

Clark Rifles, Inc.

Range Safety Rules

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General Rules

All persons on Clark Rifles Property must sign in and out. Members shall use their electronic card (Sign-in will be recorded even if the main gate is open). All others must use the log located in the RSO Office

All persons using any of Clark Rifles Shooting Ranges must guarantee that their firearms are sighted in. Members and their Guests may use Range 2 and sight in at 25 yards. You may use Range 1 for sighting in but only when accompanied by an RSO. If you miss your target at whatever distance further than 25 yards you will be required to stop shooting for the rest of that day. Any person found crossing the muzzle across a person may be asked to leave the range.

1. Firearms being transported on the range must be unloaded, cased, holstered or slung with the actions open.
2. Cased Firearms may only be removed from the case, at the shooting bench, when the range is HOT. Muzzle must be pointed down range.
3. When handling firearms, muzzles must be pointed down range except when moving to or from back rifle racks then they must be pointed up.
4. Eye and ear protection are required on all ranges whether you are shooting or not.
5. All firearms not being actively fired must be in a "safe condition". A firearm is considered "safe" when magazines are empty and removed from the firearm, and any of these following conditions are met:
 - A chamber flag is inserted in the chamber
 - The firearm is in the gun rack with the action open
 - The firearm is case
6. All persons on the range have the responsibility to make the RSO aware of an unsafe act or condition.
7. Annual Members may bring two (2) guests. Guests do not include spouse or any children under the age of 18 living in the same household and grand children under the age of 18. The Clark Rifles membership is a 'family membership. **Minor Children must be Actively Supervised.**
8. Chronographs may be set up with assistance from a Range Safety Officer. Please contact any RSO, on duty or off duty, to assist and control the "Cold Range".
9. Position Shooting: All shooters must be "certified" on an annual basis to fire positions other than from the bench except on Range #2 (100-yd range) where members may fire from the standing position. **Care must be taken to ensure rounds do not impact the floor of the range but impact the 100-yd berm.**
 - Position Certification is conducted on Range #4 and is for Standing, Kneeling/Sitting, and Prone at 100 and 200 yard targets only.
 - Certification is performed only by designated instructors.
 - 300 Prone firing is allowed only upon Certification by a Club Officer, Director and Assistant Director of RSO's, or designated instructors.

10. No Shotgun shooting except for slugs.

- Patterning a shot gun may be done if space is available and at the discretion of an RSO. Those patterning shot guns may bring their own target backer.
- Handguns firing .410 rounds are allowed on Range #3, Lanes 4-12, at 7-1/2 yards only.

11. Additional Information:

- Suppressors are allowed.
- **Muzzle of Firearm must extend beyond the end of the shooting bench on Ranges 1, 2, & 4.**
- Muzzle Breaks are allowed but should, when possible, be fired from benches at the right of ranges #2 and #4. The RSO has discretion to ask that the use of rifles with muzzle breaks discontinue or postpone firing if excess muzzle blast is being felt by other shooters.
- Armor piercing and tracer ammunition are not to be fired.
- **50 Cal. BMG, .416 Barrett, and all firearms exceeding 6,000 Ft. Lbs. of energy are not allowed.**
- **Range #4 exception:**
 1. With the approval of the on-duty RSO, shooters may post and fire on targets one position to the left or right, but not both, of their numbered lane at 200 and 300 yards only. **No** cross firing at 100 yards
 2. The on-duty RSO must ensure that firing outside the shooter's lane does not interfere with other shooters or preclude others from using the range.

When the Range is Cold

1. When the Range flags are out and the flashers are on, no handling of firearms will be permitted. No sight adjustments, no cleaning, no putting a firearm in a case or removing a firearm from a case. Stay away from the Shooting Benches and behind the yellow line on the floor.
2. All firearms on the line must be unloaded, clear, and with actions open and a chamber flag inserted.
3. Shooters may go forward of the firing line and post targets, set up chronograph, or police brass. All persons not going forward must stay behind the yellow line.
4. No firearms may be handled at this time, including those in the rifle racks.
5. Shooters entering the range may place cased firearms on the back bench. Other firearms with action open must be immediately placed in the rifle racks provided.
6. If shooters are going beyond the 100 yd. target bank, a range flag must be posted at the 100 yard line.
7. If shooters are going to the 300 yd target bank, a range flag must be posted at the 100 and 200 yd. lines.
8. All targets must be posted within the shooters individually numbered firing lane.
9. Targets must be posted on backers so that rounds will not hit the target frames and rounds will impact the berm. Stick-on targets are not allowed; however, staples or pushpins may be used.

When the Range is Hot

1. The range flags are in, and the red flashing lights are off.
2. Firearms are to be loaded only immediately prior to firing at the shooting bench.
3. All shots must be kept within the shooter's firing lane and must impact the appropriately numbered backer and impact berm. On Ranges #1, #2, and #3 the appropriate impact berm is the rear berm (not the intermediate skip berms). On Range #4, the appropriate impact berm is the berm immediately behind the target backer.
4. **SHOOTERS WHO DO NOT HIT THEIR TARGET AND APPROPRIATE IMPACT BERM WILL BE REQUIRED TO STOP SHOOTING.**
5. **ANYONE MAY CALL A "CEASE FIRE or **STOP SHOOTING**" IF THEY SEE AN UNSAFE ACT OR CONDITION!**

Pistol Range (Range #3 Additional Requirements)

1. All basic safety rules apply!
2. **DO NOT transport an uncased or un-holstered handgun to the firing line.**
 - a. See exceptions for muzzle loading handguns
3. **Open Carry is not generally allowed at Clark Rifles.**
 - a. Law enforcement with proper, visible identification may open carry.
 - b. Open carry is allowed, on Range #3 only, by those members approved to draw from the holster by the board of directors.
4. **Drawing from the holster to shoot is prohibited except for those persons who have been certified to do so by the Board of Directors.**
5. All handguns must be kept in their case or holster until you are on your 'Firing Lane Bench.' Then and then only may it be uncased, placed on the bench with muzzle pointed down range and immediately made safe with chamber flag placed in the chamber.
6. Concealed firearms may be removed from their concealed location on the person of the member to conduct normal bench shooting practice. Extreme care must be taken to assure the muzzle of the firearm is continuously pointed down range during this process and during the process of re-concealing the firearm.
7. Targets are to be positioned on the backer so that bullet strikes will not hit the target frames.
8. Each shooter is responsible for ensuring that his rounds are hitting the correct backer and are impacting the appropriate berm.
 - Rounds fired from points #1 through #3 must impact the 50 Yd. berm
 - Rounds fired from points #4 through #12 must impact the 15yd. covered berm
9. Rapid fire is allowed but may be stopped at the discretion of the Range Safety Officer. The shooter must demonstrate that he/she can keep **all** of his/her shots on the target.

10. Firearms, rifles and handguns, used on this range must fire ammunition designed for the firearm. No necked cases are allowed unless designed as a handgun round, e.g., .357 Sig, .30 Mauser, .30 Luger, etc. **Cartridges with a velocity exceeding 1700 fps are not allowed. .454, .460 and .500 S&W Calibers are prohibited from being fired on Range #3 (pistol range) and must be fired on Range #2 from the seated position.** The Range Safety Officer (RSO) will determine if a round is acceptable. RSO decision is final.
- .17 HMR and .17HM2 are allowed as an exception.

Rules for Muzzle Loader Firearms

1. Loading from open containers is prohibited.
2. Loading from bulk containers into individual measuring containers must be done at the back bench only.
3. Loading into the barrel will be from measured containers only. No loading from any form or type of bulk container directly into the barrel.
4. All charges on shooting benches (including primers, caps, and other ignition components) will be contained in closed containers.
5. All capping or priming will be done at the shooting bench with the muzzle of the firearm pointed down range.
6. Muzzle loading firearms must be empty with the hammer down and placed in the rack by the back benches when the range is declared "cold," red lights are on, and flag is displayed.
7. If the firearm does not fire, **IT STAYS ON THE SHOOTING BENCH WITH MUZZLE POINTED DOWN RANGE UNTIL MADE SAFE.**
 - a. **Know your loaded and unloaded depths, mark them on your ramrod!**
 - b. **MANUAL AND CO-2 BALL REMOVERS ARE AVAILABLE**
8. **Muzzle Loading Handguns:** Special consideration is given to muzzle loading type handguns on Range #3:
 - a. Shooters are allowed to carry their **fired** firearm, with the barrel pointed up, to the rear *table* where they may place shot and powder in the firearm.
 - b. They then shall carry the firearm, with the barrel pointed up, to their firing line bench where they may then 'prime' the firearm and prepare to fire.
9. In the event of a misfire, follow the same procedure as outlined herein for clearing muzzle loading rifles. **Range officers are responsible to keep the range safe. They have the final call whether a rule has been broken or an unsafe act has been committed.**

CLARK RIFLES GOLF CART

1. The Clark Rifles Golf Cart is for use by members (not guests) on Range #4 only.
2. **GOLF CART OPERATION:**
 - a. Golf cart use is confined to traveling up and down range on Range #4 only.
 - b. Golf cart travel is limited to the existing path on the South side of the range only (indicated by signs). **DO NOT TRAVEL OFF OF THE PATH.**
 - c. Golf cart is limited to four riders (including the driver)
 - d. Golf cart driver must ensure that proper flags are posted or retired as the range is traversed.