

Standard Operating Procedure for the Rifle and Handgun Ranges at Saginaw Field and Stream Club

PURPOSE

This procedure outlines the rules and regulations governing the use of the rifle range and handgun ranges, located at Saginaw Field & Stream Club (SF&S). The following rules and regulations are established to ensure safety and discipline for individuals using the range as well as the safety of our neighbors and surrounding properties.

GENERAL

Live firing conducted at the range is designed to provide members and authorized others access to a facility where they can become proficient with firearms and practice both individual and group shooting sports. Individuals using the range shall become familiar with these safety rules and procedures prior to using the range. The range safety rules and procedures help to provide range supervision and allow for enforcement of these rules to reduce or eliminate unsafe incidents.

All users are required to enforce these rules. All users are expected to politely inform any user in violation of these rules, the nature of the violation, request they stop, and if continued violation occurs, report the incident on the Range Incident Report Form.

DEFINITIONS

1. Approved firing: Deliberate, controlled and aimed fire, which results in every shot hitting the lower half of the impact berm.
2. Rapid firing: (NOT ALLOWED) Firing two or more shots in a one-second period.
3. Uncontrolled firing: (NOT ALLOWED) Firing from the hip, firing a long gun without the butt of the stock against the shooter's shoulder, or any other type of firing in which the firearm is not aimed by having the shooter's eye aligned with the firearm sights and the sights aligned with an approved target.
4. Approved targets: Paper targets only are allowed on all firearm ranges, unless other targets are employed during club-sanctioned events.
5. Hot Range: No Cease Fire is in effect; guns may be handled and fired.
6. Cold Range: Cease Fire is in effect, stay away from shooting benches and NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS.

RANGE USE REQUIREMENTS

All Saginaw Field and Stream (SF&S) rifle and handgun range use is covered by these Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). These SOP's define what every member must know to utilize the SF&S ranges. These SOP's are available at the SF&S club house, SF&S website: www.saginawfieldandstream.com, from a SF&S board member, or at the bulletin board at each of the firearm ranges.

RESTRICTIONS

The following are strictly prohibited on SF&S property:

- A. No hunting on the club grounds or shooting at wildlife
- B. No shooting cross-range
- C. Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs that will affect his or her ability to participate with a maximum state of awareness and in a completely safe manner, before or during live firing.
- D. Fully Automatic firearms and simulated automatic firearms, such as crank guns, slide-fire mechanisms, or trigger crank mechanisms are PROHIBITED.
- E. Rapid firing or Uncontrolled firing are not allowed.
- F. No firing of armor-piercing, tracer or incendiary ammunition allowed. Armor piercing ammunition is defined as a projectile or a projectile core which may be used in a firearm and which is constructed entirely of tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze, beryllium copper, or a combination of any of the above.
- G. No bullet impacts off the range into posts, target frames, tables, barricades, signs, storage containers, sheds, or any other structure or range feature not a SF&S board-approved impact area.
- H. No repeated misses of the target board, or bullet strikes that ricochet causing a danger of bullets leaving the range.
- I. No disruptive activities, such as horseplay or loud music.
- J. No loaded firearms other than licensed concealed pistols inside the range buildings or clubhouse.
- K. No Paint balls or paint ball firearms allowed on any range or club grounds.

ALLOWABLE FIREARMS

100 Yard Range - Allowed Firearms:

Centerfire Rifles up to and including .50 Caliber Bolt Action

Black Powder Rifles

Air guns

Rimfire Rifles

Shotguns

1. Handguns are NOT allowed on the 100 Yard range at any time with the following exception: Handguns will be allowed on the 100 Yard range only if the member displays sufficient competency and possesses a current membership card displaying authorization by the club president.
2. Shotguns may be fired on the 100 Yard range if the purpose is to sight in the firearm with slugs, or pattern the firearm with buckshot. Special approved target stands (not provided) must be used for

shotgun patterning with buckshot. All shots with slugs or buckshot must impact the lower half of the berm.

50 Yard Range – Allowed Firearms

Centerfire Handguns	All Black Powder Firearms
Rimfire Handguns	Shotguns
Rimfire Rifles	Airguns

ALLOWABLE FIREARMS, (continued)

10 Yard (Lower) Range – Allowed firearms

Handguns (pistol calibers only, no 223's, etc.)

Air guns

Law enforcement agencies, and military units are exempt from weapon-type restrictions, except NO crew-served weapons will be allowed.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

Range Safety Officers (RSO) are NOT required as part of open shooting on the rifle or handgun ranges. Every member shall be considered a SF&S volunteer RSO and shall be required to insure that all other SF&S members and their escorted guests adhere to the rules and SOPs in this document. You are also required to address all unsafe behavior as soon as you become aware of it, and to politely inform members of their error. If the shooter becomes belligerent, or continues his unsafe practice, leave the range and obtain his vehicle description including license plate. Record the date and time and give the information to a board member. A cell phone may be used to take a vehicle photo.

SF&S BOARD AUTHORIZED MATCHES AND EVENTS

Activity chairmen are authorized by the SF&S Board to conduct competitive matches and practice sessions at their discretion. Authorized, certified RSO's shall have full authority over all formal shooting events conducted at the firearms ranges.

Activity chairmen are responsible for the safe conduct of authorized matches and may use modified range rules for the purpose of conducting these matches or practice sessions.

In all cases, these events must be conducted with the primary goals of safe shooting for the participants and the prevention of projectiles leaving the range.

GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. Everyone is required to adhere to the written Standard Operating Procedures for Rifle and Handgun Ranges at Saginaw Field & Stream Club.

2. All scheduled use of the Ranges shall take precedence over any individual or personal activity – NO EXCEPTIONS

3. All Vehicles shall be parked in the designated parking areas, unless authorized by the SF&S board.

4. Non-members of the Club must pay the daily range use fee at the drop box. A Club member must accompany and supervise the guest at all times while on the range.

5. Club shooting hours are 8 AM until sunset, unless at an organized event with range lights. All shooting, including events, must stop at 10 PM sharp!

GENERAL RANGE RULES, (continued)

6. Targets may be purchased in the clubhouse, and personal targets may be used if they meet the specific range requirements and Safety SOP. Paper targets only may be used on the firearm ranges. The ranges must be clean prior to leaving.

7. Police your brass. If you do not wish to keep it for your own use, place it in the brass collection boxes. Any scavenging of brass left on the ground is considered stealing from the club and will not be tolerated.

8. All firing can only be done from the designated firing line.

9. Off-hand shooting of center fire rifles is not allowed at 100 yd range.

10. Prone shooting is not allowed on any range.

11. If your rounds are not going to hit the bottom half of the berm – DO NOT FIRE!

12. All shooters and spectators must wear ear and eye protection. Ear plugs, ear muffs and safety eyewear are available for purchase or rent inside the range building or clubhouse when they are open.

13. As part of the range safety procedures, all safety rules will be followed.

14. All firearms must be unloaded with actions open, or cased when arriving at or leaving the firing line.

15. When a cease-fire is called, all firearms are to be unloaded, with action open and magazines removed, and placed on the bench pointing downrange with the bolt up.

16. NO firearms are to be handled or moved while anyone is down range.

17. Firing in a careless manner will not be tolerated. Shoot at your target only. Do not shoot at any elevation that will allow a bullet to travel over the backstop berm.

18. No mining of lead on the berms

19. No foot traffic on the berms

20. Please help us keep our range clean by picking up after yourself. Please respect the equipment and clean up your area when you are through shooting for the day. If you move something, put it back. If you break something, report it so it can be repaired for future use. If you make a mess, clean it up. This is your range – treat it as such.

RANGE SAFETY

Range commands:

CEASE FIRE – to stop all shooting

Participants immediately stop shooting, open the action, lay the firearm down with the action visible and remain at your station until given further instructions

COMMENCE FIRING – to declare the range formally open for live fire

MOVE BACK BEHIND THE READY LINE – move behind the ready line and await further instructions

YOU MAY GO CHECK YOUR TARGETS – shooters may go downrange to check their targets.

FIREARMS CARRY AND HANDLING

1. Except when shooting, firearms outside a case must always be unloaded, with the magazine out, and action open.
2. When carrying firearms from a vehicle to the Firing Line, firearms must be unloaded and inside a closed case.
3. Hot Range Procedure: Proceed to a shooting bench, uncase the firearm with the muzzle pointing downrange, take out any magazines, open the action.
4. Cease Fire Range Procedure: Remain behind the firing line and do not uncase any firearms until the cease fire is completed and the firing line is back to a Hot Range

FIRING LINE RULES

1. At all times the NRA GUN SAFETY RULES MUST BE OBSERVED
 - A. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
 - B. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - C. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
 - D. Be sure of your target and what's beyond.
2. Eye and ear protection is mandatory. Everything under the shooting canopy is an eye protection area.

3. Each firing position is labeled to a corresponding target stand position. Shooters must only shoot in their respective shooting lanes.

FIRING LINE RULES, (continued)

4. While firing off a bench or otherwise, bullets may not leave the impact area. At the 100 Yard Range, all shooting must be done from the bench with the shot fired through the safety window. The shooter must not be able to see above the berm while seated. (NO BLUE SKY).

5. During a cease-fire, all firearms are to be unloaded with actions open.

6. No one is allowed forward of the firing line unless the range has been declared safe.

7. Once on the firing line, a firearm's muzzle must be pointed down range at all times.

8. Loaded firearms must be pointed down range with the barrel horizontal.

9. Only one firearm and matching ammunition is allowed at a shooting station at a time.

10. Shoot only at paper targets.

11. If there is a misfire, be sure to keep the muzzle pointed down range, (preferably on target) for at least 30 seconds, in case it is a hang fire.

12. After a misfire or jam, the firearm must be cleared. If it cannot be safely cleared, the firearm must be removed from SF&S property as quickly and safely as possible.

13. Only one shooter's target is allowed per frame.

RANGE RULES SPECIFIC TO BLACK POWDER FIREARMS

1. Smoking is not allowed under the covered firing line or forward of the firing line.

2. No charging of muzzle loaders from powder cans or flasks. They are only to be charged from a powder measure, pre-measured charges or pellets.

3. Muzzle loaders are to be loaded and cleaned behind the firing line where they are to remain until the line is made hot. They are to remain visibly uncapped, or, in the case of flintlocks, the pan unprimed with the frizzen open and hammer down until they are on the firing line and ready to fire.

4. Powder containers are not to be brought up to the firing line. Close all powder containers when not in use. Primers to be kept at the firing line. Only small quantities of priming powder for flintlocks are allowed on the firing line.