

INFORMATION, RULES & PROTOCOLS FOR INSTRUCTORS

ARES TRAINING FACILITY

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- MAIN RANGE

- The Range Safety Officer (RSO) is in charge of the Main Range. Let the RSO know if you would like to go Hot or Cold.
- Do NOT assume the Main Range is HOT or COLD. Ask the RSO before shooting or walking down range.
- COLD RANGE - The RSO will blow a whistle and say something similar to “Remove magazines and lock actions to the rear” to call the range COLD. When you hear the whistle, unload all guns, clear the chambers and lock them back. Place guns on the table with the open chambers up. RSO will visually inspect all guns on the line before anyone can go down range. NEVER TOUCH ANY GUNS DURING A COLD RANGE.
- CLEAR TO GO DOWN RANGE – After all guns have been visually inspected by the RSO, he will let everyone know it is clear to go down range. DO NOT GO PAST THE 100 YARD BERM WITHOUT the RSOs PERMISSION. RSO will need to call other ranges cold before you go past the 100 yard berm. The Long Range intersects with the Main Range and Instructor Range.

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- HOT RANGE – When the RSO calls the range HOT everyone may begin shooting.
- No one should be drawing from the holster or moving and shooting on the Main Range.
- Only regular range ammo should be used, especially at our steel targets. If you only have green-tip armor piercing rounds, only shoot them at paper targets. If you damage our steel targets you will be fined.
- Distances for personal steel targets
 - 25 yards for pistol calibers
 - 100 yards for rifle calibers
- Do not put target stands in front of steel targets or tires.
- Do not shoot at other people's targets.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- POCKET BERMS

- Your Pocket Berm is Your own Mini Range. You must follow all the rules and commands just like it is the Main Range. You are your own Range Safety Officer (RSO). You are independent of the Main Range, other Pocket Berms, Instructor Range and Long Range.
 - Make sure everyone in your berm knows if your berm is HOT or COLD.
 - Make sure no one is handling guns during a cold range and that all guns are unloaded and cleared on the table.
- ALWAYS KEEP GUNS POINTED DOWN RANGE OR DOWN AT THE GROUND. **NEVER POINT A FIREARM AT ANYONE.**
 - Never point a gun toward the tires or people in other pocket berms

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- POCKET BERMS

- **SHOOTERS SHOULD BE NEXT TO EACH OTHER WHILE SHOOTING IN THE SAME BERM** . Muzzles of the firearms should be in line with each other and not break 180 degrees. If shooters are moving and shooting together, shooters should stay together at same speed.
- **KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND IT.** Know your angles and where your bullet will impact.
 - **Bullets should impact dirt berms.** Bullets should NOT go over the berm. Move closer to the berm.
 - Bullets should NOT impact tires

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- POCKET BERMS

- We do NOT encourage the use of steel targets in Pocket Berms
- Steel targets should be placed directly in front of the center of the berm. The tires will be eroded by bullet splatter if too close.
- Steel targets should be hanging at a downward angle.
 - Steel targets should not swing or sway.
 - Never shove steel targets in the dirt berms.
- Steel targets should be shot with pistol calibers only in the pocket berms and at the full 25 yard distance.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- POCKET BERMS

- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.** Even if your berm is cold, the berm next to you could still be shooting. Ricochets happen.
- Clean up your belongings and throw away all of your garbage in the trash cans.
- If you move something, put it back. Return target stands and other items borrowed from Ares to the check in area.
- Be conscious of your reservation times and other members reservations.
- Only use the berm you are assigned to for the time period you reserved it for.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- INSTRUCTOR RANGE

- **ALWAYS FOLLOW ALL THE RANGE RULES AND RANGE COMMANDS**
 - The Instructor Range is your own range. You are your own Range Safety Officer (RSO). You are independent of the Main Range, Pocket Berms, and Long Range.
 - Make sure everyone on the Instructor Range knows when it is HOT or COLD.
 - Make sure no one is handling guns during a cold range.
 - **A FIRING LINE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND SHOOTERS SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH EACH OTHER WHILE SHOOTING** . Muzzles of the firearms should be in line with each other. If shooters are moving and shooting together, shooters should stay together at same speed.
 - Never go past the 100 yard berm without permission from the RSO on the Main Range. The Long Range could be active and intersects with the other ranges.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- INSTRUCTOR RANGE

- **KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND IT.** Know your angles and where your bullet will impact.
 - **Bullets should impact dirt berms.** Bullets should NOT go over the berm. Move closer to the berm.
 - Bullets should NOT impact tires, trees, barrels, or other items on the Instructor Range
 - Only shoot approved targets.
 - Targets should be placed close in front of the berm, and shooters should move the firing line closer to the berm.
 - Shoot at North berm ONLY.
 - Do not shoot directly into berm to the east side of Instructor Range (toward Main Range).

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- LONG RANGE

- Any instructor who wants to teach a class on the Long Range will need to show proof they have knowledge of precision long range shooting.
- If an instructor doesn't have some proof of Long Range certifications, they will need to be qualified by the range owner. An appointment will need to be scheduled in advanced.
- Instructors will need to contact the range to schedule and reserve private use of the Long Range.
- Instructors will need to qualify their students before taking them to the Long Range.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- LONG RANGE

- You always need to check in when you arrive at the range at the check in area
- The Main Range RSO needs to know when the Long Range is active.
- There needs to be at least one radio on the Long Range when it is active. Radios are kept at the check-in area. You may need to bring one with you.
- The radios must be monitored at all times.
- Return the radio to the check-in area before you leave.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- LONG RANGE

- To get to the Long Range you will drive your car.
- Instead of turning right in the parking lot to leave the range, you would turn left and follow the dirt road north toward the house, barn and RVs.
- When you get there, You turn right at the barricade. Never go straight past the barricade. You could be driving into live fire. After you turn right at the barricade, you will drive east to the property line.
- When you get to the property line the shooting platform will be to your left.
- Park and walk behind the other shooters to get set up on the line. Never walk in front of other shooters.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES - LONG RANGE

- No one should ever handle guns during a cold range.
- **A FIRING LINE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND SHOOTERS SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH EACH OTHER WHILE SHOOTING** . Muzzles of the firearms should be in line with each other.
- **ALWAYS FOLLOW ALL THE RANGE RULES AND RANGE COMMANDS AT ARES**
- The Instructor is the **Range Safety Officer (RSO) on the Long Range. The Instructor is responsible for themselves and their students. All shooters should follow all Main Range Protocols and Rules on the Long Range**

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- LONG RANGE

- The Long Range is perpendicular to the Main Range and Instructor Range They intersect.
- Shooters on the Long Range must stay in contact with the Main Range RSO by radio.
 - You must actively pay attention to the radio and respond when appropriate
- When the Main Range RSO contacts the Long Range to request Cold Range:
 - Confirm that you heard the request
 - “Long range to main range, long range to main range, we confirm your request to go cold.”
 - All guns need to be unloaded, chambers cleared, and locked back with magazines out or bolts open.
 - Confirm to the RSO that all guns have been verified cleared and the Long Range is COLD.
 - “Long range to main range, long range to main range, Long Range is Cold. Long range is cold.”
 - **No one should touch any guns during a cold range.**

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- LONG RANGE

- **NEVER go down range without confirmed permission from the RSO on the Main Range.**
- When talking over the radio, speak loudly, clearly, and repeat yourself
- Ask for permission before putting out additional targets or painting targets. Range staff may escort you down range.
 - Make sure there is a dirt berm behind targets
 - Do not put targets in front of support posts or hanging steel targets
- Clean up after yourself. Take trash with you and throw away at the Main Range.
- If you put out targets, Take your targets with you before you leave. Again, ask for permission and range staff may escort you down range.

RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOL & RULES

- LONG RANGE

- Always stay in contact with the range using the radios.
- If for some reason you can't use the radio, you can call the range using your cell phone.
Store Ares Training Facility in your contacts: 352-321-8102
- We post range closures on the website and try to send out reminder emails.
- Instructors have the option of reserving private use of the Long Range or shooting with the other members.

FINAL COMMENTS FROM ARES

- **Instructors will be held to a higher standard than the average shooter on the range.**
- **Instructors can be suspended or have their membership and range usage revoked for failure to follow the range safety protocols and rules. Instructors are responsible for the actions of students, family, and guests.**
- **The goal of Ares Training Facility is to provide a safe and friendly place for all shooters to feel comfortable at no matter who they are or what their shooting capability is. We want to grow the 2A movement by educating as many people as possible, so they can fall in love with shooting too.**
- **Thank you for choosing Ares Training Facility**