

HALTOM CITY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB GENERAL RANGE RULES & REGULATIONS

Preamble

This Club is dedicated to the safe, responsible, legal use and enjoyment of firearms. Our rules are intended to ensure that our members and guests can use their firearms and our facility in safety and comfort. This range has been in operation since 1961 and our rules are based upon this experience, the advice of our insurance carrier, the NRA, Club bylaws and the laws of the local jurisdictions.

General Rules

1. This range is open to the public during scheduled matches or at times designated by the Board of Directors. It is for Club members, associate members and guests.
 - Associate members are members' spouse, minor children living at home and dependent college students. An associate must be 18 years old to use the range without a sponsoring member present. Associate members that will be using the range without the member present must attend the orientation briefing and obtain an ID badge (contact the Club Secretary).
 - Minors are to be directly supervised by an adult member at all times. An adult member must directly supervise all minors who are shooting. Children are not permitted to play on the firing line, on the stairs, in the clubhouse or in the equipment area.
2. The host member must supervise any guests and is responsible and accountable for the guests understanding and following the range rules. The host is limited to two guests at a time and is responsible for the guests' fees being paid to the Range Officer before shooting. Associate members may not bring guests. Non-shooting guests are not required to pay the guest fee. Members with guests may be limited to two firing points. Members should review the range rules with their guests prior to arriving at the range.

3. The range is open for firearm shooting only when scheduled in the club calendar. Firearm shooting times can be scheduled only from 8 am to sunset. Shooting is not allowed before or after the posted and scheduled times. Shooting is allowed only if a Range Officer is on the range.
THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. The member's key, badge or membership card may not be duplicated or loaned to non-members. The members badge should be worn in a visible location when on the range. The membership card and a photo I.D. must be presented for inspection when requested by a Range Officer or member. All guests must wear a guest badge while on Club property.
5. Each member is responsible for locking the gate upon entering and leaving the range. Members and guests must each sign the register with times in and out upon entering or leaving the range, whether or not they are shooting.
6. All targets must be within the CENTER of the black area of the small portable frame, away from the frame boards, and positioned to minimize frame damage. Multiple targets may be placed on the large frames at the 100 yard/meter and 200 yard ranges. Bullets are not to hit the target frame. If the shooter is hitting a target frame, move to a closer (shorter distance) firing line to reduce the chances of hitting the frame and still impact the berm.
7. Targets are to be set so that bullets go into the berms and so that no bullets strike the overhead baffles, posts or the ground. Special purpose frames are limited to supervised or specialized use.
8. Anyone shooting prone, sitting or kneeling at the 50 meter line must use the full length target frames and must place their target at the appropriate height to keep the travel of the bullet as parallel to the ground as possible. The lower half of the frame is to be used for sitting, kneeling, and prone.
9. All targets are to be placed in front of the berm that is nearest the target distance. Do not place targets in front of the 100 meter berm at distances less than 50 meters. Targets for matches are exempt from this rule.
10. All shooting must be within the shooting lane. Cross firing between lanes is not allowed.

11. When firing from the bench, the muzzle of the firearm should extend beyond the front edge of the bench (or as close to the front edge as possible).
12. Each shooter is to police his or her firing point, sweeping up brass and disposing of used targets or other trash properly. All club equipment is to be stored properly after use. Target frames are to be returned to their storage area.
13. Digging or mining in the berms is strictly forbidden.
14. Firearms or ammunition shall not be permitted in the main clubhouse, except those necessary for instructional purposes during scheduled classes.
15. No smoking in the clubhouse, range officer's hut, community room, or under the covered firing area.
16. Organized, approved and scheduled matches have precedence over all other shooting. During matches, the range is under the control of the match director.
17. Only the Club Board of Directors can amend, create or suspend a Club rule. When necessary, the Board of Directors will post temporary rules on the range rule board and on the Club web site. Members should regularly check the range rule board and/or Club web site for these changes.

Range Safety Rules

1. **The Range Officer is in complete charge of the range.** He or she is responsible for ensuring that the Club rules are followed. The Range Officer has the authority to remove anyone for failure to comply with the Club rules and safety standards.
2. No intoxicating beverages or other substances that affect behavior are permitted on the range at any time. No one under the slightest influence of these chemicals shall be permitted to enter or remain on the range.
3. Firearms on the range are to be treated and handled as being loaded at all times and pointed in a safe direction.
4. Firearms to be used on this range shall be unloaded while being moved. Uncased firearms must have the action open, magazine removed (if detachable), and muzzle pointed upward while being moved to, from or along the firing line.
5. All firearms shall be cased when entering or leaving the range property. Cased firearms shall be removed from cases only on the firing line while the range is hot. Casing firearms shall be done on the firing line only while the range is hot. No firearms will be removed from or inserted into a case behind the firing line at any time.
6. **LOADED firearms must always be within the grasp of the shooter.** Do not set a LOADED firearm down on the bench or leave a LOADED firearm resting on the bench or bags without holding it. **Never leave a loaded firearm unattended.**
7. All unattended firearms shall be made safe by opening the bolt or action, removing the magazine (if detachable), and properly inserting an empty chamber indicator (ECI). An UNLOADED firearm with bolt or action open and magazine removed (if detachable) is considered attended within arms reach (approximately 2 feet) of the shooter and may be rested on the bench or bags without an ECI inserted as long as the shooter remains within arms length while the firing line is hot. The firearm shall have an ECI properly inserted if the shooter moves more than arms length (approximately 2 feet) away from the firearm. All firearms must be made safe with an ECI properly inserted when the firing line will be called safe.

8. No one may be forward of any portion of the firing line benches while the range firing line is hot.
9. All loading and shooting of firearms shall be forward of the red line. Detachable magazines may be loaded with cartridges behind the red line.
10. Prior to cease-fire lights [rotating beacon lights] being turned on, all firearms shall be made safe.
 - o Rifles shall be unloaded, have the actions kept open, and magazines emptied or removed, if removable. No cartridges shall remain in any firearms while the range is safe. Rifles shall be placed in the racks provided or may be left on the bench with an empty chamber indicator (ECI) properly installed.
 - o Pistols shall be unloaded and left lying on the bench with actions open, magazines emptied or removed, if removable, cylinder open or loading gate open (depending on the type) and an ECI properly installed. No cartridges shall remain in any firearms while the range is safe. Unloaded pistols may be cased.
11. During a cease-fire period while the range is SAFE:
 - o The rotating beacon lights will remain ON.
 - o Firearms are not to be handled during cease-fire periods. There is to be no direct contact with any firearms while the range is safe. This applies to the entire range, from the gates to the community room to the picnic tables to the firing line.
 - o Everyone remaining at the firing line must stay behind the red line behind the benches during cease-fires.
 - o Rotating beacon lights for the short CHL range and 200 yard range will be turned on if anyone is down range or changing targets. The lights are to be turned off when the CHL or 200 yard range is again clear of down range personnel.

12. It is strictly prohibited to fire at rocks, bottles, cans, animals, aerial targets, human or tombstone representations or anything other than a paper target on a proper frame. Falling Plates, Reactive Silhouette and Swinging Metal Gongs may be fired upon where available. Informal practice for metallic silhouette matches will be at paper targets. Practice on metallic silhouette targets shall be as scheduled by the Board of Directors. Official CHL targets may be used on the short range (Range A) only.
13. Firearm and ammunition restrictions:
 - o No fully automatic firearms may be fired in automatic or burst mode on any range. Fully automatic firearms may be fired by single loading or in semi-auto mode only.
 - o No fanning or shooting from the hip.
 - o Loading of semi-automatic shotguns or semi-automatic center-fire rifles is limited to no more than 5 rounds.
 - o Tracer, incendiary, and armor piercing ammunition is prohibited.
 - o Rifles chambered for .50 Browning machine gun cartridges or larger or derivatives of these cartridges are not permitted, except black powder muzzle loading rifles and pistols.
14. All firing will cease when construction activity begins. The range is to be made safe and cease-fire status posted.
15. No one is permitted to draw from a holster (or other means of carry or concealment) and fire.
16. Firearms shall not be worn in public view. Law enforcement officers in uniform or on official business are exempt from this rule.
17. Eye and hearing protection must be worn while on the premises, when firing takes place.

Any questions concerning the HCRPC Rules and Regulations should be directed to the Board of Directors.

How to Enter and Leave the Range

- If the line is **HOT (ROTATING BEACON LIGHTS ARE OFF)**:
 - Members and guests may bring cased firearms into the range and take the firearm to a firing point
 - Cased firearms are to be uncased only at the firing line. The muzzle end of the case shall be pointed downrange, firearm removed, and the firearm made safe on the firing line.
 - Firearms shall be placed into their cases only at the firing line while the range is hot. The muzzle of the firearm shall remain pointed downrange until it is secured in the case.
- If the line is **SAFE (ROTATING BEACON LIGHTS ARE ON)**:
 - Members and guests may bring cased firearms into the range. Firearms shall remain cased during the cease-fire period and while the range is safe.
 - Once the line is hot, the firearms may be moved to the firing line to be uncased.

Description Shooting Ranges

What Can and Cannot be Fired on Each Range

- **Range A: Short Range / CHL Range**
 - This is the Short Range (also called the CHL Range) with the overhead retractable target units.
 - All standard pistol cartridges, including magnums, in standard handguns are permitted.
 - Rimfire rifles are permitted.
 - Shotguns and centerfire rifles or carbines (short versions of rifles) are NOT permitted.
 - CHL silhouette targets may be used *ONLY* on Range A.

- All shooting on Range A must be from the standing position. If a rest is desired, it must be high enough such that each round fired is straight down range, as close to parallel to the ground as possible. Targets shall be hung such that bullets pass through the target into the berms, not the ground or the baffles.
- If anyone goes forward of the firing line during a cease-fire/range safe period, the rotating beacon light for the short range is to be turned on. When the range is again clear, turn off the light.
- **Range B: Falling Plates**
 - This area includes the two Falling Plate units just to the right of the Short Pistol Range.
 - All standard pistol cartridges, excluding magnums, in standard handguns are permitted.
 - .22 Rimfire rifles are also allowed.
 - No centerfire magnum loads are to be fired at the falling plates.
 - .38 special cases in a .357 Magnum handgun or .44 special cases in a .44 Magnum handgun are permitted.
 - If the cartridge case is headstamped “MAGNUM” or “MAG”, the cartridge is not allowed to be fired at the falling plates.
 - Pistols firing bottleneck centerfire cartridges are prohibited.
 - No more than six (6) rounds are to be loaded into any firearm fired at the falling plates.
 - No shotguns or centerfire rifles, carbines, or other shortened versions of centerfire rifles are allowed.
 - Cartridges causing damage to the falling plate units are prohibited. Shooters are responsible for any target damage.

▪ **Range C: 50 Yard/Meter Range**

- The 50 Yard/Meter Range is just to the right of the falling plate units and extends to the main sidewalk. Shooting is directly into the 50 meter berm.
- All handguns, rifles, and shotguns allowed to be fired at the Club ranges may be fired on Range C.
- Reactive Targets in the 50 meter berm may be fired upon.
 - The light metal gongs with RIMFIRE ONLY signs above them shall only be shot with rimfire cartridges. Shooting at them with anything other than rimfire ammunition will be considered destruction of Club property.
 - The heavy metal gongs that do not have a sign above them may be shot at with any firearm allowed on the range.
- Shotguns may be patterned on Range C.
- Full-Length Target Frames shall be used during Four Position rifle shooting only.
 - Shooters firing from the prone, sitting, or kneeling position are required to use the full-length target frames to properly position the targets such that bullets will impact the berms, not the ground or overhead baffles.
 - The sitting position is defined as sitting on the ground at the firing line. The sitting position does not mean sitting at the bench.
 - Targets for prone, sitting, and kneeling firing shall be placed in the lower half of the frame. Special care should be taken to verify that bullets passing through the target will impact the berms, not the ground or overhead baffles.
 - Position shooters wishing to use the standing position shall place their targets in the top half of the frame, or use a standard small target frame.
 - Shots fired into the full-length target frames shall be as parallel to ground as possible. Firing at a significant downward or upward angle is not permitted. All bullets are to impact the berms, not the ground or the overhead baffles.

▪ **Range D: 100 Yard/Meter Range**

- The 100 Yard/Meter Range is the area to the right of the main sidewalk and extends to the end of the 100 meter berm. Shooting is directly into the 100 meter berm.
- All rifles, carbines, Thompson Contender and long range pistols, black powder, and military rifles that are allowed to be fired on the Club ranges may be fired on Range D.
- Handguns will normally not be fired on Range D. However, if a shooter has the proper equipment (the handgun cartridge has a flat enough trajectory that it will reach the 100 meter berm without hitting the overhead baffle) and sufficient skill, he may be allowed to shoot on Range D. The RO will determine if the shooter may fire a handgun on Range D.
- Shotguns firing slugs are to be used on Range D only with approval of the Range Officer on duty. The slugs must have a flat enough trajectory to not hit the overhead baffles.

▪ **Range E: 200 Yard Range**

- The 200 Yard Range is just right of the 100 Yard/Meter Range and the end of the 100 meter berm. It includes the last four benches on the firing line, with shooting directly into the 200 yard berm.
- All rifles to be fired on the 200 yard range must have been fired on the 100 meter range and proven to be zeroed properly. They must have flat enough trajectories not to hit the overhead baffles.
- Black Powder rifles (muzzle loading and cartridge) are NOT permitted on the 200 yard range.
- Handguns will not normally be fired on range E. Only handguns designed and sighted for long range shooting are permitted to be fired on Range E.
- If anyone goes forward of the firing line during a cease-fire/range safe period, the rotating beacon light for the 200 yard range must be turned on. When Range E is again clear, turn off the light.

Range Violations

Range violations fall into one of two categories: non-critical and critical.

- **Non-critical.** Non-critical violations are those that do not endanger the safety of anyone using the range or the range facilities. Many of the General Club Rules fall under this category. Examples of non-critical violations include:
 - Failing to lock the gate when entering or leaving.
 - Failing to sign in on the range logbook while on the range.
 - Failing to display the Club identification badge.

If possible, **non-critical violations** are to be handled with a verbal explanation and warning to the offending party. A note to the Executive Officer is optional.
- **Critical.** Critical violations are those that endanger the safety of anyone using the range or the range facilities. Critical violations include:
 - Intentionally handling a firearm while the firing line has been declared Safe.
 - Discharging a firearm while the firing line has been declared Safe.
 - Intentionally pointing a loaded or unloaded firearm at anyone on the range.
 - Having a LOADED firearm behind the firing line.
 - Bringing or removing a LOADED firearm onto or from the range or firing line.
 - This is not applicable to CHL handguns THAT REMAIN CONCEALED.
 - This does not apply to a sidearm carried by an on-duty peace officer.

- Displaying a CHL handgun while on the range (i.e., removing it from its concealed carry holster). A concealed handgun must remain concealed on the range. To fire a concealed handgun, the shooter must first leave the range, remove the handgun from its holster, unload the handgun, and return to the range with the handgun in an unloaded and safe condition.
- Leaving a firearm unattended on the firing line or at any other location on Club property. A firearm is considered unattended if it is not in the immediate reach of the shooter (arms length, about 2 feet) and cannot be determined to be safe by looking at it (no ECI properly inserted in the chamber). Firearms in closed cases, out of sight, are considered safe.
- Destruction of Club property:
 - Repeated (more than one) shooting of baffles.
 - Repeated (more than one) shooting of baffle support poles.
 - Intentional shooting of target frame supports.

Critical violations will be handled immediately, firmly, and without prejudice. An incident report to the Executive Officer is mandatory. Further action by the Safety Committee and the Board of Directors will be taken at the earliest opportunity. **The degree and intent of a Critical Violation will have a strong influence on the action taken against the violator.**



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