

BY-LAWS

APPENDAGE D: **RANGE FACILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- A. The range address is: 3299 West Eble Road, which is county road South 550. Located 7 tenths of a mile East of State Highway 61, between Warrick county road West 300, named Youngblood Road.
- B. The range has no land line, telephone service as of May 2012.
- C. The hours for firearms usage is: 6:00 AM through 10:30 PM Sunday through Thursday and 6:00 AM through 12:00 AM Friday and Saturday.

Red Brush sanctions formal shooting events that occupies parts of the range at various times. Some events cause the entire range to be shut down. These are rare. Otherwise space is always provided for informal shooting by the membership. Refer to the range calendar for the schedule of events.

These range occupying, rules applies to all Branch Committees, Leagues, Formal Shooting Events and to members using more than one bay to conduct training or have private party, social shooting, groups.

Sanction and informal events that use more than one pistol bay shall leave one (1) pistol bay open for shooting by the general membership, among pistol bays #1 through #4 and the rifle range.

When the Rifle range is occupied by a sanctioned event, pistol bay #4 shall be left open for shooting by the general membership. That bay is nearly 100 yards deep.

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- D. The range gate is motor operated. The electronic gate swipe card for the range gate is for members use only. A card is issued once to each member. If your card is lost report it immediately so that it can be deactivated.

The Directors are asking that the range gate be kept closed at all times except when a formal shooting event is in progress and then only open for the necessary time to allow any non-members access to a public shoot. In that case the match director is in charge of the gate.

Board Members and Match Directors have a key for the key operated switch in the member's room used to lock open the gate when necessary. The person who locked open the gate is responsible to put it back in normal operation before they leave. This rule is intended to protect our property from non members and trespassers. Never leave the gate open if you are the last person to leave the range. If you cannot close the gate report it to a Board Member.

If someone is waiting at the gate to enter as you are leaving let them use their swipe card to enter. If someone is waiting to enter by tailgating you entering stop your car just inside the gate allowing the gate to close. Then procede to the range.

Emergency escape is possible in the event the gate will not open. Even during a power failure the battery back-up should operate the gate.

If all systems fail and you cannot get the gate open to leave do the following:

1. located on the right side of the gate on the front of the motor housing you will find a small window. Open the window and turn the rocker switch off. This will turn the power off to the motor system and release the brake.
2. Just in case someone had already tuned off the power and you just turned it back on, try your gate swipe again. If the gate still does not work go to step 3.
3. Manually slide the gate open enough to get your car out.
4. Close the gate and leave.
5. Report the failure as soon as possible.

The pole barn, Member's room lock combinations is changed once a year. The four digit combination is the current year. Never leave the lock with the tumblers set on the combination. It is necessary to set the tumbler combination and squeeze the shackle down to open it. Then scramble the combination tumblers which is necessary to lock it.

It will be your responsibility to confront any suspicious person and ask to see their Membership card and to ask them to leave if they are not a member or a guest of a member also there. It is permissible for you to tour a person wanting information to join the club. Be sure they do not do any shooting and leave before you do.

- E. The range has indoor rest rooms. The water is from a drilled well. It was tested and found UN-SAFE to drink or cook with at that time. It is not routinely tested for safe to drink and is untreated or filtered and taste nasty, so bring something to drink with you. Usually there is bottled water to drink inside the Member's room of the pole barn.

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- F. The range has overhead lighting for night shooting. This is expensive to operate so turn them off before you leave.
- G. All members of the club shall conduct themselves in a cordial or business like manner, practicing good sportsmanship at all times, while doing the business of the club or using the range facility.
- H. If you are asked by another member to show your membership card, do it.
- I. If another member addresses you regarding a safety matter, listen to their concerns, discuss it with them, thank them for their concern and consider your actions and make the appropriate safety changes necessary to insure the safety of everyone.
- J. If you see someone violating safety rules or otherwise acting unsafe, introduce yourself to them, get their name and then discuss it with them. If the unsafe activity continues, notify the club range officer or another Director as soon as possible. It is possible that the Range officer will come to the range immediately. If necessary, otherwise identify them, such as by recording a license plate number and the vehicle description.
- K. You are responsible for the conduct and safety of any guests you bring to the range. Always be attentive to your children and those of others. Do not allow them to wander into harms way or annoy other members.

Children should only be allowed to touch a firearm or ammunition under the guidance of the parent, guardian or an instructor approved by such a person. If you are instructing a novice shooter, stand in such a position as to be able to prevent any unsafe movements or acts.

We require everyone near and at the firing lines to wear hearing and eye protection.

You may not have a guest at the range unless you are there also.

- L. The use of alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of any mind altering substance while at the range will not be tolerated and shall be grounds for immediate ejection from the range facility and further disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion form the club.
- M. Any serious injury which occurs on the range shall be reported to the Range Officer or another Director as soon as possible and practical.
- N. All members shall abide by all Federal, State and Local laws while using the range facility.
- O. No hunting is allowed on the range property. We have allowed trapping of Beaver from our lakes for the purpose of removing pests. Extreme caution should be exercised when walking at or near the lakes. They are down range of the shooting lines. It would be best to access the lakes during non-shooting hours.

- P. Fishing is allowed on range property. Fishing is allowed only during non-shooting hours. Except the East lake all of the lakes are down range. There is an inherent danger if a person continues to fish into the established shooting hours or if a member were to disregard the shooting hours, policy and shoot before or after shooting hours.

SECTION 2. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- A. All Shooters and those observing at or near the shooting line must wear hearing and eye protection.
- B. There is a First Aid Kit in the member's room of the pole barn. The lock combination is the current year. Example: 2016
- C. Fire extinguishers are located in both pole barns, the Member's room and inside the Women's restroom. Look for signs on the buildings. Do not hesitate to use a fire extinguisher if you believe one is needed.
- D. Use of the club First Aid kit or a Fire Extinguisher should be reported to the Range Officer or another Director so replenishment can be made.

SECTION 3. SHOOTING SAFETY RULES

- A. For the protection of all members and guest, always follow and practice all firearms safety rules, especially these three basic fundamental rules:
1. Always keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
 2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
 3. Always keep the firearm unloaded until you are ready to shoot.

Remember, a gun safety is a mechanical device that can fail. Be patient and think before you act. You cannot call back a fired bullet or stop the damage or injury it will cause. The safety of our members is our number one concern.

If you would like some personal firearms safety instruction contact the Club Range Officer. We have Several NRA certified Instructors in the Club who are certified to teach most NRA shooting and self defense courses. Reference the Web Page redbrush.org .

- B. The range command " THE RANGE IS HOT", means that shooting may commence. The first person ready to begin shooting after a period of time in which the shooting had ceased, should use this command and observe all of the other people on the firing line for "APPROVAL" and allow them time to replace their safety equipment, before firing a shot.

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- C. The range command "CLEAR", means you want to make it safe to go down range. You must make eye contact with every person on the firing line and get back from them the signal "CLEAR", before anyone goes down range.

Before you give anyone a "CLEAR" signal, all your firearms must be unloaded, the actions opened and the magazines out. You are not obligated to stop firing immediately. You may finish your string of shots; however you are obligated to answer the call by responding, "NO, NOT CLEAR, WAIT".

- D. The range command "CEASE FIRING", is a command for all shooting to stop immediately, signifying that an emergency or dangerous situation has occurred.

During formal competition, follow the commands of the Range Officer or match Director. They will be explained at the match. The commands usually are: "Load and make ready", "Ready on the left", "Ready on the right", "Commence firing", or as instructed at the match. You are expected respond if you are not ready.

- E. Never leave a loaded firearm unattended. All firearms not being used shall be made safe by unloading them, removing the magazine and leaving the action open.

- F. Place all targets down range as straight in front of your firing position as possible, to insure the bullet path is down range. Do not intentionally shoot over the berms (the dirt banks that divide the shooting bays). Do not shoot at steel targets closer than Twenty Five (25) feet. The preferred distance is fifty (50) foot or more. See section 6, G. H.& I. for more detail about steel target shooting.

- G. Never swing a firearm so as the muzzle is pointing down the firing line (where the Shooters are standing). All shooters on any bay should maintain the same firing line. In other words, no shooter should establish his firing line in front of or behind the other shooters. If someone does this, stop shooting and call them back in line. Never have a loaded firearm behind the firing line.

- H. The 400 yard (East) rifle range is normally open to the members for informal shooting.

The 500 yard (West) rifle range is only opened for formal competition and for members use on scheduled and announced days. Check the range schedule and news letter for the announcement of dates and times it is open.

- I. The 500 yard rifle range is normally closed to members for informal shooting, because of several safety concerns. The firing line of the 500 yard range is behind and to the right of the 400 yard range.

Match directors are required to place safety signs "Range in use today" with the date at the Two entrances to the farm property behind our range, before we may use the 500 yard range. One is at the cemetery gate and one on the gate at the intersection of Youngblood and Red Brush roads. The signs are to be removed after the range is closed.

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In the event the 400 yard rifle range is being used for formal competition, you may use the fourth pistol bay for rifle shooting. If available you may also use the third pistol bay.

NOTE ! Any time the safety gate, which is located on the bridge to the 400 yard rifle range, is in the down position do not attempt to use this range. It means, either down range maintenance work is being done or that the 500 yard range is in use.

J. Never leave live or misfired ammunition on the range. Take it home and discard it. Never place it in the trash barrels, because we often burn the trash. If a properly labeled receptacle for duds is provided at the range shelter you may use it to discard duds.

K. It is critically important that you make every effort to keep all fired bullets on our property. It is imperative to our security, to life and to property,

Our property line is just behind the rifle range impact berms. That is only about 400 yards from the 400 yard rifle range, shooting line. Even a 22 rim fire can leave our property if fired at the necessary angle. Pistol bullets can leave our property as well.

Directly behind our property is a cattle pasture. From the 400 yard rifle range, shooting line, there is an exposed portion of the cattle pasture at both the east and west ends of the 500 yard rifle range, impact berm. Often cattle can be seen. The 500 yard range berm is designed to offer protection only from the 500 yard range, shooting line. The pasture is a higher elevation than our range. The protection of the berm diminishes the further south and up hill the cattle go.

From pistol bay #1, a bullet fired over the south-west corner, the intersection of the side and back berms, will go to the cattle pasture. Pistol bullets have been found in trees back there.

Never fire a round in the air, at a bird in a tree or an animal on a berm. Never fire across ranges or over the top of any side berm or back berm.

If you observe anyone violating these rules please inform them of the dangers. If they persist get their identity and the Range Officer or Board will deal with them.

Red Brush will temporarily shut down the rifle range for the safety of these ranchers when planned and scheduled or in an emergency situation.

APPENDAGE D: SECTION 4. **RANGE SAFETY**

A. The Club Range Officer has complete charge of the shooting ranges of the Corporation, including the scheduling of the range time and management of Range Safety. The Range Officer has the authority to appoint assistants.

It expected that all members and shooting organizations give full cooperation to the Club Range Officer and to any appointed assistants.

- B. Formal shooting events shall have a self appointed Range Officer for that event. Your cooperation with that person is expected. Regardless, never commit an act that you believe is unsafe. Your choice is to discuss the matter with the Event Range Officer and not participate in the event. If the Event Range Officer fails to correct an unsafe condition contact the Club Range Officer or other Board Member as soon as possible.

SECTION 5. FIREARMS and EXPLOSIVES

- A. You may use any firearm that is legal to own up to but not including the Browning 50 caliber machine gun round.
- B. Explosive devices that are illegal, destructive to the property or that could cause death or serious injury are prohibited from use on the range property, by the general membership. The Board of Directors may approve the use of explosive devices for good reason by properly trained persons, on an as needed basis.

SECTION 6. TARGETS

- A. **Observe the signs at the range which describes what type firearms and cartridges are prohibited on a particular bay.** This is for good reason. High powered or bottle necked cartridges can penetrate or cause pot holes in the steel plates on the pistol bays. This will lead to an injury later when a bullet hits a pot hole and comes straight back.
- B. There are steel plate, targets positioned throughout the range. Use only pistol calibers and 22 rim fire on the pistol bays to protect the steel plate targets and promote safety. It is permissible to shoot pistol calibers from carbines and rifles on the pistol bays.

You may use any firearm or ammunition on the 400 yard rifle range except as limited to less than a Browning 50 caliber round. See section 7, "Ammunition" for more detail.

- C. The club furnishes target stands that resemble a saw horse. Lath sticks and cardboard are also available at the range. Cardboard can be stapled to the lath sticks. Your target can then be stapled or taped to the cardboard. Cardboard is also available inside the member's room of the pole barn and pistol bay #1.

Do not intentionally shoot the stands. Place your target on cardboard above the stand.

- D. Position your target between you and the range back berm. Never fire across ranges such as from the 400 yard range to the 500 yard range. Keep your target stand on the range ground. Never place it high on a back berm.
- E. Always return your target stand to the storage area near the firing line, before you leave. This is to keep the range neat and orderly and to prevent a stand left down range from being hit by rounds fired at a target placed between it and the firing line, by another shooter later.

- F. Never use glass bottles, concrete blocks and junk as targets. Many competitive shooting sports require a prone position. Such debris can cause damage to maintenance equipment and also cause injury. Blue plastic and steel barrels are not approved targets.

Aluminum cans and plastic bottles are OK for targets but always police the grounds and clean up all your mess before you leave.

- G. Steel plate targets are provided on the rifle range starting at 100 Yards. This is considered the minimum safe distance for center fire rifles. Our newer plates are installed at an angle to deflect the ricochet to the ground.

Steel plate targets are provided on the pistol bays. Some bays prohibit the use of bottle necked, center fire rifle cartridges. Check the signs posted on each bay. Shoot only pistol caliber bullets and 22 rim fire at these. It is OK to use a rifle that shoots pistol calibers such as a lever action 357, 45 Colt and 9 MM carbines.

It is NOT OK to shoot rifle caliber, bottle neck cartridges at the steel targets in prohibited pistol bays even if fired from a pistol such as the Thompson Contender.

The Red Brush falling plate racks are designed for pistol calibers fired from handguns only. The minimum distance is 25 feet.

- H. If you bring your own steel targets to use, make sure that they are designed for the caliber you are using. Steel targets should be reactive meaning they will move when hit. Shooting a steel target that the bullet cannot defeat is a recipe for disaster.

SECTION 7 AMMUNITION

- A. Lost live ammunition can often be found on the range. In not knowing the origin of these, there is a risk in firing them. If they are a reload you are putting yourself under the competence of the person that reloaded it. Reloaders can break down the ammo and use the components.
- B. Be aware that Tracer and Indendiary ammunition could start a brush fire on our range. Be aware that Armor Pricering ammunition has a greater danger associated with ricochet and will cause un-necessary damage to our steel plate targets.
- C. It is not possible to prohibit and regulate ammunitions used on the Red Brush range. As with other matters in the shooting sport your education and good sense will keep Red Brush a safe place to shoot, protect our Members from injury and our targets and other property from un-necessary damage.

SECTION 8 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Keep these range rules for frequent review. Check the web page “redbrush.org” for the latest version of the range rules. Copies are available in the Member’s room at the range.

It is your responsibility to help keep Red Brush a safe place to shoot.

End of Range Rules