



## Lakeland Rifle and Pistol Club Range Safety Rules

At LRPC, we take safety very seriously. Any violation can lead to disciplinary action which may include loss of membership. At LRPC, we are “self policing” and every club member is a Range Safety Officer.

**All members are obligated to halt, correct and when necessary report violations of the Club’s Range Safety Rules.** (See Page 9 for the Safety Incident Reporting Protocol)

### Definitions

- **Hot Range** (Applies to all rifle and pistol ranges) – Shooting and handling of firearms is allowed. No one can be down range or in front of the yellow line. (See the Hot Range section under General Rules for details.)
- **Cold Range** (Applies to all rifle and pistol ranges) – Shooting and handling of all firearms is **not** allowed. You may go down range to service targets or retrieve brass (See the Cold Range section under General Rules for details.)

- **Firearm “Safe Condition”**

#### Semiautomatic firearms

Unloaded with the magazine removed if external or empty if internal.  
Action open with an empty chamber indicator (ECI) installed. Fingers off the trigger with the barrel pointed in a safe direction.

#### All other

Unloaded with actions, loading gates, or bolts open and an ECI installed.  
Fingers off the trigger with the barrel pointed in a safe direction.

*Details for what a safe direction is are covered in the specific rules for the various ranges.*

- **Firing Line:** The area between the red and yellow lines on the rifle and handgun ranges.
- **Down Range:** The direction from the firing line to the rear berm.

## **General Range Rules**

*The following rules apply to the typical daily operation and use of the Club's facilities. During LRPC Board approved activities or events such as Club matches special rules and procedures may apply.*

1. All firearms must be handled in a safe fashion at all times.
2. For shooting, hours of operation are from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, 365 days per year.
3. Members must wear their LRPC membership badge at all times on LRPC property. (With the exception of the annual of election of officers meeting, badges are not required during the monthly membership meetings.)
4. LRPC membership badges are not to be given or loaned to anyone.
5. Be courteous and considerate of others at the club.
6. Tracer rounds and Class 3 firearms are NOT allowed at LRPC.
7. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on LRPC property.
8. All firearms MUST be unloaded and, if not cased, must be visibly in the "safe condition" before bringing to a range.
9. Unattended firearms must be unloaded and, if not cased, in the "safe condition".
10. Members are permitted a maximum of two shooting guests on the rifle and pistol ranges and they must be under the member's direct supervision. Minors must be under close supervision at all times.
11. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.
12. Members and guests are required to sign in prior to shooting and sign out before leaving on range logs. PRINT LEGIBLY!
13. All guests are required to fill out a onetime waiver form.
14. Unauthorized visitors are to be courteously escorted off range property.
15. Authorized visitors roaming to other parts of the property are to be courteously escorted back to their event location.
16. Eye protection and hearing protection must be worn by all shooters and people close to shooters when the range is HOT.
17. No hunting or shooting at wildlife is allowed on LRPC property.
18. No one is allowed on the range berms at any time except for the purpose of authorized maintenance.
19. If any unsafe action or rule violation is observed, it should be stopped and reported to the club administrator. (See page 9 for reporting protocol)
20. Unsafe conditions or maintenance issues should be reported to the club administrator.

21. Members are required to clean up their spent brass, cleaning patches, trash etc. after shooting and before leaving the range.
22. If you are the last shooter leaving a range, lock the target house before leaving.
23. Plumbing: Keep off drain fields; turn off constantly running water sources.
24. Front gate: Use the swing gate and red lock if the automatic gate does not close. Do not leave the club open to unauthorized individuals.

### **Hot Range - Applies to all Rifle and Pistol Ranges**

1. The range can be called **HOT** only when everyone is back behind the red line, all verify that no one is down range and all verbally acknowledge that the range is **HOT**.
2. When the range is **HOT**, no one is allowed in front of the yellow line.
3. When the range is **HOT**, you may bring unloaded guns in the "*safe condition*" to or from the firing line. You may shoot, make sight adjustments and handle guns while at the firing line.
4. Gun barrels of uncased guns shall be pointed upwards when being moved to or from the firing line.
5. Guns may not be handled behind the red line except for the purpose of moving them to or from the firing line.

### **Cold Range - Applies to all Rifle and Pistol Ranges**

1. The range can be called **COLD** when all guns are on the bench unloaded in the "*safe condition*" with barrels pointed down range and all people are behind the red line.
2. When the range is **COLD**, you may go in front of the yellow line to service targets and pick up brass.
3. People not going down range in front of the yellow line must stay behind the red line, away from the benches, guns, etc.
4. There is absolutely no handling of guns behind the red line when the line is **COLD**.

**All shooters must verbally acknowledge a change from a Hot to Cold line or from a Cold to Hot line.**

**Shooters arriving at a range must evaluate and determine the Hot or Cold condition of the range BEFORE moving guns to the firing line. Verbal communication is always required when the range condition is not obvious from the activities observed.**

## **RIFLE AND HANDGUN RANGES**

1. Only paper targets on LRPC target frames may be used on the rifle and handgun ranges.
2. Shooters are responsible for supplying their own paper targets.
3. Target placements on the rifle and handgun ranges are restricted to the designated target frame holders.
4. Targets must be placed at a distance consistent with the shooters skill level to ensure all fired rounds hit the target and the rear berm.
5. All rounds fired on LRPC rifle and pistol ranges **MUST** directly hit the rear berm of the range. Under NO circumstances are rounds to hit the ground before reaching the rear berm, fired in a manner which results in rounds going over the rear berm, or fired such that the rear berm is not in the round's trajectory!
6. **If anyone is observed by another member shooting at targets other than paper, at an unauthorized target placement location or distance, or in an unsafe manner they should be stopped and reported to the Club's administrator.**
7. Under NO circumstances will a LOADED GUN be brought to a firing line or behind the red line. Loaded carry guns will remain in the vehicle.
8. Determine if range is **HOT** or **COLD** before removing your unloaded gun from your vehicle.
9. You may bring your unloaded gun to the firing line, or remove your unloaded gun from the firing line, only after the range has been called **HOT**. Uncased guns are to be unloaded, in the "*safe condition*" and moved with the barrel pointed up.
10. Firearms are not allowed to be carried in front of the Yellow Line.
11. Uncased guns which are being moved from your vehicle to the firing line must be unloaded, in the "*safe condition*", and the muzzle pointed up.
12. Guns may not be handled behind the red line except for the purpose of moving them to or from the firing line or to and from your vehicle.
13. Cased unloaded guns behind the red line will remain cased while the range is **COLD**.
14. Uncased guns behind the red line must be unloaded, in the "*Safe Condition*" and may not be handled except for the purpose of moving them to the firing line during a **HOT** range.

15. Guns may be brought from behind the red line to the firing line only when the range is **HOT**. If not cased, they must be in the "*safe Condition*" and moved with the barrel pointed up.
16. Shooting and handling of guns on the firing line is allowed only under the **HOT** range condition.
17. When shooting, all barrels must extend beyond the yellow line.
18. Shooting from the prone position on the 50-yard range is restricted to targets posted at the 50-yard line. Prone shooting at targets posted at 25 yards would result in trajectories over the rear berm!
19. There is no prone shooting allowed on the Training Range.
20. Controlled, aimed rapid fire is allowed, but all shots must be evidenced by hits on the target.
21. If you cannot determine your bullets are impacting the target, you must stop shooting! Move your target to a closer authorized distance and re-sight your firearm.
22. Hip shooting, shooting after drawing from a holster, and shooting while moving are not allowed.
23. Unattended firearms on the firing line or behind the red line must be unloaded and in the "*safe Condition*".
24. To transition from a **COLD** range to a **HOT** range, all shooters must verify that there is no one down range and all verbally acknowledge that the range is called **HOT**.
25. To transition from a **HOT Range** to a **COLD Range**, all guns on the bench must be unloaded and in the "*safe condition*" with everyone behind the red line and all verbally acknowledging that the range is called **COLD**.
26. Shooters can only go down range to score and post targets when the range is **COLD**. Anyone not going down range must stay behind the red line.
27. There is absolutely no gun handling of any kind while the range is **COLD**.
28. After shooting, return target frames back to the rack in the target house, sign out on the logbook, and clean up your spent cases, cleaning patches, trash etc.
29. Lock the target house if you are the last person leaving the range.

**Matches: Special range rules may apply during a Board sanctioned match event with a match director present. Refer questions to the match director.**

# SHOTGUN RANGES

## General Rules:

1. Shooting at hand thrown clay birds is not allowed anywhere on LRPC property.
2. Shot sizes from 7 ½ (largest) to 10 ½ (smallest) only are allowed. Nothing larger is permitted. Magnum loads and 3 ½" shells are not allowed while shooting Trap, Skeet or 5 Stand.
3. Shotguns using sabots or slugs may not be used to shoot at clay birds nor may rifles or pistols.
4. All shooters are required to sign in and out on the range logbook.
5. Shotguns transported from your vehicle to the range must be unloaded. If not cased, the actions must be open.
6. Place your unloaded gun in the gun rack provided until ready for use.
7. When moving from station to station at various ranges, your gun shall remain unloaded with the breach open until your turn to shoot.
8. No guns shall be loaded except when the shooter is **STANDING** in the shooting station OR APPROPRIATE CONCRETE PAD. **NO LOADING WHILE WALKING TO THE CONCRETE PAD OR SHOOTING STATION.**
9. Loading more than two (2) rounds at a time is never permitted.
10. No snap-caps shall be allowed on shotgun ranges.
11. No working on guns behind the shotgun ranges.
12. Refill the target carousels on trap and skeet machines only. The five stand and sporting clays machines require special attention because of multiple target types.
13. There is a fee for each round of trap, skeet, etc. to reimburse the club for the targets.
14. You may pay the club administrator, or deposit shooting fees in the money drop boxes located in the clubhouse and at ranges.
15. When finished shooting, retrieve cables, push release button, turn off power, close sliding doors/covers, and secure houses.
16. **DO NOT TOUCH** any setting or the mechanical parts of bird machines. Adjustments and repairs are restricted to members who have been authorized by the LRPC Board of Directors. Notify the club administrator if there are problems with a machine. **Bird machines are dangerous and can cause serious injury to anyone not trained in maintenance or servicing.**
17. Shooters are responsible for cleaning up after themselves, including shot shell hulls.

## **PATTERN BOARD BY SKEET ENTRANCE ROAD:**

Special rules apply for the pattern board only:

1. Rifles and handguns, **with shot shell only**, and shotguns are allowed.
2. Shot shell only, no size limits. Absolutely no solid shot, slugs, bullets, or single projectiles.
3. Maximum shooting distance is 40 yards. No shooting across the entrance road.
4. Point of aim must be at board center to preclude projectiles going over the 100-yard side berm.
5. All observers must stand behind the shooter.
6. Sign the pattern board range logbook.

## **Trap Fields:**

Singles and Handicap Trap (ATA Rules for yardage spacing apply):

1. Guns: All types of Sporting shotguns are permitted. All guns must remain open and unloaded until it is your turn to shoot.
2. ONLY one (1) round is permitted per turn to shoot. No exceptions.
3. Shooting is only allowed from the concrete stations.

## **Doubles Trap:**

- All types of Sporting shotguns are permitted. All guns must remain open and unloaded until it is your turn to shoot.
- ONLY two (2) rounds are permitted per turn to shoot. No exceptions.
- Shooting is only allowed from the concrete stations.

## **Skeet Fields:**

1. Guns: All types of Sporting shotguns are permitted. All guns must remain open and unloaded until it is your turn to shoot.
2. Two (2) shells are required for doubles at stations 1, 2, 6 and 7.
3. Station 8 requires one (1) shell loaded for the high house target. Turn around with the gun facing out from the field and load one (1) shell for the low house target. Never load two (2) shells on station 8.
4. Shooting is only allowed from the concrete stations.

## **Five Stand and Sporting Clays:**

5 stand and sporting clays are primarily used for matches and leagues. Special rules apply:

1. Guns: All types of Sporting shotguns are permitted. All guns must remain open and unloaded until it is your turn to shoot.
2. ONLY two (2) rounds are permitted per turn to shoot. No exceptions.
3. Singles Targets: Two (2) shells may be fired at a single target.
4. Report Pair: two (2) shells may be loaded for this pair, one for each target.
5. True Pair: two (2) shells may be loaded for this pair, one for each target.



## **SAFETY INCIDENT PROTOCOL**

LRPC membership comes with privileges and responsibilities. A condition of Club membership is for all members to assume the responsibility of a Range Safety Officer. Should a member observe a violation of the Club's safety rules, unsafe shooting or unsafe firearm handling that member is required to intervene and follow the guidelines below.

### **Minor Safety Infractions**

*Such as but not limited to: Failure to supervise guests, failure to sign in and out of range log books, not wearing eye or hearing protection etc.*

1. If a club member observes a minor safety infraction, they should politely counsel the offender to correct the infraction. If the offender accepts the counseling and corrects the infraction the Issue does not need to be reported.
2. If the offender reacts negatively, is hostile or refuses to correct the infraction, the issue should be reported to The Club's Administrator.

### **Major Safety Infractions**

*Major infractions are defined as violations of the Club's Safety Rules or other behaviors which have the result or the potential result for injury to individuals, destruction to the Club's property or facilities or which compromise the safe engineering design of the Club's shooting ranges. Major safety infractions require immediate intervention.*

The activity shall be stopped, the offender identified and the incident reported to the Club's administrator who will notify the Club's Safety Chairman.

# Range Firearm/Ammunition Summary

Range	Training	50 Yard	100 Yard	Shotgun
<b>Allowed Target Distances</b>	7 & 12 ½ Yards	25 & 50 Yards	100 Yards & 50 Yards 22 LR Bench Rest Only	
<b>Ammo Restrictions</b>	No Shotshell No Sabots No Slugs	No Shotshell	No Shotshell	No Slugs No Sabots No magnums No 3½" Shells
<b>Firearms</b>				
<b>Handgun all Calibers</b>	YES	YES	Requires LRPC BOD Approval	NO
<b>Rimfire Rifle</b>	YES	YES	100 Yard- Yes 50 Yard- Yes 22 LR Bench Rest with BOD Approval	NO
<b>Center Fire Rifle</b>	YES With Handgun Calibers only	YES	YES	NO
<b>Smooth Bore Shotgun</b>	NO	Rifled Slugs Only	Rifled Slugs Only	Max 7 ½ to Min. 10 ½ Shot Sizes Only
<b>Rifled Bore Shotgun 16+ Inch</b>	NO	Rifled Slugs or Sabots only	Rifled Slugs or Sabots only	NO
<b>Muzzle Loader</b>	Yes Handguns Only	YES	YES	NO