

WINCHESTER CANYON GUN CLUB RANGE RULES

1. **The RANGEMASTER or TRAPMASTER has ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OVER THE RANGES AND FIELDS, AND MAY EXPEL ANYONE FOR VIOLATING THE RANGE RULES.** Safety at the Club is first and foremost. Any member who sees someone violating the Range Rules should inform the Rangemaster or Trapmaster during operating hours. If either is not present, the member has the responsibility and authority to correct the violation as quickly as safety permits.

2. Use of the ranges by members and their guest(s) is from sunrise to sunset seven days a week except on the equinoxes, solstices and pre-approved Native American ceremonial days when the Club is closed to all shooting. Members must accompany and be present with their guests. The lending of Club Membership cards or giving the gate combination to a non-member or guest is **ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN**. Anyone doing so will automatically be suspended from membership until summoned before the next Board meeting at which time the Board will determine the resolution of the matter.

3. When the Rangemaster or Trapmaster are not on their respective fields, those gates shall be kept locked at all times. No representative, unless approved by the Board, shall open the fields, sheds or containers to anyone.

4. All shooters **MUST** sign a disclaimer prior to any shooting on the ranges during operating hours, including all events.

5. **MINORS:** Minors under the age of 18 **MUST** be under the direct control and immediate close supervision of a parent or accompanying adult at all times when on the premises. The Rangemaster and Trapmaster will not act as an accompanying adult. The supervising adult **MUST** sign the Adult with Accompanying Minor Agreement before allowing a minor on the firing line. A person under 18 **MUST** be under the direct control of a parent or legal guardian, or have the written permission of a parent or legal guardian and be under the direct control of an adult 21 or older to fire a pistol at the WCGC.

6. Use only pistols on the Pistol Range, rifles on the Rifle Range, and only shotguns on the Trap and Skeet Fields. No rifle or pistol shooting on the shotgun fields at any time. Handguns and shotguns are permitted on the 200 yard range IF REQUIRED DURING AN EVENT APPROVED BY THE BOARD. .22 rimfire rifles are permitted on the pistol range. Firing modern rifles chambered for caliber 50 BMG and larger is prohibited. This prohibition applies to modern rifles only and does not extend to pistols, muzzleloading firearms or rifles chambered for one of the early black powder cartridges. The use of tracer or steel cored (AP) ammunition is strictly prohibited.

7. Shooting will be at properly posted paper targets only on the rifle and pistol ranges, except for metallic silhouette, bowling pins, and falling plate targets. Clay targets are used on the shotgun fields. Clay targets and plastic bottles are permitted as stationary or tethered targets during approved events on the 200 yard range. **SHOOTING AT STRUCTURES, EXPLODING TARGETS, ROCKS, HARD FLAT SURFACES, ANYTHING MADE OF GLASS, TRASH OR TARGETS PLACED SO ROUNDS CAN "SKIP" OUT OF THE RANGE IS FORBIDDEN ON THE WCGC PREMISES.**

8. BOTH EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION ARE MANDATORY.

9. When not on the firing line, all firearms will be unloaded, with action open and muzzle pointed in a safe direction (pointed down on the shotgun fields and up on rifle and pistol ranges). Unused rifles will be in a rack and pistols will be holstered or in a case. Leaving the range area with a holstered pistol will be at the discretion of the Rangemaster. **AT NO TIME WILL A FIREARM BE LOADED EXCEPT ON COMMAND DURING A MATCH OR EVENT.**

10. CEASE FIRE: When a CEASE FIRE is called for any reason, ALL FIREARMS MUST BE UNLOADED, ACTIONS OPEN, RIFLES IN A RACK, AND PISTOLS BENCHED OR IN A CASE. **HANDLING OF FIREARMS IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN FOR ANY REASON WHENEVER PEOPLE ARE FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE.** No one shall step forward of the rifle or pistol bay pads for any reason while the range is live. The range must be closed and a CEASE FIRE called before allowing anyone down range. **There are NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE;** to do so will cause the immediate expulsion for the day of the violator.

11. USE OF THE 200 YARD RANGE: In order to eliminate the possibility of personal injury due to cross-firing or ricochets between the pistol range and the 200 yard range, a signboard is placed on the pistol range indicating that the 200 yard range is or is not in use. The use of the 200 yard range during operating hours is limited to Board approved procedures under the control of the Rangemaster. During non-operating hours, persons desiring to use the 200 yard range must first stop at the pistol range, set the sign to indicate that the 200 yard range is open, and so inform all shooters present. **WHEN THE 200 YARD RANGE IS OPEN, NO PERSON ON EITHER THE 200 YARD RANGE OR THE PISTOL RANGE MAY PROCEED PAST THE RESPECTIVE 50 YARD TARGET LINES UNLESS OR UNTIL A MUTUAL CEASE FIRE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.** A mutual cease-fire may be accomplished by any reliable method of communication. The last shooter leaving the 200 yard range must stop and change the sign on the pistol range indicating that the 200 yard range is no longer in use.

12. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED ON THE FIRING LINE.** Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs are not permitted on the firing line. **ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES.** The consumption of alcoholic beverages at the clubhouse on the trap field is at the discretion of the Trapmaster.

13. **RESPECT THOSE AROUND YOU!** All pets **WILL** be on a leash or contained at all times. Do not engage in boisterous play that disturbs other people.

14. **DON'T LITTER** - clean up after shooting (brass, targets, etc.) and put debris in the container provided before leaving the range. Event Chairs are responsible for assuring the range is clean at the end of activities. The placing of live (unfired or dud) ammunition in the regular trash is strictly prohibited. It must be placed in the appropriate container, given to the Rangemaster or Trapmaster, or taken with you.

15. RULES SPECIFIC TO ANY RANGE/FIELD/EVENT MUST BE FOLLOWED.

16. Shooters will be held responsible for any damage to Club property. The Club is not responsible for damages to personal property caused by Club activities. A firearms instructor using the Club's facilities for training **MUST** be certified, be a Club member and be approved by the Board of Directors.