

COUNCIL BLUFFS RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB RANGE SAFETY RULES

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The following safety rules govern shooting range activities at the CBR&P range:

Immediately Essential Range Safety Rules

- All firearms must be secured in closed cases or holsters until being used at the firing line.
- Firearms may only removed from or placed into cases and holsters at the shooting benches on the firing line.
- Uncased/unholstered firearms must be immediately cleared and benched at the shooting bench.
- All firearm muzzles must always be pointed downrange or in an otherwise clearly safe direction,
- Fingers must not be on triggers except when actually shooting the firearm.
- Firearms may be loaded only at a firing line shooting bench, including insertion of loaded magazines.

Full Set of Range Safety Rules

A full listing of the basic NRA Range Rules is posted on the wall immediately to the right of Shooting Bench #1 at the range. All members must read and follow these safety rules and also monitor the range to ensure that other shooters are acting in conformance with these rules. Any contact with other shooters on safety issues should be in a non-confrontational and courteous manner.

Continuous attention to shooting range safety is the responsibility of all users of the range.

Eye and Ear Protection

CBR&P is an NRA-affiliated range. Accordingly, upon entering the immediate range shooting bench area, eye and ear protection must be worn by all users. ANSI Z87.1 safety glasses and NRR22 or higher noise reduction are recommended.

NOTE

THE FOLLOWING "RANGE COLD" AND "RANGE HOT" SAFETY RULES APPLY AT ALL TIMES, EVEN FOR THOSE SHOOTERS WHO MAY BE SHOOTING WHILE ALONE ON THE RANGE

Declaring a Range Cold Condition

Use these steps:

1. Be sure to positively contact ALL other shooters on the firing line to seek clear agreement.
2. Loudly call out "**RANGE GOING COLD,**" up and down firing line.
3. **CEASE ALL SHOOTING ACTIVITIES, CLEAR AMMUNITION, AND BENCH FIREARMS.**
4. Ring alarm bell three (3) times.
5. Turn on Red Lights
6. Pull down the Cold Range disks to block the firing lanes.
7. Check entire range area again to ensure the area is absolutely clear
8. Move beyond firing line, as needed to tend targets.

Declaring a Range Hot Condition

Use these steps:

1. Be sure to positively contact ALL other shooters on the firing line to seek clear agreement.
2. Scan the entire range area to ensure the area is absolutely clear.
3. Loudly call out "**RANGE GOING HOT,**" up and down firing line.
4. Ring alarm bell three (3) times.
5. Turn off Red Lights.
6. Pull up Cold Range disks.
7. Check entire range area again to ensure the area is absolutely clear.

8. Resume normal shooting activities.

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Activity During Cold Range Period

1. Firearms must be cleared, magazines removed, actions opened, and be safely benched.
2. Uncased firearms MAY NOT be touched or handled by anyone for any reason (including repair or cleaning), either at or behind the shooting benches.
3. Detached magazines may be loaded with ammunition and set aside.
4. Anyone arriving during a Cold Range condition must stash their gear and wait until the Range Hot condition is restored before uncasing and handling firearms at the shooting bench..

Shot Containment

-All shots must be fired in a directly aimed, non-elevated manner, such that all projectiles will remain contained within the established firing range boundaries.. Projectiles must never pass outside the range limits.

Calling "CEASE FIRING"

-Anyone at the range may call out "CEASE FIRING" at any time for any reason. When in doubt, call it out. Use a **LOUD VOICE**. Use multiple calls, if needed. Then deal with the issue. Any mistaken CEASE FIRE callouts will be immediately forgiven.

Alcohol and Other Substance Impairments

- Alcoholic beverages may not be brought to the range during established open shooting hours.
- Anyone attending the range in any capacity must be free from the influence or impairing effects of alcohol and other substances.
- Shooters at the range must be responsibly aware of the possible impairment effects of their own personal medications and behave responsibly.

Steel Gongs

Steel gongs at centers of the 100 and 200-yard target lines may be shot from any of the shooting benches along the firing line. Armor-piercing ammunition may NOT be used on steel gongs.

Non-Permissible Ammunition

- Armor Piercing
- .50 Caliber BMG

Observations of Unsafe Behavior or Conditions

Anyone observing any kind of unsafe or potentially unsafe practice or condition, whether or not covered by these Range Safety Rules, is encouraged to immediately address that situation, including speaking to others who may be involved. Any such contact should be in a courteous manner.

A contact report of such event to a CBR&P Officer or the Range Executive Officer should be made.

Non-Paper Targets

All steel, reactive, bowling pin, and other non-paper targets must be at least 15 yards away from the firing line. Exploding targets of any kind are not allowed. Glass, ceramic, and clay-bird targets are not allowed. Targets which leave behind any kind of litter or residue are not allowed.

Squib Loads and Hangfires

Shooters should be alert to possible squib loads and hangfires, both their own and those of other shooters.

Fully Automatic and Bump-Stock Firearms

Fully automatic and bump-stock firearms are NOT allowed at the range.

Special Match Range Safety Rules

Shooting Match Directors may establish responsible Range Safety Rules specific to the needs of matches over which they preside and issue those rules to attendees as required to facilitate match activities.

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