

# Rules and Regulations for Shooting Ranges

## Range Hours

Check the posted hours at the entrance.  
The range is only open during those times.  
It may be temporarily closed for safety or maintenance.

## Follow All Safety Rules

All posted safety signs and rules must be followed at all times.

## Approved Targets Only

You can only use paper, clay, polymer, plastic, or metal silhouette targets.  
Do not use glass, metal cans or other containers as targets.  
If it wasn't made to be a target, don't shoot it.

## No Flying Clay Target Shooting

Shooting at flying clay targets (like trap or skeet shooting) is not allowed unless the range is clearly marked and set up for that kind of shooting.

## No Explosive Targets

Do not use explosive or incendiary targets of any kind.

## Clean Up After Yourself

Take all your used targets, shell casings and trash with you when you leave.  
Use the provided trash cans or remove them from the range.

## No Alcohol or Drugs

No alcohol is allowed on the range. Do not handle firearms if you're under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any controlled substances.

## Supervision of Minors

Anyone under 16 must be directly supervised by an adult (18 or older), unless they have a valid West Virginia hunting license or are part of a shooting sports team or club.

## Cease Fire Rules

All guns must be unloaded, and no one should handle firearms when someone is in front of the firing line.

## Shooting Stations Only

Guns may only be loaded and fired at designated shooting benches or stations.

## Firing Line Defined

The firing line is the area directly in front of and parallel to the shooting benches.

## Going Downrange

No one may go downrange (in front of the firing line) until:

- All shooting has stopped
- Everyone agrees it's safe ("all clear")
- All guns are unloaded and placed on the benches

## Muzzle Control

Always keep your firearm pointed downrange — never toward people or unsafe areas.

## Automatic Weapons

Fully automatic weapons are only allowed if you are legally authorized under the National Firearms Act of 1934.

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