

MCRC General Range Rules

1.1 Berms: All bullets not stopped by a target **must** safely impact **the center** of the berm .Bullets must not impact the base of the berm, near the base of the berm, or clip the top of the berm. Do not shoot in such a manner that will ricochet off your target or what is behind your target. **BULLETS MUST NOT HIT THE FLAT GROUND.**

1.2. Bullet: a. A bullet is any projectile larger than 7.5 shot. Projectiles used in cartridges such as Magsafe and Glasser where the shot is encapsulated and does not fracture until it hits an object are considered bullets.

1.3 No tracer ammunition. No **metallic cartridges** larger in diameter (caliber) and case capacity than the .50 BMG may be used except with the approval of the Executive Committee. Muzzle loading firearms do not use metallic cases and are not subject to the diameter rule. **BULLETS MUST NOT HIT THE FLAT GROUND.**

1.4 Side Berms: Side berms may be shot into only in the PLINKING and COOPER BAYS.

1.5 Targets: a. You may shoot at PAPER, CARDBOARD, FRUIT, VEGETABLE, or CLAY targets on most ranges. The rimfire bay allows paper, clay pigeons and steel plinking type targets. The 2700 bay is for paper only.

b. Metal or plastic cans/bottles of 1 gallon size or smaller and wooden blocks of 4" on a side may be used in the PLINKING and COOPER BAYS ONLY. Place these on the berm or on an appropriate stand that allows the bullet to safely impact **the center** of the berm.

c. Steel pistol type targets such as those used for IDPA, USPSA, SASS, and STEEL CHALLENGE disciplines, such as round discs, square plates, or silhouettes mounted on an elevated post must be positioned no more than 3 yards from a berm. Various approved plinking type steel targets are to be placed on the berm. All steel targets must be INDIVIDUALLY pre-approved by the CRO and be properly marked. Steel targets **must** be shot from at least 12 yards away. In no case will any target be placed in a manner where the bullet will not impact the berm. **NO EXPLODING TARGETS PERMITTED** No glass or ceramics such as wall/floor tiles.

1.6 Target stands: Members must supply an approved stands or use designated frames in the 2700 bay. Stands must be removed when the member leaves. Remember, if you do not bring an approved type target stand you are not prepared to shoot. Barrels are not to be used as target stands. **TARGET PLACEMENT:** Target stands must be placed in such a manner that it allows a bullet to pass through and impact the berm at a height (center of the berm) that will prevent any possibility of projectiles impacting the flat ground.

1.7 Aerial Targets: Clay pigeons can only be shot in the HATHCOCK and GENERAL PURPOSE bays. Targets must be thrown straight down range and not in the direction of the side berms. Shot size is restricted to 7.5 or smaller.

1.8 Full Auto Fire: Full auto fire is allowed (hand held) in the GENERAL PURPOSE and PLINKING bays. Auto Fire from a bipod or tripod is allowed on the HATHCOCK RIFLE RANGE. Bump fire and other rapid fire attachments are considered full auto for the purpose of approved locations for use. **BULLETS MUST NOT HIT THE FLAT GROUND.**

2.1 Firearm safety

Observe 5 basic rules of safety:

1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded
2. Never point a gun at anything you would not want destroyed
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target
4. Be sure of your target and what's behind it

5. Be aware (security conscious) of your surroundings and who is there

2.2 EYE AND EAR PROTECTION MUST BE WORN BY SHOOTERS AND SPECTATORS ON ALL RANGES.

2.3 NO ONE MAY SHOOT WHEN IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL OR MEDICINES TO ANY EXTENT. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed by anyone before or while participating in any shooting activity.

2.4 Down Range: No one may be down range of the FIRING LINE when any firing is in progress. Down Range Safety System **WILL** be used at all times. Any one calling cease fire for the purpose of checking targets or any other reason will switch the system to RED STROBE (no firing) until everyone is safely back behind the firing line. Only then can the person initiating the cease fire can allow firing to resume by changing the light back to GREEN (hot range). **NO ONE WILL TOUCH ANY WEAPON IN ANY MANNER WHILE THE RED STROBE IS FLASHING. THIS INCLUDES THE ACTION OF REMOVING OR BRINGING ANY FIREARM TO OR FROM THE FIRING LINE.** All guns must be unloaded and cleared while the RED light is on.

2.5 Cease fire: Anyone observing anyone down range or any other safety problem when firing is occurring must IMMEDIATELY shout "CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE". Everyone MUST stop firing and make their guns safe whenever they hear the command, "CEASE FIRE"

3.1 Identity: While on the range, all members must possess a valid MCRC card and present it to any other member upon demand. Members must wear their membership cards in an easily visible location while on the range. At any time you may be asked to confirm your identity with a current photo identification by any member of the Executive Committee. If any person does not comply with a request to identify themselves for any reason, please report this immediately to the club president, including the vehicle tag number of the person for further investigation.

3.2 Membership: MCRC membership includes all adults living in one household. Only members who have received the RANGE SAFETY BRIEFING may receive and use a gate access card and bring and supervise guests.

3.3 Range Use: The range is for the use of members and their guests. Visitors are allowed to participate in scheduled matches and special events. The range is open 365 days a year.

3.4 Guests: Members may bring a maximum of 4 guests at any time. More may be brought with the permission of the Executive Committee. Members are responsible for and MUST DIRECTLY supervise the use of the range by their guests.

3.5 Golden Rule: Be courteous and considerate of others while using the range.

3.6 Shooting Times: Shooting is allowed from 9 am to 1 hour after legal SUNSET or 9 pm whichever is earlier. Shooting by artificial lights is not allowed. No shooting may occur before or after these times without permission of the Executive Committee.

3.7 Club Equipment: Club equipment such as barricades and props may be used only with the permission of the Match Directors. Other materials on the range is club equipment and must not be used. Use of cardboard and sticks in the shed is encouraged.

3.8 Vehicles: No vehicles are allowed on any range except as specified or directed by a range officer or match director. Vehicles are allowed to drive to the HATHCOCK 200 yard target area. You may drive into the PLINKING BAY, the PLATE BAY, and the COOPER PISTOL BAYS. Speed limit is 15 MPH everywhere on the range.

3.9 Litter: Clean up your area. Remove all targets and stands you set up. Place all trash in receptacles in the bay or in the large dumpster in the parking lot. If you brought it with you, clean it up. If it was there when you got there, clean it up. Note: .22 rimfire cases do not need to be picked up but must be swept off the concrete pads.

3.10 Gate: Instructions for the gate must be strictly followed. Do not let other members in or out. Members **MUST** use their own card or code to access the range. On days when the gate is locked open (for matches or other reasons) it is strongly recommended that members use the key pad to log in. Failure to follow gate rules will result in an access violation and you may be locked in or out of the range. Guests will follow the member through the gate entering or leaving. Notify an officer **IMMEDIATELY** if you find the gate open on an empty range. Do not tamper with or try to force open the gate. You are responsible for any damage you cause. The gate does not register you in until 8:30 am. If you arrive before that time to assist with setup and plan to stay after the match, at some point after 8:30 you must log in.

3.11 Training classes: Any member using MCRC facilities for formal firearms training (not informally for friends or family) **MUST** obtain clearance from the club President at least 10 days Prior to conducting such classes. Members must provide their own targets and frames

3.12 Juniors: All children (under the age of 18) must have a permission slip from their parents while shooting at the range

3.13 Specific rules: Specific range rules for different bays may be adopted or changed by the Executive Committee. Such **SPECIFIC RANGE RULES** will be published in the Club newsletter, posted on the web site, posted at the club entrance, and on the applicable bay. These rules will have the same force and effect as these **GENERAL RANGE RULES**. **SPECIFIC RULES TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THESE GENERAL RANGE RULES.**

3.14 Violations: (Reporting) Any member observing a violation of any **RANGE RULE** must: Kindly notify the offender of the violation and report the a club officer Including any vehicle tag number, name, or member identification number of offender to a club officer

3.15 Violations: (Penalties) Violation of any range rule may subject the offender to immediate dismissal with no refund of dues paid or credits earned or suspension from the club at the discretion of the club President. Any violation of a range rule will cause the offender to be sent home from the range for the day by a member of the Executive Committee. Further violations will result in the disciplinary actions stated above. Any penalty decision of the President may be appealed by any member of the Executive Committee to the **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**. The Executive Committee is made up of all club officers, match directors, and liaisons. All disciplinary actions will be handled in accordance with the club bylaws.