

# Phoenix Rod & Gun Club Policy

Title: **Range Rules**

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While members are not expected to memorize these range rules in their entirety, they should review and be familiar with those rules that pertain to the specific ranges they may use. Members are strongly encouraged to keep these rules in their equipment box.

- Hearing and eye protection is mandatory for all shooters and spectators.
- It is the member's responsibility to provide their own paper targets and stapler to hang targets.
- All rounds must impact the approved backstops (no rounds impacting the range floor / deck).
- It is the member's responsibility to be cognizant of the range schedule and availability by checking the Club Website.
- Stewardship is the member's responsibility of caring for club resources entrusted to the membership.

## 1.0 General

- 1.1 Members are encouraged to utilize the facilities of the Phoenix Rod and Gun Club (PR&GC or "the Club") as often as they like. These rules are intended to make your activities safe, convenient and enjoyable for everyone concerned. Please follow basic rules of common sense, safety and courtesy.
  - 1.1.1 Members shall maintain their membership cards pursuant to PR&GC By-Laws and Policies.
  - 1.1.2 Aggressive, belligerent and/or condescending behavior towards club officials, safety officers, match personnel, staff personnel, club members and/or patrons will be grounds for removal from club property and revocation of membership.
- 1.2 The speed limit on all club roads and parking lots is Fifteen (15) mph.
  - 1.2.1 Vehicles are not to be driven upon any range, including firing points, except for maintenance or as necessary during matches. The Chief Range Officer may approve exceptions for physically handicapped members.
- 1.3 Any member handling any firearm of any type during or immediately after consumption of alcohol will be expelled.
- 1.4 National Firearms Act (NFA) "Class III" firearms with full-automatic-fire capability and firearms capable of full-automatic fire (including slide-fire, bump-fire and their variants) may not be fired in full-automatic mode on any range and doing so will result in expulsion.
- 1.5 Firing of any .50 caliber BMG (Browning Machine Gun) type firearm is strictly forbidden.
- 1.6 The following types of ammunition is prohibited on all Club ranges.
  - 1.6.1 Tracer-Incendiary ammunition
  - 1.6.2 Armor-piercing ammunition

- 1.6.3 Steel Jacketed ammunition
- 1.6.4 Steel Core ammunition
- 1.6.5 Exploding ammunition
- 1.6.6 Any ammunition deemed unacceptable by the Chief Range Officer
- 1.7 Uncontrolled Fire is strictly forbidden on any range. Uncontrolled Fire is defined as the rapid and uncontrolled expenditure of rounds without aiming the weapon.
- 1.8 Only Club Officers, Chief Range Officer, Match Directors or authorized maintenance personnel may open locked buildings.
- 1.9 Camping is permitted on club property pursuant to the PRGC Camping Policy.
- 1.10 Stowage of personal vehicles and/or other personal items is prohibited on club property.
  - 1.10.1 Any items left unattended on club property for more than 48 hours will be deemed abandoned, and become Club property to be utilized and/or disposed as necessary. This does not include tools or equipment loaned, leased or rented to the club for a designated project or event during the duration of said project/event.
  - 1.10.2 No Club property may be removed without prior permission from the Board of Directors.
- 1.11 Automated Gate System
  - 1.11.1 The automated gate system at the main gate is intended to provide the maximum level of security with a minimum of inconvenience to the club members.
  - 1.11.2 Club members are required to enter their access code using the keypad.
  - 1.11.3 When the gate opens, members are to drive through and clear the obstruction area painted in yellow.
  - 1.11.4 Members are to be cognizant of other vehicles behind them and not allow them to drive through without following the access protocols.
  - 1.11.5 The system is programmed to only allow one way access within a given time period per each member.
  - 1.11.6 If the gate is locked in the open/closed position, do not attempt to close/open it by force.
  - 1.11.7 Members found forcing the gate open or closed thus damaging the system, will be charged for the cost of repairs and expelled from the club.
  - 1.11.8 If you think the gate is malfunctioning, contact the Chief Range Officer immediately or any Club Officer to report the situation at (602) 276-0510.
  - 1.11.9 When leaving the Club property, drive vehicle over the imbedded sensor. The gate will open. Do not allow vehicles on the outside to enter without following the access protocols.
  - 1.11.10 Members shall not give out their gate code for any reason. Any member that gives their gate code to another individual has compromised the safety of the range and shall have their membership suspended and possibly revoked.
- 1.12 Smoking is allowed where in compliance with AZ State Law, except on the Members Bullseye pistol Range.

## 2.0 Club Usage

### 2.1 General

- 2.1.1 Non-members are welcome as guests of a member pursuant with the “PRGC Policy – Guest Policy”. Guests must remain with their host member or on the tournament venue at all times while on Club property. It is the responsibility of the host member to be certain their guest is familiar with and abides by the range rules and policies. The host member assumes full responsibility of their guest and absolves the Club of any and all liability.
  - 2.1.2 Lost ID badges must be reported immediately. Contact the Membership Secretary regarding badge replacement.
  - 2.1.3 Any person without a current club ID badge or unaccompanied by a host member shall be asked to leave the property immediately.
  - 2.1.4 Expelled members cannot be a guest of a member in good standing.
  - 2.1.5 ID badges are Club property and will be surrendered without question to the Chief Range Officer, a Club Officer, or Match Director when directed.
- 2.2 Hours of operation
- 2.2.1 Shooting on all ranges is from 7AM to sunset, the only exception being scheduled matches on the Practical, Pistol and Smallbore ranges. Check the Website for current schedules of night events.
  - 2.2.2 The Public Range is open to non-members from 8AM till 2PM October through April, and 7AM till 11AM May through September (summer hours). Members can shoot on the Public Range Monday through Sunday 7AM until sunset.
- 2.3 Safety Rules
- 2.3.1 Range safety is a must for PR&GC to remain a safe place to shoot. All members and guests are expected to follow the Club’s rules; all members are de facto Range Safety Officers by virtue of their membership status. In the absence of the Chief Range Officer or any Club Official, it is your responsibility, if you witness an unsafe act, to call a cease fire, correct and move on. Don’t pack up your gear and just ignore the situation. Act upon it! Speak to the person(s) involved – they may simply be unaware of the danger or rule violation. A gentle reminder is better than first aid or a trip to the emergency room.
  - 2.3.2 If unable to correct any safety issue, rule violation or problem diplomatically, immediately notify the range officer responsible for the specific range, or the Chief Range Officer.
  - 2.3.3 Report any damage to Club property to a Chief Range Officer immediately.
  - 2.3.4 Only firearm’s appropriate for usage on a given range may be fired on that range.
  - 2.3.5 When firearms are moved between vehicles and range they must be unloaded, preferably in an appropriate bag or case or with actions open, muzzles elevated.
  - 2.3.6 Firearms are never left unattended.
  - 2.3.7 Basic safety rules. The following basic safety rules apply on all ranges at all times.
    - 2.3.7.1 Always assume every gun is loaded until you can inspect that it is not.
    - 2.3.7.2 Always keep your firearm’s muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
    - 2.3.7.3 Be sure your firearm is mechanically safe to operate.
    - 2.3.7.4 Know how to use your gun safely.
    - 2.3.7.5 Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
    - 2.3.7.6 Keep your gun unloaded with the action open until you are ready to shoot.

- 2.3.7.7 Only load your firearm at the firing line. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- 2.3.7.8 Always know what your bullet will hit and where it will stop.
- 2.3.7.9 Shoot only at designated and authorized targets.
- 2.3.7.10 Fire only from a shooting bench or from directly behind the firing line.
- 2.3.7.11 Cease Fire immediately if any person on the range moves forward of the muzzle of any firearm while shooting is in progress.
- 2.3.7.12 When you are not currently shooting, stay behind the muzzles of all firearms in use.
- 2.3.7.13 Do not handle any firearm when people are down-range or forward of firing points.

2.4 Range Etiquette: The following rules will help prevent your becoming a pariah and spare you this specter in the eyes of other shooters.

- 2.4.1 Open the action of all firearms immediately after removing them from their cases.
- 2.4.2 Keep all firearms pointed down-range.
- 2.4.3 Pick a firing point lined up with your target and a nearby backstop so you can shoot straight down the range (firing diagonally across the range could result in ricochets).
- 2.4.4 Be considerate of others – set enough targets at one time to shoot for 20 minutes, and then check with other shooters to get a “Cease Fire” before going down range.
- 2.4.5 Observe the rules for proper target positioning.
- 2.4.6 Personally make sure that every shooter using the range understands that the firing line has been cleared before moving down range.
- 2.4.7 Before calling the firing line “Hot” personally verify that each shooter knows that the line is going hot.
- 2.4.8 Use a rate of fire that will not result in damage to the target frames – the maximum rate of rifle fire from a bench or from a prone or sitting position (and only when using a military sling) is ten shots in 60 seconds. Rapid fire from an offhand position is not permitted at any time.
- 2.4.9 Keep your projectiles within the confines of the range. Do NOT shoot over the berms.
- 2.4.10 Clean up your targets when you finish shooting, and put refuse into a trash can.
- 2.4.11 Police your firing area before leaving – the Club does not have a sanitation staff and Members and their guests are expected to leave the ranges at least as clean as they found them.
- 2.4.12 If the trash cans are full, take a few moments to help out and empty them into a dumpster.

2.5 Acceptable Target Types and Positioning

- 2.5.1 Plinking is not allowed on any range.
  - 2.5.1.1 Plinking is defined as: informal target shooting done at nonstandard targets such as tin cans, glass bottles, and balloons filled with water.
- 2.5.2 Paper targets are acceptable on every range except the shotgun ranges.

- 2.5.3 Center paper targets on frames to prevent damage to the frame structure, and place them high enough so that the bullet will impact the backstop and not the ground. Keep target frames and supports near a backstop; this helps to prevent ricochets.
- 2.5.4 The following types of targets are unacceptable (non-inclusive list):
  - 2.5.4.1 Cans, wood blocks, milk jugs, CD's, plastic/cardboard boxes and/or other such materials are unauthorized targets. Anyone found shooting at an unauthorized target will be expelled from the club.
  - 2.5.4.2 Glass bottles, china plates, ceramic jugs, etc., which could produce flying fragments and small, long-term debris, are prohibited.
  - 2.5.4.3 Rocks, concrete, stones, railroad spikes and heavy metal items. The risk of ricochets from such would endanger not only fellow club members but also our neighbors, and consequently the Club's reputation and existence.
  - 2.5.4.4 "Pepper Poppers", heavy metal plates, metal silhouette and spinning metal targets are only authorized on the Practical Firearms and High Power Ranges pursuant to each divisions range usage policy.
  - 2.5.4.5 Drainage pipes, number markers, range equipment, structures, and Club property.
  - 2.5.4.6 Wildlife and vegetation.
  - 2.5.4.7 Placing targets on top of the backstop of any range, and/or shooting at objects located beyond a backstop, is prohibited.

### 3.0 Firearm Restrictions:

- 3.1 Firearms (excluding black powder firearms) with military or police projectiles larger than .45 caliber (specifically including 14.5 mm Russian antitank rounds, 20 mm or larger cannon shells or variations thereof, rockets, mortars, grenades, explosive rounds and similar ordinance), and .50 caliber BMG are NOT to be fired on Club property.

### 3.2 Prohibited Firearms

- 3.2.1 Any .50 caliber BMG (Browning Machine Gun) type weapon.
- 3.2.2 Any shotgun with a barrel length of less than eighteen (18) inches except for a person specifically licensed, authorized or permitted pursuant to a statute of this state or of the United States.
- 3.2.3 Any rifle/carbine with a barrel length of less than sixteen (16) inches except for a person specifically licensed, authorized or permitted pursuant to a statute of this state or of the United States.
- 3.2.4 Any rifle/shotgun with the butt stock sawed off to form a pistol grip.
- 3.2.5 Any firearm that has been mechanically and/or physically altered that will render it unsafe to operate.
- 3.2.6 Any firearm using ammunition prohibited by the "PRGC Policy - High Performance Ammunition" policy.

### 4.0 Range Descriptions and Regulations

#### 4.1 Bull'seye Member's Pistol (BP) Range

- 4.1.1 For use by Member's and supervised guests of Members Only.
- 4.1.2 This 40-position range is designed for competition and precision shooting at paper Bull'seye targets.

- 4.1.3 Target Positions 1-40 (turning frames at 25 yards and fixed frames at 50 yards).
- 4.1.4 Firearms allowed: Non-magnum type Target Handguns intended for Bull's-eye matches (NRA Conventional, International Pistol, etc.), or practice, .22 caliber rimfire rifles, muzzle loaded rifles and pistols.
- 4.1.5 Unauthorized Firearms: Magnum caliber handguns and center fire pistols that fire any rifle type cartridge.
- 4.1.6 All shooting must be done behind the firing benches. Shooters are not allowed forward of the firing line to shoot.
- 4.1.7 No Defensive, Practical and/or Combat Style shooting on this range.
- 4.1.8 Personal vehicles are not to be driven up onto the firing line and under the overhang.
- 4.1.9 Do not handle guns during a "Cease Fire" or while people are down range.
- 4.1.10 This range will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events.
- 4.2 Practical Firearms (PFR) Range
  - 4.2.1 Only club members who have demonstrated firearms proficiency and received access from the Practical Firearms Division Director may shoot on the Practical Firearms Range unsupervised.
  - 4.2.2 This range will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events.
- 4.3 Smallbore (SB) Range
  - 4.3.1 For use by Members and supervised guests of Members Only.
  - 4.3.2 This 100-yard range is intended for firing .22 caliber rifles ONLY. High-powered practical rifles (during scheduled Practical Firearms matches), and other weapons must be cleared by the Chief Range Officer before use on this range.
  - 4.3.3 Club members must provide their own target frames to shoot on the Smallbore range. Do not use target frames from the Public Range on the Smallbore Range. They won't fit. Target placement must assure that bullets impact into the backstop. Target frames can only be placed at the 50 yard, 50 meter and 100 yard line.
  - 4.3.4 This range can be used for muzzle-loading (or other black powder) handguns and rifles, using paper targets only, muzzle loaders may shoot from firing positions 1 thru 28.
  - 4.3.5 Rules regarding use of muzzle-loading firearms:
    - 4.3.5.1 Do not smoke on or near the firing line.
    - 4.3.5.2 Keep the powder can spout covered.
    - 4.3.5.3 Use a powder measure – do not load directly from a powder can or horn.
    - 4.3.5.4 Always keep the muzzle pointed up until ready to shoot.
    - 4.3.5.5 Only cap or prime with the gun pointed downrange.
    - 4.3.5.6 Never blow down the barrel – a spark could ignite unburned powder.
  - 4.3.6 Personal vehicles are not to be driven up onto the firing line and under the overhang without approval from the Division Director or Match Director.
  - 4.3.7 Red range flag must be raised when in use and lowered when shooting completed.
  - 4.3.8 This range will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events.

4.3.9 Do not handle guns during a “Cease Fire” or while people are down range.

#### 4.4 Public (PUB) Range

4.4.1 This 100 yard range is for pistols, rifles, shotguns, black powder guns and, firing at paper targets placed at between 10 yards to 100 yards only.

4.4.2 Shooting positions 1 through 10 may only have targets placed between 50 and 100 yards downrange. No targets may be placed closer than 50 yards or further than 100 yards at these positions.

4.4.3 Shooting positions 11 through 24 may only have targets placed between 10 and 50 yards downrange. No targets may be placed closer than 10 yards or further than 50 yards at these positions.

4.4.4 Shooters may not move or reposition the Public Range target stands as they are permanently located at their respective distances and lanes.

4.4.5 All rounds must impact either the 50 yard or 100 yard backstops directly downrange of the shooting position in use. Target stands are numbered for each shooting lane.

4.4.6 For use by Members Monday through Sunday, 7AM till sunset; Non-members Saturday and Sundays ONLY, May through September 7AM till 11AM, and October through April 8AM till 2PM.

4.4.7 Public Range may be closed two hours before sunset on Fridays for routine maintenance.

4.4.8 Public Range will close for scheduled events and capital improvements and will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events. Check club Website for closures.

4.4.9 Do not place foreign objects in holes to secure target stands in upright position.

4.4.10 Intentional destruction of target frames or range markers/signs will result in expulsion from the club.

4.4.11 Target frames are available next to the check in counter. Members are to keep out of the refrigerator, shop and target storage room. If you need assistance, contact the Chief Range Officer (602) 276-0510.

4.4.12 Personal vehicles are not to be driven up onto the firing line and under the overhang.

4.4.13 Do not handle guns during a “Cease Fire” or while people are down range.

4.4.14 Shotguns may not be fired at club frames, with the exception of shotgun slugs. Members may use their own personal target stands for shotgun use as long it does not affect any other shooters. The shooter is responsible for policing up the shotgun hulls and any debris from the target. During public hours the use of a shotgun is the sole discretion of the Range Safety Officers.

4.4.15 Members, their guests and all public range attendees must observe and obey all posted signs on the range.

#### 4.5 Highpower Rifle (HP) Range

4.5.1 For use by Members and supervised guests of Members Only.

4.5.2 This multiple yard range is for rifles, shotguns, black powder guns and handguns from 100 to 200 yards. The 300 and 500 yard lines and other non-standard firing points may be used for events and in accordance with the High Power range usage policy .

- 4.5.3 No targets are to be used at less than 100 yards distant from any firing line, the only exception being scheduled matches.
  - 4.5.4 Target frames for the 100 yard line are available on the east end of the Highpower pavilion.
  - 4.5.5 Gongs are available at the 200 yard range and frames for the 200 yard line are available in the Highpower pits outside the target shed.
  - 4.5.6 Red range flag must be raised when in use and lowered when shooting completed.
  - 4.5.7 Never open the Highpower Range gate and drive/walk onto range when gate is closed/locked and red range flag on 300 yard line is up.
  - 4.5.8 Personal vehicles are not to be driven up onto the firing line and under the overhang.
  - 4.5.9 Vehicles may be driven to the Highpower pits to transport and/or set out targets at the 100 and 200 yard lines and to set out, repair, and retrieve target frames.
  - 4.5.10 If providing target service in the 200 yard pits, vehicles may be parked to the extreme left or right of the impact area. The club assumes no responsibility for damage to vehicles as a result of bullet impacts and/or ricochets.
  - 4.5.11 This range will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events.
  - 4.5.12 Do not handle guns during a "Cease Fire" or while people are down range.
- 4.6 Shotgun (SR) Range
- 4.6.1 For use by Members and supervised guests of Members Only.
  - 4.6.2 Located to the west of the 100/200 yard line of the Highpower Rifle Range it is designed for firing at clay targets only (do not shoot at the wildlife).
    - 4.6.2.1 All shooters and other persons in the immediate vicinity of the shooting stations are required to wear both eye and ear protection.
    - 4.6.2.2 All shotguns, even when empty, must be handled with care
    - 4.6.2.3 Carry your shogun either with the breech broken or with the breech bolt open, depending on type.
    - 4.6.2.4 Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction – either down towards the ground (preferably) or upwards.
    - 4.6.2.5 Place your shotgun in a stand or case when not in use.
    - 4.6.2.6 Keep your shotgun open and unloaded at all times except when you are on a firing station preparing to shoot.
    - 4.6.2.7 Do not load more than two shells at a time (if you are a beginning shooter, load only one shell at a time on stations that will present only one target).
    - 4.6.2.8 Do not load until you are standing on the shooting station with your gun pointed safely toward the flight area.
    - 4.6.2.9 Handle your shotgun in a manner consistent with its design and function.
    - 4.6.2.10 Maintain control of your shotgun at all times so as not to pose any threat to others.
    - 4.6.2.11 Do not set an unsafe example for other less experienced shooters (for example, by holding your gun upside-down or one-handed).

- 4.6.2.12 The person pulling targets (the “puller”) is in charge of the field, and all the shooters must follow their commands. When the command “Cease Firing” is given by anyone, immediately stop all firing, open your action, remove all shells from your gun.
- 4.6.2.13 No one except authorized personnel may make adjustments to the trap machines.
- 4.6.2.14 Coordinate cease fire times with other (non-shotgun) shooters on the range and allow others to use the shotgun range too.
- 4.6.3 Members must provide their own clays and clean up expended shot shells when done.
- 4.6.4 Red range flag must be raised when in use and lowered when shooting completed.
- 4.6.5 This range will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events on the Highpower Range.
- 4.6.6 Do not handle guns during a “Cease Fire” or while people are down range.
- 4.7 Olympic Rapid Fire Pistol (OR) Range
  - 4.7.1 For use by Qualified Members and supervised guests of Members Only.
  - 4.7.2 Only competitors participating in scheduled tournaments or practice sessions and club members who have been cleared by the Pistol Director may have unsupervised access to the Rapid Fire Pistol Range.
  - 4.7.3 Located to the West of the 500 yard line of the Highpower Rifle Range it is designed for firing .22 cal. rimfire Pistols only. Qualified shooters may only shoot at the targets in the target frames provided. All target must be in the target stands at the 25 meter line.
  - 4.7.4 Unauthorized shooters found shooting on the Rapid Fire range will be expelled from the range their membership revoked.
  - 4.7.5 This range will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events.
  - 4.7.6 Do not handle guns during a “Cease Fire” or while people are down range.
- 4.8 Indoor Airgun (IAR) Range
  - 4.8.1 For use by Qualified Members and supervised guests of Members Only.
  - 4.8.2 Only competitors participating in scheduled tournaments or practice sessions and club members who have been cleared by either the Smallbore, Junior, or Pistol Director may have unsupervised access to the Indoor Range.
  - 4.8.3 Located to the north of the Smallbore Range, the following types of guns are allowed:
    - 4.8.3.1 Airgun
    - 4.8.3.2 .22 caliber rimfire gallery rifle and pistol
  - 4.8.4 No center fire weapons allowed.
  - 4.8.5 This range will be unavailable for member use and general shooting during scheduled events.
  - 4.8.6 Do not handle guns during a “Cease Fire” or while people are down range.
- 4.9 Archery (AR) Range
  - 4.9.1 For use by Members and supervised guests of Members Only.
  - 4.9.2 Do not shoot arrows with broadheads at range provided target blocks.
  - 4.9.3 Arrows will be released only in the direction of downrange targets.

- 4.9.4 All archers must keep fingers away from quick release until the arrow is aimed downrange at an appropriate target and the archer is ready to release.
- 4.9.5 Multiple archers (two or more) may not release arrows at the same target at the same time.
- 4.9.6 An arrow may not be nocked or bow pulled to full-draw while another archer is downrange.
- 4.9.7 Never point a bow and arrow at another person, doing so will result in immediate suspension of membership privileges and possible expulsion from the club.
- 4.9.8 Arrows should only be nocked on the shooting line and pointed in the direction of the targets.
- 4.9.9 Never shoot an arrow until you are positive that no one is in front of you or behind the targets.
- 4.9.10 This range will be closed and unavailable any time the high power range is in use for distances greater than 200 yds.