm utilizes, i.e. flintlock, percussion cap, or primer for in-line actions.

- The firing line will be a line struck immediately in front of several firing points. For ranges # 8 and 9, firing line can vary as shooter can adjust the distance from the posted target depending upon the desire of the first shooter on that range.
- Movement with a firearm from the loading area to firing line will be conducted in a safe manner; long gun barrel pointed directly up with muzzle above shooter's head. Pistol shooters shall carry firearm with muzzle pointed directly up, but need not keep the muzzle above the head.
- Placement of an ignition cap or priming of the pan on a flintlock will only be accomplished when the shooter is at the firing line.
- Snapping of caps or flashing priming pan in preparation for shooting will only be allowed when the range is in an active or "hot" condition.
- Misfires must be rectified by the shooter in a safe manner, waiting three minutes to determine if a hang-fire condition exists. After waiting the three minutes, check for possibility of a dry-ball condition (no powder in barrel), or plugged ignition system, to be cleared by pick, removal of charge utilizing compressed air or CO2 system (safest method), or pulling ball with mechanical device. At all times muzzle discipline must be maintained as the firearm must be considered loaded until it is rendered clear.
- No loaded firearm may be taken from the firing line.
- No open powder containers are allowed on loading benches. Containers designed to dispense powder shall have positive closure method to prevent accidental ignition of powder.
- A powder measure will be utilized to transfer powder from its storage container into the firearm. No direct dispensing from container to firearm.
- Flintlock firearms may only be loaded when frizzen and hammer are in open or forward position. Prime the pan only on firing line.
- Swabbing barrel between shots is encouraged.

- No blowing down the barrel in any manner that requires the placing the shooter's head in front of the muzzle. A flexible blow tube may be utilized provided the shooter's head is not placed in front of the muzzle.
- Only black powder or approved black powder substitute can be utilized. Smokeless powder is not permitted.
- Each shooter is responsible for his equipment. Equipment of other shooters is their responsibility and should only be touched by the appropriate person or designee thereof.
- Language, conversation content and general deportment must be appropriate to a range that is visited by children and families. Violators will asked to vacate the range.
- The shooter's position and immediate surrounding area is that person's responsibility to keep clean and orderly.
- Loading of muzzle loading arms will only be performed from a loading bench that is behind the firing line. No loading from powder horns or the like is permitted on the firing line.
- When a muzzle loading firearm is returned to the loading bench, the loading rod (ramrod) should be inserted into the barrel to indicate the firearm is unloaded (empty) and rendered "safe."

Muzzle loading shotguns, (smooth bore equipment firing shot) can be utilized on all ranges currently available to shotgun use in the manner appropriate for that specific range. Equipment shooting solid projectiles will only be utilized in the ranges as specified previously for muzzle loading rifles. Loading for shotguns or pistols shall be accomplished away from the firing point at a table. Loading a muzzle loading shotgun at the shotgun range shall conform to loading as specified. Bench to be supplied by shooter if none are available.

LEAGUE, CLUB OR SHOOTING GROUP MATCHES

Any league shoot, club shoot or group shoot will adhere to the following range commands and, to the general muzzle loading firearm rules as approved and adopted by the Illinois State Rifle Association:

Cease fire. Command can be voiced by anyone. All shooters are to immediately stop shooting activity and await instructions from person declaring the cease fire. Cease fire command may be used for either of two reasons:

An unsafe condition exits on the range (voiced by range officer or competitor).

The specified time limit has expired (voiced by range officer only).

Are there any hot ones? Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Any loaded and capped/primed firearm is considered hot.

Dump them in the berm. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Shooter having a "hot" firearm will discharge their piece into the backstop berm not into any target

Ground all rifle butts (or bench all pistols) and make the line safe. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. All rifles will be placed against the loading bench with the muzzle pointed up and rifle butt upon the ground. Pistols will be placed with the muzzle on the loading bench and in the case of revolvers, and in the case of revolvers empty chamber indicator in place. Single shot pistol will have empty chamber indicator placed in empty barrel.

You may go forward and pull and place targets. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. At the last match or end of shooting session the command will be modified to include removal but not replacement of new targets and/or retrieval of target backing cardboard or the like.

No more targets may be placed. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. An indication the match is about to begin.

Ready on the right. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Call for shooters' attention on the right side of range, with reference to down-range, as the range is about to be declared open/hot.

Ready on the left. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Call for shooters' attention on the left side of range, with reference to down-range, as the range is about to be declared open/hot.

Ready on the firing line. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Range will be declared open/hot in a short period of time.

You may commence to load and fire. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. No firearm may be loaded, caps snapped, flintlock pans flashed prior to this command.

A**s you were.** Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Return to shooters' previous actions. Used to cancel a previous command.

Stand fast Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. This command means to stop and hold your position. An unsafe condition may have been discovered.

IX. RANGE COMMANDS

Preparing the range for live firing

COMMAND: "THE PREPARATION PERIOD STARTS NOW"

Meaning: Shooters may occupy their firing points, prepare, and dry fire at their targets.

COMMAND: "THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED"

Meaning: Shooters must stop preparation activities.

COMMAND: "LOAD" (optional for training)

Purpose: To notify participants that they can load the prescribed number of rounds. For muzzleloaders, the commands are somewhat different. The command to "Commence Firing" is given after which the participants will snap a minimum of three caps prior to loading the firearm. The command "load" is not for muzzleloading shooters.

Action: Participants will load the prescribed number of rounds and stand ready for the next command.

COMMAND: "IS THE LINE READY?"

Purpose: To determine if all shooters along the line are ready.

Action: All shooters not ready should indicate their status to the range officer. If a shooter is not ready they shall call out "THE LINE IS NOT READY!" The Range Officer may use other methods of indicating "NOT READY!" but those should be made clear in the Range Safety Briefing. Sufficient time will be allowed for the shooter to complete his preparation. Once the shooters indicate they are ready, the commands will resume at **"IS THE LINE READY?"**

COMMAND: "READY ON THE RIGHT!"

Purpose: To declare that the shooters have indicated they are ready.

Action: Any shooter not ready at this command may choose to either alert the line officer that he or she is not ready or to complete the process of getting ready before the final command has been given.

COMMAND: "READY ON THE LEFT!"

Purpose: To continue the command prior to giving the commence firing command. **Action:** Any shooter not ready at this command may choose to either alert the line officer that he or she is not ready or to complete the process of getting ready before the final command has been given.

COMMAND: "READY ON THE FIRING LINE!"

Purpose: To notify all participants that the range is about to be under live fire and that if anyone is not ready at this point, he should call a range officer; otherwise, await the next command.

Action: Participants simply await the next command. Firing Period

Command: "COMMENCE FIRING!"

Purpose: To declare the range is formally open for live fire.

Action: The participants may commence the prescribed course of fire. Muzzleloaders

may snap caps prior to loading. No muzzleloader may be loaded before the command to fire has been given.

Firing shall continue until a predetermined time period has lapsed or until all participants have completed the prescribed course of fire. During informal shooting events when participants are finished firing, they should simply open the action, clear the firearm, bench or ground the firearm and step back behind the line and wait until all shooters have completed the event. After this, a mutually agreed upon cease-fire is called.

COMMAND: "SHOOTERS, YOU HAVE (X) NUMBER OF MINUTES LEFT TO COMPLETE THE COURSE OF FIRE" OR "SHOOTERS, FIRE YOUR REMAINING ROUNDS."

Purpose: To alert all shooters that a general cease-fire is about to be called and to allow the slower shooters to complete the course of fire. Those that have completed the day's activities may put away their equipment. In the event that there are rounds remaining that have not been fired, the shooter, upon the command, "Cease-Fire", simply unloads, clears and grounds or benches his or her firearm.

COMMAND: "SNAP CAPS!" (Muzzleloading only)

Purpose: To assure the flash hole is open and the barrel is free of any material (oil) capable of causing a hangfire. In some events, this command is also used to determine if all firearms are unloaded. In others, safety precautions require the guns to be uncapped and unprimed with hammers down prior to leaving the line. **Action:** All participants using percussion type muzzleloaders shall step up to the firing line, affix a primer cap, point the firearm down range and "snap" the cap.

COMMAND: **"CEASE-FIRE!"** ` Purpose: To stop all firing.

Action: All participants shall unload, open, remove magazines and bench or ground all firearms. If activities are complete for the day, step back from the line or clear the area by packing away firearms, ammunition, or other gear and clean up the area (may be signaled verbally, by whistle, horn blast or removing targets from views).

Stop fire and declare the range safe

COMMAND: "RANGE IS CLEAR!"

Purpose: To alert all shooters along the line that travel beyond the firing line for purposes of target change or retrieval, the removal of brass and trash is approved. **Action:** Participants may move down range as directed or desired to change or remove targets or to clean up. The next relay shall not take up positions on the firing line until told to do so. Participants not going down range are to stand back from the firing line and away from firearms. NO firearm will be handled while others are down range.

Optional Commands

COMMAND: "OPEN AND SHOW CLEAR!"

Purpose: To keep the line safe during training and certain action events.

Action: During training or certain events, the Range Officer may give the command "OPEN AND SHOW CLEAR!" following the command to "CEASE FIRE!" Upon receiving this command, the shooters will remove all magazines, cartridges, or shells from their firearm. All participants shall remain in place, keeping their firearms pointed down range or in a safe direction until the Range Safety Officer or whomever he or she designates inspects each firearm. After each firearm has been declared safe, the Range Safety Officer will give commands he or she deems appropriate.

COMMAND: "AS YOU WERE!"

Meaning: Disregard the command just given.

COMMAND: "CARRY ON!"

Meaning: Proceed with what was being done before the interruption.

COMMAND: "RELAY NO. _____, MATCH NO. _____ (or naming the match), **ON THE FIRING LINE"**

Meaning: These shooters are to move to their firing points.

COMMAND: "GO FORWARD, SCORE TARGETS AND PASTE" (OR CHANGE)

Meaning: Authorizes shooters to go forward of the firing line to change targets.

COMMAND: "PULL!"

Purpose: Comply with trap, skeet, sporting clays, or other similar shotgun events. **Action:** When the shooter gives a command "PULL!" the trapper or whoever is in charge of throwing clay birds on the shotgun field will immediately activate the throwing machine.

At the Illinois State Rifle Association, we advocate very strongly for gun safety. We encourage everyone to treat firearms with the utmost respect and practice safe handling at all times.

Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice when it comes to owning and operating firearms.