

Practical Division Range Rules

Revision 7

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The Rules govern the use of the Practical Range and it's associated Bays and are in addition to the PRGC Range Rules.

- A. Only members who completed a Practical Division Key Agreement and have received access from the Practical Division Director or his/her designee may shoot unsupervised on the Practical Range Bays 2, 3, 4, 5, and New Bays 4 and 5.
 - B. If the red range flag is lowered, the range is closed and not available for use.
 - C. The gate should be completely open when a member is using the range for practice. If a member is the last to leave, he/she should shut and lock the gate.
 - D. When using the Range/Bays for Practice, you and your guest must sign-in. Your written name must be legible.
 - E. Hearing and eye protection is mandatory for all shooters and spectators.
 - F. It is the member's responsibility to provide their own paper/cardboard targets and method to hang targets on target sticks. We do have targets for purchase located in the Member's Shed and in the Conex on New Bay 4.
 - G. All rounds must impact the approved backstops (no rounds impacting the range floor or hesco middle berm). Do not shoot over any berm.
 - H. **It is the member's responsibility to be cognizant of the range/bay schedule and availability by checking the Club website.**
 - I. Stewardship is the member's responsibility in caring for club resources entrusted to the member.
 - J. Report any damage to Club property or broken equipment to the Division Director as soon as practical so that the damaged or broken equipment can be repaired.
 - K. Personal vehicles may be driven into and parked in the bay (except New Bays 4 & 5) as long as the vehicle can be safely driven into the bay and is parked up-range of any shooting position.
 - L. **When you are finished with a bay, PICKUP ALL your brass, properly put away any equipment that you used, place any used cardboard targets in the dumpster on your way out, and place any refuse into the trash can on the bay or patio area. Make sure the chairs are located behind the tables and all equipment kept on the bay is stored in an organized manner. If you moved a piece of equipment, put it back where it belongs.**
 - M. If using a bay for practice that is already setup for a match, you cannot shoot any of the targets that have been setup for the match. Use of that bay is contingent on you being able to use it without disturbing the match setup. You cannot change or move any of the setup targets, walls, barrels, etc.
- 1. General**
- 1.1. Smoking is allowed where in compliance with AZ State Law except where No Smoking signs have been posted. Place butts in provided container under the patio shade. DO NOT throw butts or cigar ends on the range or parking lot floors.
 - 1.2. Non-members are welcome as guests of a member pursuant to the "PRGC Guest Policy". Guests must remain with their host member 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 for their guest and absolves the Club of any and all liability. Guest shooters are limited to 1 (one) per key holder unless more are approved by the Division Director in advance. In no case, shall the key holder have more guests than he/she can properly supervise.
 - 1.3. Shooting on all the Ranges and Bays is between 7AM to official sunset, the only exception being for scheduled matches or range closures.

- 1.4. In order to comply with Phoenix City Code and State Law, it is the policy of the Phoenix Rod & Gun Club that loose or “at large” dogs are prohibited.
- 1.5. Persons using the practical bays must keep their dog in a kennel on the bays or tied at the lower patio area.

2. Safety

- 2.1. Firearms are to be uncased either in the designated Safe Area or in a hot bay. A hot bay is defined as a bay that is in use and controlled by a member. No handling of firearms in any other areas of the range including the parking lot. No ammunition is allowed in the designated Safe Area.
- 2.2. Basic safety rules.
 - 2.2.1. Always assume every gun is loaded until you can inspect that it is not.
 - 2.2.2. Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm.
 - 2.2.3. Always know what your bullet will hit and where it will stop.
 - 2.2.4. Shoot only at designated and authorized targets. The only authorized targets on the Practical Range and Bays are paper, cardboard, or steel poppers and plates. If shooting at steel poppers or plates, the shooter must be a minimum of 10 yds. (30 feet) from the target.
 - 2.2.5. Only load your firearm when you are at a firing position and no one is downrange.
 - 2.2.6. You may holster a loaded firearm but are not allowed to handle the firearm if anyone is downrange. Do not handle any firearm when people are downrange or forward of your firing point.
 - 2.2.7. If leaving the firearm on a table (other than as part of a shooting scenario), the firearm must be unloaded with the breach open. If the breach cannot be locked open, then you must install an empty chamber indicator.
 - 2.2.8. Maintain muzzle control to observe the 180 degree rule. Be very vigilant of the 180 degree rule while moving from one shooting position to the next shooting position.
 - 2.2.9. Cease fire immediately if any person on the range moves forward of the muzzle while shooting is in progress. **At Board discretion, firing when someone is downrange may result in a revocation of Club membership.**
 - 2.2.10. All persons not shooting must stay behind the muzzle of the person currently shooting.
 - 2.2.11. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are on target.
- 2.3. 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 and keyholder status. If the member witnesses an unsafe act, he/she should call for a cease fire and correct the issue by speaking to the person(s) involved—they may simply be unaware of the danger or rule violation.
- 2.4. If unable to correct any safety issue, rule violation or problem diplomatically, immediately notify the Division Director or other Club Management.

3. Range Priority

- 3.1. Use of the bays is on a first come-first serve basis subject to the following:
 - 3.1.1. If all bays are in use and another member arrives, he/she may, with the current user’s permission, join one of the current users. If unable/unwilling to join one of the current users, then he/she should notify one of the current users of his/her desire to use that bay at which time the current user has one (1) hour to vacate that bay.
 - 3.1.2. If a member is using a bay and a match director shows up to setup a match, the member must cooperate with the match director in the use of the bays. Match directors have priority in the use of any bay for setting up a match and, if possible, should allow the member the use of a bay for 30 minutes.

4. New Bays 4 & 5 Usage

- 4.1. New Bay 4 & 5 can be used anytime that the HP 500/300yd lines are not in use. i.e. the same hours that the Steel Practice Bay is open.
- 4.2. No Rifles or rifle cartridges can be used in either bay except for scheduled matches. PCC's are allowed from calibers 45 ACP or below.
- 4.3. New Bay 4 can be used for normal practice just like the 4 bays on Practical. The conex located in New Bay 4 contains target stands, wall stands, steel poppers, and cardboard targets (costs of cardboard targets is 1.00 per target and money should be put in lockbox on wall of the conex). Target sticks are located in a 55 gallon drum outside of the conex. Large binder clips for attaching the target to the stick, nails, hammer, crowbar, and tape are all located on partition under the shade structure. When finished, Pick up ALL your brass and return any equipment used to the proper location. Please ensure that the chairs are put back under the tables. Place any used cardboard target in the dumpster located in the parking lot of the Public Range. Do not put used targets in the trash can on the bay.
- 4.4. New Bay 5 may have a scenario setup each month and it will stay setup from shortly after the 4th Saturday until the next 3rd Sunday. These scenarios are set-up to represent a general stage for IDPA, USPSA, etc. The stage does not necessarily conform to a legal IDPA, USPSA, etc. stage but is designed to give the shooter practice. **When a scenario is set-up, this bay can ONLY be used to shoot whatever scenario is set-up. It can only be used as a general practice bay if a scenario is not set-up.** The cardboard targets should be replaced as necessary during the month by a staff member. **You are not allowed to change the location of any of the equipment used in the scenario that is setup.** You do not have to shoot the scenario as per the stage description that is posted, however, you are not allowed to shoot from any position other than from the designated shooting areas or behind the designated fault line(s). When finished, PICKUP ALL your brass. Please ensure that the chairs are put back under the tables. NO SHOOTING FROM THE TABLES.