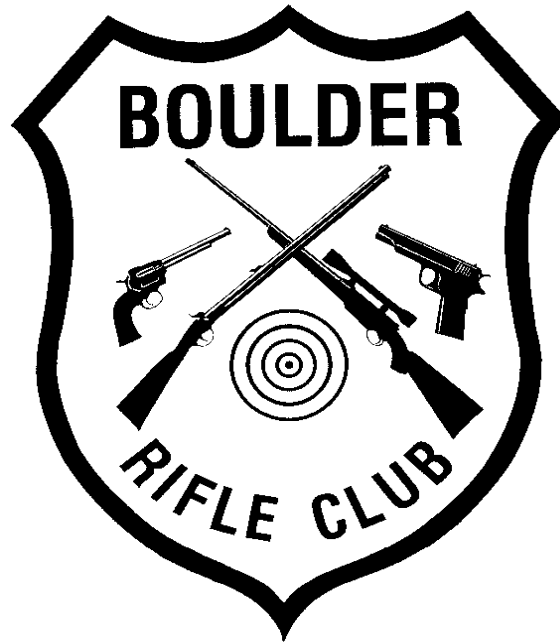


# **Boulder Rifle Club Range Rules**



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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 PURPOSE**

As a Member-owned and Member-operated club, it is vital that all members have a complete knowledge and understanding of the Boulder Rifle Club Range Rules. The purpose of this manual is to inform members of the Range Rules, and to act as a reference for members and range officers and when they are confronted with a new or different situation on any of our ranges.

## **1.2 SAFETY AND THE RANGE RULES**

The most important duty of any member is to keep the range safe. The member does this by knowing, following, and helping to enforce the Boulder Rifle Club range rules. If you are uncertain whether an activity or situation complies with the Range Rules, ask any Board member for clarification. Please err on the side of caution and safety.

## **1.3 EXCEPTIONS TO THE RANGE RULES**

The following Range Rules are in effect at all times, on all Boulder Rifle Club ranges for all users. Any exceptions to the range rules must be explained and justified in advance and approved by the Board of Directors. Suspension of range privileges or loss of membership may occur if any of the following rules are violated by a member or their guests. Violators will be brought before the Board of Directors.

# **2. GENERAL RANGE RULES**

## **2.1 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **2.1.1 PROTECT OUR CLUB**

Members shall have a current, valid membership card on their person and have a liability release form on file when on any BRC property.

Do not share or reveal any BRC lock combination with any non-member.

Lock the gate behind you. At the South Range during scheduled activities involving non-members, the gate shall be left in the condition in which you found it; during events, the gate may be closed with the chain attached with a mariner's clip, with the

padlock secured to the eye-bolt on the gate post. Always lock the North Range gate after entering and upon leaving.

Only BRC Members who have attended a Range Rules Class and possess a current BRC Membership card shall open any BRC locks.

No individuals under the influence of alcohol, medications or other substances which impair vision, balance, or judgment are allowed on the range. Nor are such items to be consumed on the property. Possession of drugs, including alcohol, is not allowed on BRC property. This is in addition to prohibitions of use or being under the influence.

Every individual present on the range is responsible for safety. If a Range Officer is present, the RO has the final authority and control over all activities on the range.

It is the duty of any member to ask anyone who acts in an unsafe manner to cease their unsafe actions and/or leave the range.

## **2.1.2 GUEST POLICIES**

The ranges are open to non-members only when accompanied by a BRC Member or under the control of a Range Officer (RO) on that range.

Members have the right to bring guests when the range is not open to the public. During times when the South Range is open to the public, guests must pay the range fee.

Guests must be under the host BRC Member's direct supervision at all times if the range is closed to the public, otherwise under the direct supervision of a RO.

Do not bring more guests than you can safely supervise. The host BRC Member must be present on the same range as any guest.

All guests must sign a waiver. Parents or guardians must execute a waiver for anyone under the age of 18.

If the South Range is open to the public, all the shooters including BRC Members must be signed-in, execute a waiver, and Member's guests will pay the usual range fees. Members and Spouse members shall have their membership card with them while on the range and have a waiver on file. On Public Days, BRC Members without a current card must sign in, sign a waiver and pay usual non-member fees.

All guests must be made aware of the following Colorado statute:

### **13-21-111.8 Assumption of risk - shooting ranges.**

**Any person who engages in sport shooting activities at a qualifying sport shooting range, as defined under section 25-12-109 (2) (d), C.R.S., assumes the risk of injury**

**or damage associated with sport shooting activities as set forth in section 13-21-111.7.**

**For purposes of this section, "Engages in Sport Shooting Activities" means entering and exiting a qualifying sport shooting range, preparing to shoot, waiting to shoot, shooting, or assisting another person in shooting at a qualifying sport shooting range. The term includes being a spectator at a qualifying sport shooting range and being present in the range for any reason.**

### **2.1.3 MEMBER RELATIONS**

Each member is entitled to only one space on the firing line. If other spaces are unoccupied, guests may use them. If not, members and their guests must share range time/facilities. A member should not expect that all their guests can be accommodated or allowed to shoot at the same time.

Any member who brings children, spouse, guests, or pets to the range shall be responsible for keeping them behind the firing line and for their conduct and safety.

Pets should be kept under control or in a vehicle and any member bringing a pet shall be expected to clean up after it if needed.

Be courteous and share usage with others present.

It is the responsibility of all shooters to protect the range facilities by placing targets only where designated by the rules and never to allow shooting into target supports. It is also their responsibility to ensure that no one litters the range by leaving behind paper targets or other items used for targets. Broken clay targets may be left behind.

It is the responsibility of Members to maintain the condition of the ranges. If a target carrier (plywood) is worn and unusable, remove it to the designated disposal area, and replace it from ready inventory.

It is the responsibility of Members to report to any Board member any BRC property damage or equipment failure so the issue may be promptly addressed.

### **2.1.4 RANGE CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS**

Usage of a given range may be restricted for setup prior to its use for a scheduled match or class. If it is to be restricted the day prior to a match, it should be after 4:00 PM.

The entire North or South Range shall be closed until 4:00 PM on scheduled work days or until special tasks are completed.

All planned South Range matches or activities will be published in advance in the newsletter and on the website calendar. Check the website for any updates.

### **2.1.5 RANGE FEES**

All users of the indoor range must pay for use of the range which is \$5 per shooter visit; match fees include this payment.

Members' spouses may shoot free of charge on outdoor ranges (except in matches) when in the company of the member.

Individuals under the age of 18 may shoot free of charge on outdoor ranges as long as they are using only **one** range position and are supervised by an adult member or paying adult if the range is open to the public. All guests must execute a waiver. Parents or guardians must execute a waiver for anyone under the age of 18.

Range fees are included in all match fees. If a shooter has competed in a match on a day the range is open to the public, range fees shall be considered to have been paid.

## **2.2 RANGE RULES FOR ALL RANGES**

### **2.2.1 Hours of Operation**

Hours of operation for all outdoor ranges are 7:00 AM or sunrise (whichever is later) until dusk. Dusk at the BRC is defined as when the sun has set behind the foothills.

Indoor Range hours are 24/7 if no scheduled activity is taking place.

### **2.2.2 Basic Safety**

Eye and ear protection are required for both shooters and spectators at all times when on any BRC range.

No one is to climb on or shoot from the berms. Doing so will destroy the berms and possibly result in injury to those who do the climbing.

North is the only direction in which a firearm may be discharged on any outdoor range, with the exception of the 50-foot range at the North Range.

All firearms on the firing line shall point down range at all times except when holstered, slung or in the racks.

Firearms shall be handled on the firing line only when no one is down range, or in an area designated for safe handling. There shall be no loaded firearms handled behind the firing line.

All firing shall be from a common firing line on each range. The normal firing lines on all ranges shall be the northern edge of the concrete pads. The firing lines may be moved closer to the targets upon agreement of the shooters present but may never be moved to the rear of the normal positions.

In order to avoid ricochets, no targets shall be placed on the floor of any ranges and no shooting shall be allowed into the floor of any range.

Firing shall be from firing positions to corresponding targets only. No cross-range firing.

No shooting at steel targets is to take place closer than eleven yards directly in front of the targets.

All bullets must impact the backstops or a steel target.

## **2.3 FIREARM and AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS**

### **2.3.1 Full-Automatic**

Owners of Class III firearms must adhere to all NFA rules and regulations for any firearm used at the Boulder Rifle Club.

Full-Automatic firearms are only permitted at the South Range.

No automatic firearms shall be allowed when the range is open to the public. Full-automatic fire is not permitted during public range days or matches.

### **2.3.2 Other firearm restrictions**

The use of rifles in caliber .50 BMG and/or those with a normal case capacity of 150 grains or more of powder is prohibited.

Shotguns firing other than slugs are generally prohibited on all rifle or handgun ranges except when used during an authorized match.

Shotguns firing pellets may be used for patterning or practice purposes on the 25 or 50-yard ranges when proper facilities are in place but are not to be fired into wooden target backers. Use the patterning fixture or bring your own target.

Additional firearm restrictions apply on some BRC Ranges. [See Sections 4.1, 4.2]

### **2.3.3 Ammunition Restrictions**

The use of ammunition in caliber .50 BMG and/or those with a normal case capacity of 150 grains or more of powder is prohibited.

No incendiary or tracer ammunition is allowed on any BRC range.

Steel jacketed or steel core ammunition may not be used on the indoor range, the plate racks or other metallic targets belonging to the club.

BRC restricts cartridges used on steel targets and Indoor Range. [See Sections 4.1.3 and 4.1.7.]

### **3. APPROVED TARGETS AND TARGET PLACEMENT**

**3.1** No exploding targets are to be used on any BRC range.

**3.2** No bowling pins may be used as targets.

**3.3** Outdoor targets shall be confined to paper, cardboard, soft plastic, clay, or metal cans (absolutely no glass or hard plastics). Metal cans and soft plastic containers are permitted but must be removed by the shooter before leaving the range. All disposable targets, excluding clay targets, shall be disposed of in the proper receptacles before leaving the range.

**3.4** Indoor targets may be paper, soft plastic or cardboard only.

**3.5** Firing at metal targets shall be permitted, so long as no rounds leave the range. All metallic targets must be placed directly in front of the backstops so that a miss will impact the backstop, not the range floor, or where facilities are set up for this activity. Steel targets such as dueling trees are not permitted.

**3.6** All non-paper targets shall be placed against the backstop. No targets are to be placed on or near the top of the backstop.

**3.7** All paper targets shall be placed in the center of the target boards. No targets are to be placed on the 2x4 target frames.

**3.8** Steel targets with designated distances or designated uses are not to be used for other distances or purposes. Steel targets made for the Cowboy program are not to be used with jacketed or high velocity bullets.

**3.9** Any personally owned target that can present a rearward, sideward (for example, dueling trees) or angle away from the shooter or at an angle that would send a projectile off the range is prohibited.

**3.10** No double taps are allowed on rearward falling metal targets.

**3.11** No shooting of steel targets is to take place closer than 11 yards from the target.

**3.12** No targets shall be placed on the floor of any BRC ranges and no shooting shall be allowed into the floor of any range.



## 4. RULES FOR SPECIFIC RANGES

### 4.1 SOUTH RANGE

#### 4.1.1 Rules governing use of full-auto (machine guns) at the South Range:

- Owners of Class III firearms must adhere to all NFA rules and regulations for any firearm used at the Boulder Rifle Club
- Fully automatic fire is not permitted during public range days or matches.
- Fully automatic fire is permitted only on the 50 and 100-yard ranges.
- The 50-yard range shall be the primary range to be used for fully automatic fire.
- Fully automatic fire shall be done directly into the backstop from a distance not to exceed 25 yards. This will allow for better control of rounds to avoid ricochets and rounds leaving the ranges or being shot into the floor of the ranges.

#### 4.1.2 25-Yard Range:

Only handgun and rim fire rifle shooting are permitted on the 25-yard range with the exception of matches. Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCC) are not approved for the 25-Yard Range.

#### 4.1.3 Plate Rack (25-Yard Range):

Firearms allowed on the rack include center fire handguns firing non-magnum, .45 caliber and below, straight walled handgun cartridges. Handguns and rifles firing .22 rim fire are allowed. Members may request that a specific cartridge be added to the approved list (below) through a request to the Board. Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCC) are not approved for the plate rack.

These cartridges are allowed on the plate rack in addition to non-magnum energy; .45 calibers or less, straight walled metallic handgun cartridges, and the following: .30 Luger; .32-20 W.C.F.; .357 SIG.; 38-40 W.C.F.; .38-45 Clerke; .44-40 W.C.F; 9mm Makarov.

No shooting is to take place closer than eleven yards directly in front of the plate rack!

Do not place other targets on the plate rack.

Check bolts, plates and rack each time prior to beginning shooting session and place the lock where it won't be hit. Lock up plates and the reset system before leaving the range.

#### **4.1.4 50-Yard Range:**

Rim fire, center fire and black powder, handguns, rifles and shotguns firing slugs may be used on the 50-yard range.

Center fire rifle shooters may use the 50-yard range for initial sighting-in but then should move to the 100 or 200-yard ranges.

Shotguns may be patterned on the 50-yard range using the patterning fixture, which is inside the storage building. Shotguns firing bird shot or buck shot shall not be fired at the plywood target backers.

#### **4.1.5 100-Yard Range:**

Firearms allowed on this range include black powder, rim fire or center fire rifles, handguns and shotguns firing slugs. Handguns should be used from a supported position. Shotguns firing bird shot or buck shot shall not be fired at the plywood target backers.

The firing line on the 100-yard range shall be the northern edge of the bench rests. In no case may a person shoot from the behind the bench rests.

#### **4.1.6 200-Yard Range:**

Firearms allowed on this range include black powder, rim fire or center fire rifles, handguns and shotguns firing slugs. Handguns should be used from a supported position. Do not put targets in the corners of the target backers, place targets on cardboard over the hole. Shotguns firing bird shot or buck shot shall not be fired at the plywood target backers.

The firing line on the 200-yard range shall be the northern edge of the prone pad. The firing line may be moved closer to the targets or to the bench rests on the 200-yard range upon agreement of the shooters present, bench rests may be moved off the rear of the prone pad, but no shooting shall be done past the rear of the pad!

In no case may a person shoot from the bench rests behind the 200-yard range or while others are using the prone pad.

#### **4.1.7 Indoor Range:**

The indoor range is open to members and guests only, with the exception of scheduled matches and programs. All users of the indoor range must pay for use of the range which is \$5 per shooter visit; match fees include this payment.

Anyone (members and guests) using the indoor range must sign in upon entering the building either on the logbook by the entrance or with the individual(s) running the match/activity and pay the match fee, or slip an envelope with the members and guests names containing the range use fee (s) in the drop safe next to the vault door.

All guests must execute a waiver. Parents or guardians must execute a waiver for anyone under the age of 18 (members should have a waiver on file).

Firearms allowed on this range include center fire handguns firing **non-magnum, .45 calibers and below, straight walled handgun cartridges**, rim fire rifles, handguns and air guns. Specific additional cartridges (below) have been approved by the Board of Directors for use on the indoor range. Members may request that a specific cartridge be added to the approved list through a request to the Board. Pistol Caliber Carabines (PCC) are not approved.

These cartridges are allowed on the indoor range in addition to non-magnum energy; .45 calibers or less, straight walled metallic handgun cartridges, and the following: .30 Luger; .32-20 W.C.F.; .357 SIG.; 38-40 W.C.F.; .38-45 Clerke; .44-40 W.C.F.; 9mm Makarov

The ventilation system of the indoor range shall be used whenever firing on the indoor range. To use the system, turn on the intake fans (timer controlled) and shut both sets of range doors.

Firing shall be from firing positions to corresponding targets only, no cross-range firing. To further clarify this for indoor use it should be stated that all firing must be directly perpendicular (+/- 10 degrees) to the target boards. Targets must be positioned to avoid hits on the wooden frames, metal support posts or the floor.

Failure to sign in, have executed a waiver, or pay the appropriate range fee (s) for the indoor range shall result in a punitive fee of twice the normal range fee and a one-month suspension of indoor range privileges. Infractions or violation of an existing suspension shall result in additional Board sanctions.

The Indoor Range may be used any time there is not a class, match or meeting in progress.

All targets used on the indoor range during matches are to be placed downrange of the yellow stripe on the range floor.

All errant rounds (a bullet not impacting the plywood target backers) must be reported by the responsible member to a Board member within 12 hours of the incident. Furthermore, the damage must be repaired by the responsible member within 7 days. After review of the incident, the Board will decide if additional action will be taken. After September 01, 2017, any member seeking to use the indoor range must have attended an indoor range orientation.

No shooting is to take place from forward of the yellow line on the floor which is 21' from the target board.

Additional range rules may be established for specific matches and/or ranges. These rules will be posted or explained at the range(s).

## **4.2 NORTH RANGE**

**4.2.1** The North Range is restricted to members and their guests at all times. Everyone, including guests, must sign in at the pistol shed when arriving at the range. General safety rules are applicable to its use and specific rules are posted at the range. Members are responsible for seeing that their guests are aware of and follow the rules and safe operating procedures. All guests must execute a waiver. Parents or guardians must execute a waiver for anyone under the age of 18 (members should have a waiver on file).

**4.2.2** All shooting on the North Range shall be done in a direction perpendicular to the backstops with care taken to be sure that all rounds impact a backstop or steel target.

**4.2.3** Whereas there is no designated Range Officer at the North Range, each individual on the range is responsible for range safety.

**4.2.4** There is no trap shooting at the North Range – no aerial targets.

**4.2.5** Full-auto (machine-gun) use is not allowed at the North Range.

**4.2.6** Only handgun and rim fire rifle shooting is permitted on the 50 foot range (north of the 100-yard range).

**4.2.7** Take any large trash, cardboard, plastic jugs with you when you leave.