



Ponca City Rifle & Pistol Club

GENERAL REGULATIONS & POLICIES

Violation of these *Regulations and Range Rules* and the *PCR&PC Policies* may result in loss of range privileges or even expulsion from PCR&PC. In some cases your membership card may be revoked until the suspended member has attended another orientation class and has been reinstated by the Executive Board.

1. The Ponca City Rifle and Pistol Club Range is restricted to Members' use only. Members are allowed to bring guests. All guests must be accompanied at all times by the member that invited the guest(s). Members are responsible for the safety of their guests and must insure that their guests follow the range rules. The Ponca City Rifle and Pistol Club reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone.
 - a. Your membership badge must be worn or displayed visibly at all times you are on the premises to identify you as a Club member.
2. Consumption of and/or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances by members or guests while using the range is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. This includes any medication, prescription or over-the-counter medication, that would impair your motor skills or judgment.
3. Reporting Problems: Any trespassers should be reported to the Sheriff at (580) 362-2517 and a Club officer. Any emergencies should be reported to 911 and a Club officer. To report to an officer use the report forms that are located in the information box at the gate. Club location is located on the south side of the clubhouse.
4. Hours of Operation: All shooting will occur between 8:00 a.m. and sunset. The range is open to members everyday. Note: Pistol bays and/or rifle ranges may be closed to host events. Check the schedule for when events are planned. The range may be closed for a "club work day." Use of any range is prohibited if weather or other conditions prevents full visibility or if lightning or other conditions pose a danger.
 - a. Close and lock the gate and scramble the combination when entering the range and when leaving the range.
 - b. The gate will be open during scheduled matches or other organized activities that are open to the general public. The "Gate Open" sign will be posted during these events.
 - c. Any range or bay that is scheduled for a match event will be considered reserved for up to 1½ hours prior to said event. The Match Director will release the range(s) and bay(s) for regular use after the finish of the scheduled event.
 - d. Entrance and egress to the range shall be through the main gate located in the northwest corner of the property. Any other gate or means of access shall not be used unless directed by an officer or the Executive Board.
5. PCR&PC is a "cold" range. All firearms being brought to or transported on range property shall be unloaded. Handgun License Holders under the Oklahoma Self Defense Act may carry loaded handguns on the PCR&PC property as per the SDA. NOTE: Match rules will apply at all matches and events.
6. The decisions concerning range safety and operation made by a Range Safety Officer (RSO's) or a member of the Executive Board are final! However, any decision or action may be brought before the Executive Board for review at a later date.

RANGE RULES

I. RANGE SAFETY

1. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your firearm unloaded until ready to shoot. Actions of uncased firearms shall be kept open and chamber empty and magazine removed except when on firing line ready to fire. In addition, pistols may be holstered, with magazine removed and all chamber(s) empty.
Firearms are considered loaded when:
 - a. Actions, cylinders, loading gates are closed.
 - b. Cartridges or empty cases are in the chamber/cylinder or when the magazine is attached.
 - c. Black Powder Firearms containing; propellant, projectile, cap or powder in the pan of a flintlock.
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
4. Always know what is beyond your target.
5. It is always recommended that eye and hearing protection be worn at all times on or near the firing line. Eye and hearing protection is REQUIRED for all minors and guests.
6. Firing Line. Everyone on the range must be behind the firing line before firearms are handled, actions are closed, or firing begins.
 - a. All shooters on a given range must shoot from a common firing line. At no time should there be any shooting from a firing point in front of or behind any other shooter or group of shooters!
 - b. The first shooter to commence firing will indicate such to the other shooters before firing, unless a Range Officer is in charge.
7. **Cease Fire Rules.** Do not handle firearms during a Cease Fire! Any person may call for a "Cease Fire." Each shooter on the line will immediately clear and open the action and each shooter shall cease handling the firearm(s). Firearms shall be cleared (unloaded), magazine removed, and the action open. **No one will handle uncased firearm(s) during a "Cease Fire."**
 - a. A "Cease Fire" may be called by anyone in a loud voice saying "cease fire," or "stop firing" or any similar command.
 - b. This may be called when anyone sees something or some action that is unsafe. The issue shall then be resolved and shooting may continue after the resolution.
 - c. A "Cease Fire" may be called when the shooter(s) want to go down range to check the targets. NOTE: No shooter may go down range until all shooters have cleared their firearms. Each shooter on the line will indicate that his or her firearm(s) are clear and open and that the shooter has ceased handling the firearm(s). Firearms shall be cleared (unloaded), magazine removed, and the action open. (Also see Rule I. 2.)
Cleared Firearms may be:
 - i) Firearms may be placed on the shooting table, action open or cylinder open, magazine removed, and muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
 - ii) Rifles may be placed in the gun rack, action open and magazine removed.
 - iii) Pistols may be holstered, chamber empty, and magazine removed.

- iv) Firearms may be unloaded and cased/bagged before shooter(s) go downrange. If a cased firearm is brought to the firing line while anyone is downrange, the cased firearm may not be removed from the case and handled until everyone is behind at or behind the firing line.
- d. When anyone is down range on the shotgun range, the range is closed. For example, if oil field workers, farmers, etc. are present, then the shotgun range is closed.
- e. Match/Event rules will always apply during those events!
- f. On the 200/300 yd. range, all firing will be from the common firing line at the 300 yd. distance. The 200 yd. target is placed 100 yds. in front of the berm, so be sure your firearm is sighted-in at 100 yds. before shooting on the 200/300 yd. range. When shooting at the 200 yd. target make sure your projectile is striking the berm located at 300 yds. Be very aware of anyone down range before firing.
- g. NOTE: After all shooters are back to the firing line, the first shooter to commence firing will indicate such to the other shooters **before** firing, unless a Range Officer is in charge.
- 8. If a firearm fails to fire, the muzzle shall remain pointed at the impact target/berm for at least 30 seconds before remedial action is taken to insure against a “hang fire.” Never point the muzzle at yourself or anyone else. NOTE: Black Power firearms should keep the muzzle pointed downrange for 2 minutes.
 - a. Red “Misfire/live ammo” containers are provided at most ranges.
 - b. Match rules will apply to events.

II. SHOOTING DISTANCE AND SIGHTING IN

1. The shooter must be able to see his or her target through the sights when firing. The bullet shall impact the target or berm area at the “desired distance.” Shooters should follow the proper procedures for “sighting in” each firearm before progressing to greater distances.
2. Firearms of unknown sight adjustment shall be test fired and sighted in at a distance no greater than 25-30 yards **from the target at the berm area**. When sights are correct, shooter may then move back to the desired distance, or a greater distance, to continue sighting in.
 - a. One should always sight in at a shorter distance before moving to the next longer range. If sights are too far out of adjustment, bullets will go over the backstop or skip off the range surface and then over the backstop.
 - i) For initial sighting-in use the 50-meter range and position yourself 25-30 yards from the berm! NEVER place your target mid-way in the 50-meter range. You may bring your own bench or table for the initial sighting in. Please remove after you have finished.
 - ii) Be sure you are sighted-in correctly on the 100-yd. range before shooting on the 200/300 yd. range.
 - b. Regardless of the bay or range all rounds must hit the impact berm from a minimum of two feet (2') to a maximum of seven feet (7') high. Rounds must **NEVER** hit or skip on the ground in front of the berm so ricochets are avoided. (See: III. 2.)
3. A shooter shall use the range that is appropriate to the distance that he or she is shooting.
 - a. It is extremely important that you use the range that is appropriate to the type of firearm. Pistol bays may be used for pistols, revolvers, rimfire rifles, and air guns. Anyone

- using a centerfire rifle on the pistol bays will be subject to suspension or removal from the club. Any exception must be received from the Executive Board.
- b. Pistols may not be shot on the 100 yd. or the 200/300 yd. ranges. All rounds **MUST** hit the impact berm and should **NEVER** hit or skip on the ground in front of the berm! Any exception for a qualified pistol shooter who is experienced at shooting long distance with a handgun must be granted by the Executive Board.
 - c. On the 200/300 yard range, be sure your firearm is appropriate for the longer distances. Be sure your firearm is properly sighted in so the first shot will hit the backstop at the correct height.

III. BERMS, BACKSTOPS, TARGETS, AND FALL ZONES

1. Firing shall only occur on designated ranges into designated backstops, or, in the case of the shotgun range, into the designated fall zones. All firing should be directed at a target directly in front of the shooter's firing position.
 - a. Targets will not be placed in front of side berms or angled into the corners of the berms, except for club-sanctioned events.
 - b. Exceptions: Any exception must be granted from the Executive Board. Matches and events are granted exception to this rule and will be controlled by the Match Director.
2. Target Height. It is **mandatory** that all shots fired land **at target height on the berm**.
 - a. All targets are to be placed at a height to ensure that the bullets impact the berm no more than seven feet high and no lower than two feet high. (See: II. 2. b.)
 - b. Do not shoot any object that is on the ground! Avoid any possible ricochet.
 - c. Permanent target frames are provided on the 50, 100, and 200/300 yd. rifle ranges that allow the proper bullet impact into the backstops.
 - d. If personal frames/targets are used, they must direct shots into the same impact height on the berm, and they must not be any greater distance away from the berm than the club provided target frames. For instance, do not place a target 25 yds. away from the backstop while shooting from the 50-meter firing line so you can sight-in a scope. If you are sighting in on the 50-meter range the target must be at the target area and you will need to move forward from the bench area. You may bring your own personal bench.
3. Suitable targets must be used.
 - a. Do not shoot at any target on the ground. Targets **MUST** be placed at the appropriate height. (See Rules: II. 2. b. and III. 2. b.)
 - b. Club-provided steel targets on the pistol ranges **SHALL NOT BE SHOT WITH ANY CALIBER THAT WILL DAMAGE THEM**. This is especially true for centerfire rifles! Centerfire rifles are NOT permitted on the pistol bays. **IF IN DOUBT—DON'T SHOOT THE STEEL**. Violators will forfeit their memberships without refund.
 - c. Appropriate distance for steel targets. For the pistol bays, when shooting steel targets, the minimum distance between the shooter and the target is 23 feet. Appropriate safe distance for rifle calibers is greatly enhanced.
 - d. Steel targets on the rifle ranges must be placed at the target area in front of the impact berm, then shoot from the bench area.
 - e. Personal steel targets are permitted on the rifle range, as long as they are removed when finished shooting. Because of the risk of bullet skips, personal steel targets on

- any range shall not deflect bullets upward. They should have a slight angle downward. They shall be at the correct height (see rule III. 2. a.), and shall be placed at the same distance to the berm as the club's targets.
- f. All Steel Targets: Be sure to shoot at a steel target directly facing you. If it is angled away from the shooter, the bullet will ricochet to the side!
 - g. Reactive targets (such as "Shoot-n-See) on the rifle ranges are permitted. Be sure to clean up any targets and trash. However, exploding targets are not permitted because of the fire danger. Any exceptions must be granted by the Executive Board.
 - h. Glass targets are prohibited.
 - i. Know your targets and frames. USPSA barricades are NOT target frames! Be sure that you are using a target frame and not a prop designed for matches. If you do not know—then don't shoot it!
4. When Club target frames are used, targets shall be placed on the backboard that is secured to the target frame. **Place targets so that bullets will NOT strike the frame!** The appropriate number of targets will depend upon the size of the target.
 - a. Avoid placing targets so that the bullet will damage the frame or base. This is especially true for metal frames and bases.
 - b. Anyone caught intentionally damaging the target frames and bases will forfeit his or her membership without refund.
 5. Clean up targets and trash after shooting session.
 - a. When you finish shooting all targets and cardboard backing must be removed and placed into the trash or, preferably, taken out with you. Clean up all trash and pack it out.
 - b. Pick up your center-fire cases and place them into the "Brass" container or take them with you.
 - c. Movable target frames on the pistol bays are stored on the side berms. After shooting, return bases and frames to the area where you found them. **Be sure NOT to shoot the metal bases!**
 - d. Movable target frames that were brought out from the "Round Storage building," or the "conex box" should be replaced after you are finished.
 - i) The "Round Storage building" at the clubhouse and the conex box at the 100-yd range are locked and are accessible by authorized members. This is to ensure all club equipment is secured.
 - e. Targets may be found in the "Target House" located at the 50-meter range. Please leave a "donation" for use of these targets in the jar provided.
 - i) Unused targets are to be returned to the Target House.
 - ii) The Target House at the 50-meter range is generally left unlocked.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Any lawfully owned firearm may be fired on the appropriate PCRPC range. **NO CENTER-FIRE RIFLES ARE TO BE USED IN THE PISTOL BAYS!**
2. Vehicles are not allowed on the bays or ranges, except for authorized range maintenance or a scheduled event requiring vehicle use or during a club clean up day.
 - a. Only club officers, e-board members, or match directors are authorized to drive on the range or designate another to drive on the range. Driving on the range is permit-

- ted only when necessary for range maintenance and/or match operations.
3. Drive only on the designated roads and parking areas provided.
 - a. On the 200/300 yd. range:
 - i) Use the parking areas behind the 200/300 yd. firing line.
 - ii) The target access road is located on the west side of the range.
 - iii) Do not drive over the 200/300 yd. firing line or range.
 4. Do not start fires anywhere on the range. Extinguish all smoking materials and other sparks using appropriate means, including the fire extinguisher(s) provided.
 5. No hunting will occur anywhere on Ponca City Rifle and Pistol Club facilities without prior written permission from the Ponca City Rifle and Pistol Club.
 6. No slugs or buckshot shall be used on the shotgun range. These may be shot on the appropriate rifle range.
 7. If the range has a flag, raise the flag(s) on the range you are using during the time that said range is in use. Lower and store flags when that range is no longer in use.
 8. Matches may have additional rules.