



## NRA Safety and Range Use Rules

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*Incorporated in 1971, Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club is a private 501 c (7) non-profit, social and recreation club, operated by volunteers. WSC is leased from the Town of Wickenburg. WSC*

*As a member, you have the privilege to use the facility from sunrise to sunset. But you have a responsibility for the care of the facility as well as safety on the range. Everyone is required to follow the Range Use Rules & NRA Safety Rules when on WSC property.*

*Membership at Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club is a privilege, not a right.*

*Hours of operation - sunrise to sunset*

*(Range Use and Safety Rules are in accordance with NRA Firearms Safety Rules, NRA Range Source Book, Federal, State and Local Regulations as well as stipulations in WSC's lease with the Town of Wickenburg)*

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**Nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed as granting to any member a continued membership or expectation of membership in the Corporation**

Any Range Safety Officers (RSO's) or member has the authority to stop and/or prevent any violation of Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club's Range/Safety rules and can ask individuals (members or nonmembers) off the premises if the individuals are not following Range use and safety rules.

**Be cooperative and follow instructions.**

**If you do not agree with what is being asked of you, this is not the time to voice your disagreement. Contact the Board of Director concerning your issue.**

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*I also agree and understand that if I violate any of the range use and safety rules and/or act in an unsafe manner while using the range that my privileges to use the range could be suspended or terminated at the sole discretion of the Wickenburg Sportsmen's Board of Directors.*

# WSC Range Use Rules

## **No handling or carrying firearms in the parking lot.**

**All firearms must be cased or holstered when transporting to shooting bays**

- **You must have club proof of membership visible (membership badge) at all times in order to use this facility.**
- **All Range users (members & quests) must "Sign-In". The gate must be locked upon entering and exiting the facility** except during scheduled events. DO NOT provide the gate combination to anyone.
- **Members are welcome to bring up to two guests** to the facility at a time. Guests using the ranges must be under the direct supervision of a member.
- **Minors from 9 to 18 must be under direct supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent** if not attending a supervised youth event.
- **Pets must be on a leash at all times.** The owner is responsible to clean up after.
- **Keep the Range clean!** All shooters when through shooting, shall clean up the range area of all targets, casings, materials, and trash.  
If trash cans are full at the shooting area, empty it in the large trash containers in the parking lot.

No food or drinks should be thrown in the trash cans as they attract bees. Dispose of all food and drinks containers in the large trash cans with lids in the parking lot.

If you use rocks to hold your target stands, be sure to remove them off to the side berms when you are finished.

### **TARGET SHED Keep it clean!**

Take targets apart and put the sticks where they go, the clips in the buckets, and target stands where they belong.

Do not leave useable targets and broke sticks in the target shed. Throw them away in the large trash cans in the parking lot.

### **DO NOT PUT CASINGS OR AMMUNITION IN THE TRASH CANS.**

### **Use of WSC Facilities**

**Any organization, club, business, or individual wanting to use WSC facilities the purposes of competitive and recreational shooting, firearms training, qualifications, and/or education. must be approved by the WSC Board of Directors.**

1. Obtain and submit application for Board approval
2. Provide the mandated insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement
3. For any type of training or instruction, and a copy of your current NRA Instructor Certification
4. Pay any necessary range use fees

# ***“NO ONE IS SO GOOD THAT BASIC FIREARMS AND RANGE SAFETY RULES DON'T APPLY”***

## **NRA Gun Safety Rules**



**1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times.



**2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.



**3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition



- **Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.**
- **Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs that may cause impairment before or while shooting.**
- **Know how to use the gun safely.**
- **Be sure the gun is safe to operate.**
- **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.**

**ALWAYS treat all firearms as if they are loaded!**

# WSC RULES FOR RIFLE/PISTOL BAYS

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**NO GROUND LEVEL TARGETS ALLOWED**

## General Range/Safety Rules - For all Bays

- ONLY **APPROPRIATE TARGETS** shall be shot at in designated areas on range property  
Paper targets  
Steel targets appropriate for the caliber of firearms you are shooting

### **Do Not Use**

Clay targets

Explosive Targets

Cans

Rocks

Buckets

Chairs

No ground level targets

- Paint ball shooting Prohibited
- Be sure target is at proper height so rounds impact backstop
- No full auto firearms permitted.
- No 50 caliber BMG permitted
- No shooting at explosive targets, cans, glass, rocks, shotgun shells, buckets, chairs, or any other range equipment.
- **All bullets must impact the backstop** Ground level targets are NOT allowed.
- **No handling of firearms (loaded or unloaded)** at the benches when people are down range  
“Down Range” means stepping off the concrete past the red firing line.  
Before anyone steps off the concrete, all firearms need to be benched or holstered.  
**No one is to touch any firearm when people are down range.**  
**Guns are to be unloaded when on the bench.**  
**Semi autos and rifles – magazines out and actions locked open**  
**Revolvers – unloaded with cylinder open**

## Bay #1 – 100 yard Rifle Bay

- Only Rifles and scoped pistols can be used for long range shooting are allowed on the Rifle range
- Targets are to be placed at 50 to 100 yards for rifle shooting.
- Targets can be placed at 25 yards to sight-in rifles.
- Be sure target is at proper height so rounds impact backstop

## **Bay #2**

- All shooting is done be from the benches behind the firing line except during scheduled events.
- Rifles, and pistols allowed
- No drawing pistols from the holster
- Follow general safety and range rules

## **Bay #3 & #4**

- .22 rifles and pistols
- May stay past the firing line on the concrete to shoot.
- Follow general safety and range rules

## **TRAP RANGE**

- The primary rule is to **always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.** Never point the muzzle at any person, animal or object you don't intend to shoot. The safest directions are upward or toward the ground (but not toward your foot or anybody else's).
- All guns must have the action opened and contain no live or empty shells at any time, except while the shooter is on the firing line. A break open gun's action may be closed when it is in a gun rack but it shall not contain a live or empty shell.
- All persons including competitors, referee/scorers, and trap personnel must wear appropriate eye and hearing protection while on the trap field

**Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.**

## **AIR GUN/ARCHERY RANGE**

**Air Guns and Archery only. Use of all other firearms prohibited**

### **Archery**

- Shooting is permitted when all persons are on or behind the shooting line and a safe shooting condition exists.
- All shooting is to be into archery targets, mats, bales and safe backstops only.
- Handle equipment in a safe manner with arrows always pointing towards the targets.
- Target archery (bows and arrows) equipment only.
- Field tips and target archery arrow tip type only.
- No broad head arrows.
- Maximum compound bow poundage, 60#.
- Use of targets not specially intended for archery (cans, cactus, bottles, etc.) is prohibited.

### **Air Gun**

- Obey all firearms safety rules as listed above.

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