

Rules and Regulations



Governing Public Use of Shooting Ranges

By virtue of the authority granted the Director of the Division of Natural Resources by Article 1, Section 7, Chapter 20 of the official Code of West Virginia, 1961 as amended, the following rules and regulations shall govern use of all public lands administered by the Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section.

1. Hours of operation are posted at entrance to each range no person may use the range except during posted hours. Range may be temporarily closed by the District Wildlife Biologist or the WMA Wildlife Manager.
2. All posted safety rules must be obeyed.
3. Glass or metal containers can't be used as targets. Only paper, clay, or metal silhouette targets may be used without prior approval; others must be approved by district wildlife biologist or WMA wildlife manager.
4. After use, all targets must be removed from the range or disposed of in containers provided at the range.
5. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. No person may handle a weapon while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or other drug.
6. No one under 16 years of age, unless they possess a valid WV hunting license, may use the range unless directly supervised by an adult (18 years of age or older).
7. All firearms must be unloaded and firearm handling must cease while any person is forward of the firing line.
8. Firearms may be loaded and discharged only at established shooting stations.
9. Firing line is defined as the line directly in front of and parallel to the shooting benches.
10. No person may move forward of the firing line until all firing has ceased, all users have acknowledged an "all clear" command, and all firearms have been unloaded and placed on the shooting benches.
11. Firearms must be pointed downrange at all times.
12. Use of fully automatic firearms is prohibited unless authorized by the District Wildlife Biologist.

Any person violating any of these rules and regulations shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20 of the Code of West Virginia and such other laws as may be applicable.