

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter
Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun Range Rules

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Summary of Principal Changes Incorporated in this Updated Set of Range Rules

- An expanded prohibition for handling firearms and ammunition while people are forward of the firing line.
- More precise definitions for caliber ammunition allowed on Ranges 1 and 2 and the Shotgun range (Range 4).
- Clarification of circumstances for range closures.
- Revision of fundamental gun safety rules to align with those of NRA.

Other changes incorporated in recent years

- New range hours instituted.
- No fully automatic firearms are allowed on Fredericksburg-Rappahannock IWLA Chapter property.
- All firearm silencers must receive prior approval which must be shown by demand to a range safety officer, director or any IWLA Officer.
- The rapid firing of any firearm, controlled or uncontrolled, is prohibited on IWLA ranges. Keep rate of fire to a minimum. Any director, Officer of the Chapter or range safety officer has the final say in rapid fire matters.
- All Chapter members shooting on the ranges shall display the Shooter's Photo Identification Badge and shall offer it for inspection if asked by any range user.
- All Chapter members bringing any guest other than an immediate family member onto the property to use the Chapter ranges must sign in at the gate house per order of our insurance carrier. (An "immediate family member" is a non-member spouse or child living in the household.)
- Anyone in violation of the published Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun Range Rules will be asked to leave the range immediately.
- A ban on the use of steel targets on all 4 ranges

These Rules supersede all prior Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun Range Rules.

1. PURPOSE: There are several purposes for these rules, as follows:
 - A. To provide for a Range Safety Program.
 - B. To provide guidance in the form of rules for the use and maintenance of the Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun Ranges.
 - C. To provide for safety when pursuing the shooting sports on the IWLA ranges.
 - D. To provide for the enforcement of these rules and establish penalties for the violation thereof.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES: It is the responsibility of each IWLA Member using these facilities to read, be familiar with, and to follow these Rules. Each Member shall accompany and be responsible for the actions of their guests and insure that these Rules are obeyed. Every IWLA Member is responsible for reporting to the Chapter President, a member of the Board of Directors or a member of the Range Committee any person observed in violation of these Rules.

3. PROCEDURES: The Range Committee shall oversee and enforce these Rules, as well as maintain and repair the ranges. The Chapter President, any member of the Board of Directors, and/or any member of the Range Committee has the authority to immediately suspend the range privileges of any IWLA Member or any other person for the violation of any of these Rules.
 - A. The decision of the Range Committee or any member thereof may be brought before the Chapter President and the Board of Directors prior to the next monthly meeting of the Board to appeal the decision of the Range Committee or Committee member.

 - B. The names of the Range Committee members are appended to these Rules and shall be posted on the bulletin boards, both inside and outside the Clubhouse. Any IWLA Member has the authority to ask anyone using the ranges for identification as well as to ask that person or persons to immediately cease any activity in violation of these Rules. All Members shall display their Shooter's Photo Identification Badge when using the ranges and, when asked, make it available for inspection if not easily visible.

 - C. During scheduled matches one person shall be appointed as the Chief Range Safety Officer in order to control movement and firing on that range or ranges, and to ensure compliance with these Rules and any other match rules. Assistant Range Officers shall also be appointed to assist the Chief Range Officer as necessary.

RANGE CHARACTERISTICS

LOCATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Range #1 (the Bobby Cox Pavilion): Two handgun firing points at a maximum distance of 25 yards and two handgun firing points at a distance of 50 yards.

(This is the range located closest to the Clubhouse)

Range #2: Four handgun firing points total at a maximum distance of 25 yards (This is the range located across from the Pond)

Range #3: Seven long gun firing points total at distances of 50 yards and 100 yards. (This is the "Rifle range" located past the dam, before the Shotgun range)

Range #4: Shotgun firing points primarily for shooting clay pigeons. (This is the range located past the dam and rifle range)

Range #5: A multipoint archery range. The portion of the archery ranges located between the Manahoac Bowman Clubhouse and the proposed Range #6 is open to all IWLA Members. The use of the remainder of the archery ranges is limited to members of the Manahoac Bowmen (an IWLA subgroup).

RANGE USE PERMISSIONS and RESTRICTIONS

Range #1: Pistol Range (the Bobby Cox Pavilion) -

25 yard backstop – limited to handguns and carbines firing common handgun ammunition calibers up to and including .45 long Colt. The larger caliber handguns in .44 Magnum or more powerful are not permitted due to the limited capabilities of the 25 yard backstop. All black powder handguns are permitted on this range. In addition, rifles in rim-fire caliber such as .17 HMR, .22 LR, .22 WMR, and any semi-auto rifles or pistols shooting 9mm, 40 S&W, and .45 ACP caliber are permitted. No firearms designed for firing any center fire rifle cartridges are permitted on this range at this backstop.

50 yard backstop – limited to handguns, carbines and rifles firing common handgun ammunition calibers up to and including .45 long Colt (LC) and .44 Magnum. In addition, rifles in rim-fire caliber .17 HMR, .22 LR, and .22 WMR are permitted, as well as any semi-auto rifles or pistols shooting 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP caliber cartridges. No firearms designed for firing any center fire rifle cartridges are permitted on this range at this backstop.

Range #2: Pistol Range - 25 yard backstop – limited to handguns and carbines firing common handgun caliber ammunition up to and including .45 long Colt (LC). The larger caliber handguns in .44 magnum or more powerful are not permitted due to the limited capabilities of the 25 yard backstop. In addition, rifles in rim-fire caliber such as .17 HMR, .22 LR, .22 WMR, as well as any semi-auto rifles or pistols shooting 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP caliber cartridges are permitted. All black powder handguns are also permitted on this range. No firearms designed for firing any center-fire rifle cartridges are permitted on this range at this backstop.

Range #3: Rifle Range - both 50 and 100 yard backstops - All rifle calibers up to and including .416 Rigby, .458 Winchester Magnum, and .460 Weatherby Magnum are

permitted on this range. Handguns up to .50 caliber pistol ammunition are permitted on this range. All black powder rifles, rifle caliber single shot pistols, and shotgun (buckshot or slugs for patterning only) are permitted on this range. Centerfire rifles in excess of .49 caliber (notably caliber .50 BMG) are NOT permitted on this range.

Range #4: Shotgun Range - Shooting of shotgun cartridges up to and including 10 gauge when loaded with shot loads (shot size not greater than number 7 1/2 shot) for shooting at clay pigeons is permitted. Patterning is allowed with shot size up to but not including buckshot or slug loaded shotgun ammunition. The patterning target must be placed near the berm on the far end of the range so that all shot is directed into the berm. Any patterning with buckshot or slug loaded cartridges must be done on Range #3 (rifle range).

Range # 5: Restricted to archery. **NO FIREARMS MAY BE DISCHARGED ON ANY PART OF THESE RANGES.** There is no restriction on bow size or type or pull weight except as may be decreed by the Manahoac Bowmen. Use broadheads only on broadhead targets. Consult with the Manahoac Bowmen organization for specific safety requirements associated with the archery range.

RANGE OPERATIONS

Operating Hours (instituted September 15, 2014):

Daylight Saving Time (DST):

- Monday thru Saturday hours will be 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM.
- Sunday hours will be: 12:00 PM (noon) until 7:00 PM.

Eastern Standard Time (EST):

- Monday through Saturday hours will be 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM, and
- Sunday hours will be 12:00 PM (noon) until 4:00 PM.

Ranges (either singly or multiples) shall be considered CLOSED as follows:

1. When scheduled/announced on the electronic Chapter Calendar which you may view anytime at <http://iwlafred-rapp.org/calendar.htm>
2. When a sign is placed at the entrance of the Chapter grounds announcing closure of the firearms ranges.
3. On scheduled IWLA workdays (usually the first Saturday of the month following the Thursday membership meeting) from sunrise until after formal completion of the work scheduled for that day. Should you arrive at the range to shoot and find it closed while work is being performed by IWLA volunteers, please feel free to join in and help. Should you be unable to think of any way to help, there is always a need for picking up the spent cartridges (brass, steel and aluminum) on all of the closed firing ranges.
4. As directed by the Chapter President or the Board of Directors for safety reasons when there are designated activities which would make it unsafe to use the ranges

or when they are being used for other purposes. However, this does not necessarily preclude the use of the ranges when there are Scouts, family or other gatherings on the pond side of the range road unless it has been specifically designated as a "Range Closed Day."

5. Any Range Safety Officer has the authority to close any range for any reason he or she determines to be safety related.

The use of ranges shall be on a first-come, first-served basis. Share the range with others. Shooters are allowed only one bench/area each. If all of the shooting positions are full and other shooters are waiting, shooters on the line are limited to ONE HOUR each from the time that they took their position on the line. Ranges can only be reserved by prior written permission of the Board of Directors or Range Committee/Officer.

The areas around the shooting benches and backstops shall be cleaned up by the shooter(s) before leaving the range. All expended, unwanted brass shall be placed in the provided plastic buckets for the use of those who reload. All other target trash (paper targets, cardboard/wood, etc) shall be removed from the range and disposed of by the shooter(s).

While using the firearms ranges IWLA Members shall display their Fred/Rapp IWLA Shooter's Photo Identification Badge on their person where it is visible to a range safety officer.

Guests are permitted to use the ranges; however, their actions are the responsibility of the Chapter Member bringing them into the IWLA Park. Guests on the Ranges are limited to two (2) per Member at one time. Any Chapter members bringing any guest other than an immediate family member onto the property to use the Chapter ranges must sign in at the gate house per order of our insurance carrier. (An "immediate family member" is a non-member spouse or child living in the household.) Also, if the guests live within the "service area" of this Chapter, their attendance as guests should be limited to 3 visits, after which they should be encouraged to join rather than be frequent guests.

No Member shall ever divulge the combination to the gate entry keypad to anyone for any reason; or allow any non member to use their gate access card to gain electronic entry.

All Members and guests shall report any continuing unsafe or prohibited actions or the refusal by any Member or guest to correct any unsafe or prohibited action when advised of such by any IWLA Member to the Chapter President, a member of the Board of Directors, or a member of the Range Committee as soon as practically possible.

All new Members must complete an IWLA Range Safety Orientation Course prior to firing on any of the IWLA archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun ranges. Only after the completion of this Range Safety Orientation Course will a Shooter's ID Badge be issued to a new member signifying permission for using the ranges.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

Always adhere to The National Rifle Association's Three Fundamental Rules for Safe Gun Handling

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

In addition to these 3 NRA fundamental safe gun handling rules, users of the Chapter ranges are also expected to adhere to the following NRA rules when using a gun:

1. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
2. Know how to use the gun safely.
3. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
4. Know your target and what is beyond.

Every Fred-Rapp Chapter IWLA Member and guest shall follow these more explicit safety rules:

Shooters and any other persons in the immediate vicinity of any range should wear eye and ear protection when firearms are being fired.

All firearm barrels shall be checked for obstructions prior to firing, especially if the firearm has been dropped on the ground.

The muzzles of all firearms shall be kept under control and pointed downrange at all times. At no time shall the muzzle of any firearm be pointed over the backstop or berm when firing or preparing to fire.

Dry firing is only permitted on the firing line.

The actions of all uncased firearms shall be open except when the shooter is on the firing line and is firing or preparing to fire.

All firearms shall be unloaded with the actions open (or with a chamber flag inserted) and the safety engaged and placed on the shooting bench before going downrange to check your targets. Shooters shall not handle firearms or ammunition, for any reason, when another shooter is forward of the established firing line.

No shooter shall continue to use any firearm when it is malfunctioning, in need of repair, or has any other condition which makes it unsafe to use. The affected range will be rendered safe by requiring all firearms be unloaded and ammunition removed from the firing line while the malfunctioning firearm is corrected. If the firearm cannot be returned to normal operation the firearm will be left at the firing line pointing at the back stop and the range closed to further use.

Any inexperienced shooters shall be supervised by an experienced shooter at all times when on the range.

The shooter shall advise all persons in the immediate vicinity whenever new loads are being fired in a firearm, and consequently, there is the danger of a catastrophic malfunction, i.e., the exploding gun syndrome.

Shooters desiring to fire at their targets at a distance closer than that from the shooting bench to the backstop may go down range to the preferred distance when safe. This is in lieu of the prohibited practice of placing the target short of the backstop. All other shooters must agree and, if also shooting, move to the same closer firing line.

Any unsafe or prohibited action on the range shall be corrected immediately upon being advised of such by any IWLA Member, any guest or a Range Safety Officer.

PERMISSABLE TARGETS AND PLACEMENT METHODS

The following categories of target materials are permitted:

- Paper or cardboard targets.
- Clay pigeons, either thrown on the shotgun range for skeet shooting or stationary on the backstop on one of the pistol or rifle ranges.
- The use of any steel targets is expressly banned from use at any of the Chapter ranges (instituted May 4, 2015).

All targets shall be placed on or behind the established target line, on the backstop or suspended in front of the backstop and below the level of the target suspension rope. Targets shall be attached to cardboard, plywood or other appropriate target holders, which may be attached to ropes or cables, or other target holders as available.

No targets shall be placed directly on or in front of the side wooden posts holding the target suspension rope or the wooden poles at the base of the earthen backstop serving to stabilize the soil.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

These Prohibited Activities shall be considered major violations of the IWLA Range Rules and shall make the offender liable to expulsion from the IWLA either for a specified period or permanently. Violations by guests shall place the Member in jeopardy of the same punishment.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages during or immediately prior to using the firing ranges.

Furnishing the gate code or gate access card to any non-member, even to a family member in the absence of a Family Membership (defined as husband and wife only, in which case both are entitled to have access cards. However, children of this type of membership are not to be given the gate code / access card(s)). However, disabled Members shall be exempt from this requirement upon application to and the determination of the Board of Directors that this would unduly inconvenience them.

Placing targets between the shooting benches and the backstop, i.e., midrange, instead of at the backstop.

Firing any weapon in fully automatic mode, using SlamFire stocks or the equivalent, or any other device designed and/or marketed to cause a semi-automatic firearm to perform in a manner similar or identical to a fully automatic firearm.

Entering on IWLA property with a fully automatic firearm.

Using a firearm silencer that has not received prior approval by a range officer, director or any IWLA Chapter Officer.

Using armor-piercing or tracer or .50 BMG ammunition.

Shooting at or near utility poles, electrical wires or any other unapproved target not in front of the backstop.

Shooting at glass, metal, or any other item not specifically approved as a target.

Using exploding targets (Tannerite).

Shooting at targets on the ground in front of the backstop, on any structure designed to protect the backstop, or on the support posts or crosspieces (as opposed to placing targets on the dirt backstop, which is permissible).

Shooting at any game or wildlife at any time.

Engaging in horseplay while on the firing line.

Deliberately shooting at the target support posts or cables/cords or hanging clamps.

Deliberately shooting over the backstop or berms.

Using the range without displaying your IWLA Shooter's Photo ID Card.

Shooting with any person in front of the firing line.

Shooting your firearm in rapid fire mode, controlled or uncontrolled. Shooters shall keep firing rate to a minimum. Any range safety officer or chapter officer has the final say in this matter.

Leaving your trash on the premises of the IWLA Park without placing it in an authorized trash receptacle. This includes spent brass, shot shell hulls, and ammunition boxes.

Leaving cardboard target or target holder material in the trash receptacles; take it with you.

Shooting across the pond, or anywhere not deemed a firearms or archery range.

Shooting any firearm on any part of the property other than allowed by our Rules.

Driving any vehicle downrange, except when ranges are closed for designated work parties.

Using any range for personal gain, or for any commercial purpose, i.e., making money.

Use of any range by non-members for any type of training exercises (requires prior written approval by the Board of Directors).

Use of targets composed of any metal even if designed to be impact resistant. (new prohibition 5/2015).

Refusing to correct any unsafe or prohibited action when advised by any Chapter Member or guest or Range Safety Officer that your actions are unsafe or prohibited.

REPORTING INFRACTIONS All Members shall report to the Chapter President, a member of the Board of Directors, or a member of the Range Committee as soon as practically possible, any continuing or prohibited actions on the refusal by any Member or guest to correct any unsafe or prohibited action when advised as such by any Member.

PENALTIES

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Minimum Penalty

Any Infraction

As recommended by the

Range Committee or
Determined by the Board
Of Directors.

All infractions involving safety shall be considered Major Uncorrected Infractions.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The following steps are standard operating procedure (SOP) for any emergency that might develop on the ranges:

1. CALL 911; use either the phone located inside the Green Phone Box to the right side of the clubhouse door or the other phone on the Maintenance Shed. Both phones are landline phones that are connected to the telephone network.
2. COMMUNICATE to the 911 dispatcher, Identify YOURSELF, YOUR LOCATION and the NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY. The entrance/gate address is Izaak Walton League, 12400 Herndon Road, Spotsylvania and is between Brock Road at one end and Orange Plank Road on the other end.
3. LOCK OPEN THE AUTOMATIC GATE (a rocker switch on the bottom of the large control box on the left side of the gate hinge locks the gate in the open position after it is commanded open and stops); leave a person familiar with the emergency and its exact location at the gate to serve as a guide for the First Responders.
4. RENDER FIRST AID to the best of your knowledge and ability. Invest in a first aid kit for personal use and learn how to use its contents.
5. TAKE NOTES. If anyone is standing around ask them to gather information as to Date, Time, Location, Weather condition, Who involved and What happened. Get names of any witnesses. A recording feature from your Smart phone can be valuable if you know how to use it.
6. REPORT INCIDENT ASAP TO RANGE MANAGEMENT:

IMPLEMENTATION

These revised Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun Range Rules shall take effect immediately upon their approval by the Board of Directors of the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America.

Approved and Adopted on August 12, 2016

By order of:

Greg Raines, Chapter President