

WOLVERTON MOUNTAIN GUN CLUB - RANGE RULES & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

The following safety and operational rules are in effect at the WMGC range. All WMGC members, guests, and event participants are required to follow these policies in order to use the shooting facility.

RANGE SAFETY RULES:

Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.

Never point the firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.

Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until you are intending to shoot

Be aware of your target and what lies behind (backstop)

Always maintain control of the muzzle, including moving/loading gear and while shooting

Eye and hearing protection must be always worn by shooters and spectators while in the shooting bays or trap area. It is recommended to use both foam ear plugs and external earmuffs.

Shooters may be exposed to lead when using firearms or while on range property. Wash hands with soap and water after firing, picking up brass, and handling firearms. Rinse off footwear when leaving the range to minimize any lead transfer.

Shooters using steel targets must be aware of the potential for fragments splashing back towards themselves and others. Steel targets should be placed as far away from the shooter as possible for safety. See target information for minimum distance and placement.

No horseplay is allowed- all users must maintain safe behavior while handling firearms.

Alcohol consumption and recreational drug use or possession is prohibited on WMGC property. In addition, no person under the influence or impaired by alcohol or drugs is allowed to use WMGC property.

Cooperation is expected to be exhibited by all shooters and spectators.

Minors under 18, and any Guests, must be directly supervised by the WMGC Member who brought them, and must shoot on the same shooting bay/range. Members are limited to (4) Guests who are not members of their immediate family. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.

Hunting is prohibited on WMGC property.

Persons violating any safety or operational rules will be subject to immediate ejection from the range. Members may be subject to expulsion from the WMGC for major or willful violations.

RANGE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:

STANDARD RANGE PROCEDURES (Firing from covered bench area):

1-- When anyone wishes to go downrange for any reason, they must first call a “**CEASE FIRE**” amongst those shooters using that range bay. All shooters will unload and clear firearm actions, bench the firearms so that they can be seen as unloaded, and all shooters will step behind the yellow safety line. The red light/audible notification system will then be activated, and the range will be called “**RANGE IS COLD**”. At this point you may go down range to check or set targets.

2-- Anyone not going downrange to set or check targets shall remain behind the yellow safety line while others are downrange. No un-cased firearms may be handled while the red light/audible notification is activated, nor while anyone is downrange of the shooting line. If a firearm is not already cased, the user shall not handle or move it until the “**RANGE IS HOT**” notification has been called.

3-- When all shooters have returned from downrange and are prepared to resume firing, the red light/audible notification system shall be turned off, the range will be called “**RANGE IS HOT**”. Shooters may then return to the benches and resume shooting.

The 150 yard Range and the Shotgun Trap Range are considered to be one bay for safety purposes, and shooters on both ranges shall go COLD prior to anyone going down range on either.

A WMGC approved Range Safety Officer (RSO), if present, will have the last word in maintaining a safe environment for all users of the WMGC facility.

If any shooter or spectator observes an unsafe situation, they shall call an immediate “**CEASE FIRE**”. All shooters must obey this **CEASE FIRE** command, unload and bench their firearms so that the safety issue can be addressed.

Shoot only at right angles to your target so that rounds do not impact side berm, hit other shooter’s targets, or miss the backstop berm.

Standard shooting is to be done from the covered firing line only. Do not shoot behind the yellow safety line nor in front of the red shooting line. (See **Special Downrange Shooting Procedures** and **Special Rules for Organized Training or Events** for exceptions).

Shoot on the shortest useable range bay for your planned distances.

AMMUNITION:

Tracers, armor piercing rounds, exploding projectiles, and all pyrotechnic rounds are all strictly prohibited. (Standard mild steel core FMJ ammo is allowed. Non-pyrotechnic tracing ammo is allowed if it does not present a fire hazard.)

TARGETS:

All targets must be placed so that all rounds impact the bottom 2/3 of the backstop berm. No rounds are allowed to strike the ground in front of the backstop berm. Ensure this via target placement downrange, height of your target on the target stand, and height of your shooting position.

(If smaller “bunker” type backstops are added in the future, those targets will only be placed directly at the bunker backstop and will be restricted in height and side to side placement as marked on the bunker backstop.)

For safety reasons, targets should normally be placed directly at the backstop. Ensure that pass thru bullets and misses will impact the bottom 2/3 of the berm. In no event shall targets be placed closer than the following distances:

PAPER/CARDBOARD TARGETS AND ELEVATED STEEL/PLASTIC TARGETS (PLATE RACKS):

Pistol range- No targets closer than 10 yds from the bench shooting line.

50 yard range- No targets closer than 25 yds from the bench shooting line.

150 yd range- No targets closer than 50 yds from the bench shooting line.

STANDARD GROUND PLACED STEEL OR PLASTIC TARGETS (Poppers, Spinners/Wheels, Dueling Trees):

THESE MUST BE PLACED AT THE BASE OF THE BACKSTOP BERM ON ALL RANGES.

(NO JUMPING JACKS OR BOUNCING TARGETS)

Steel targets must be placed no closer than 10 yards from the shooter, including at any organized events, and should be angled downward to deflect fragmentation towards the target base and minimize danger to shooters.

Paper targets are to be mounted to the supplied WMGC target stands only, at normal heights only.

Do not mount a target on the posts for the overhead baffles, do not shoot the target stands, and do not mount a target using the side berm for the backstop.

Exploding targets are prohibited.

Glass bottles/cans/appliances/rocks/trash/food or similar items being used as a target is prohibited.

Jumping Jacks and other bouncing or moving targets are prohibited.

Under no circumstances should your rounds impact anywhere on the ground in front of the backstop berm. Immediately Cease Fire, adjust and fix your targets or shooting position if this occurs.

SPECIAL DOWNRANGE SHOOTING PROCEDURES (Forward of the covered bench area- PISTOL RANGE/50 YD RANGE):

Shooters wishing to shoot at closer distances to the target should shoot on the Pistol Range or 50 Yard Range. (The 150 yard range should only be used if both the Pistol and 50 yard Ranges are in use already, or if the shooter wishes to shoot at intermediate distances appropriate for the firearm they are shooting.)

Targets are to be placed directly at the backstop, while the shooter themselves may change position. If using staggered distance targets, the furthest target shall be at the backstop, while nearer targets must be placed so that all rounds still impact the backstop.

If multiple shooters are shooting while Downrange, they shall be at the same distance from the backstop.

Use the shortest range possible for the intended shooting distances.

Shooters wishing to shoot from the benched shooting area will have priority over downrange shooters. However, cooperation is expected amongst all members and guests to ensure all can use the range facilities. In the event shooters cannot reach an agreement on range bay usage or distances, the downrange shooter shall cease fire and move back to

the benched area or switch bays within 15 minutes. Shooters are encouraged to be flexible in their activities to ensure disagreements are resolved without issue.

All listed Safety Rules still apply when shooting from a Downrange position.

No one behind any Downrange shooter shall handle any un-cased firearms. The area behind the Downrange shooter shall be considered a COLD Range area.

Downrange shooters shall use cases, if possible, to bring firearms to their firing position, or shall control the muzzle with either a straight up position with the muzzle above the tallest person, or a muzzle down position with the muzzle pointed at the ground. Tables may be placed downrange to hold firearms and gear.

SPECIAL RULES FOR ORGANIZED TRAINING OR EVENTS:

Any organized event or training must have a designated Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Instructor, with qualified training and credentials. This person shall oversee the event or training and be responsible for ensuring all WMGC safety rules are followed.

The RSO or Instructor must give a safety briefing before the event or training begins, to include Safety Rules, additional event or training rules or procedures, the location of first aid equipment, range address, designated tasks in case of emergency, etc.

During organized events or training shooters are allowed to shoot from Downrange shooting areas, in front of the normal bench shooting positions, including while moving, provided a RSO or instructor is present and supervising the firing.

During organized events or training where targets are all at one distance (such as qualifications or standard training), they will be placed directly at the backstop. For tactical training or events with staggered distance targets the furthest target shall be at the backstop, while nearer targets must be placed so that all rounds still impact the backstop.

Trainings and Events should schedule and use the shortest range possible for their event.

During organized events or training shooters are allowed to fire at targets off towards the sides, provided a suitable backstop berm is in position, and the RSO or Instructor is present and supervising the firing, and targets are placed directly at the base of the berm. Allowed side berms shall be marked in a range diagram given to RSO's and Instructors.

During organized events and training, RSO's and Instructors shall ensure that all rounds fired directly impact the bottom 2/3 of the backstop berm or bunker backstop, and that no rounds impact the ground in front of the backstop.