

7/8/24 – Modified H,I,J,K Rule #7 from “near backstop” to “within 9 feet (3 yards) of backstop” added \$50 fine for shooting baffles or baffle supports.

3/10/24 – Changes approved by BOD effective May 1, 2024

Major changes:

- Automatic firearms are allowed if only used in semi-auto. Any Automatic fire and simulated auto fire is still prohibited.
- C range: 150 backstop included for authorized events
- C range: pistols loaded and fired single-shot are allowed within the single-shot pistol rules. The other pistols on C rules remain as-is.
- E range: Changed requirements for 40, 60, 75m steel targets to a velocity / energy limit that is easier to manage.
- Clarified members must badge in and out each time, even if gate is open.
- Removed shotgun flying clay shooting on E due to baffles
- Other text clarifications and formatting cleanup.

12/3/2023 – Changed general rules to prohibit guests by probationary members.

Updated 2023- General Rules 6 & 8, Range C Rule 2, Range D Rule 2, Clarified H-K Rule 7

AUSTIN RIFLE CLUB RULES

This document is based on ARC Bylaws, paragraphs 10.05 and 13.01. The Range Specific Rules may only be changed by the Board of Directors. The Director of Range Safety (DRS) is tasked with the responsibility to enforce these rules. The Director of Range Safety has complete charge of the firing ranges and overseeing their use and safety..

Physical address for 911: 16312 Littig Road, Manor, TX 78653, Travis County.

CAUTION: The range is in a flood plain. It is subject to flooding that will block the crossing over the creek and prevent exit from the range. Water can raise very quickly, Watch for rainfall reports especially in the Pflugerville and Manor areas.

Austin Rifle Club — General Rules

1. **SAFETY FIRST!** Every shooter has the personal responsibility to make sure that each bullet fired impacts safely in a backstop or bullet trap. Every Member has a **DUTY** to report rules violations and unsafe acts.
2. **Eye and Ear Protection:** All Shooters and guests within 50’ of an outdoors hot firing line are required to wear eye and hearing protection.. Standard hearing aids are not acceptable

hearing protection.

3. Smoking is not allowed within 25 feet when black powder is in use by any shooter.
4. The ARC Range Safety Director, Match Director, or Activity Director in charge of any scheduled activity has complete authority over shooters and spectators on ARC facilities.
5. A Range Safety Officer is required at any shooting activity that is open to the public.
6. All firearms brought to the firing line must be unloaded and cased or unloaded, actions open and muzzles pointed vertically up or down. Pistols may be carried in a holster that keeps the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Holstered pistols must remain in the holster except on a hot range. Before anyone goes forward of the firing line for a Cold Range, all firearms shall be made safe, actions open and the firearm completely unloaded. All firearms must be grounded, tabled, racked, or cased. FIREARMS SHALL NOT BE HANDLED when anyone is forward of the firing line. This includes casing or uncasing and moving uncased firearms to or from a vehicle. This rule may be superseded at the discretion of the RSO supervising that event.
7. All shooting shall be properly aimed, using a sight picture. There shall be no un-sighted, instinct, hip, or fast draw shooting. A pistol may be drawn from a holster, the sights properly aligned and fired. Rapid fire is defined as the rate a shooter can fire a firearm while correctly aligning the sights between each shot.
8. Fully automatic fire, select-fire , simulated full automatic fire (eg: bumpfire, binary triggers, mag-dumps, FRTs, etc.) and cannons are prohibited. Legal NFA suppressors, Short Barreled Rifles and Short Barreled Shotguns are allowed. Consult Range Safety Director before shooting Destructive Devices and AOWs.
9. The use of incendiary devices and/or tracer ammunition is prohibited
10. Muzzle loading firearms using a patch or wad may not be used during a Travis County burn ban.
11. There shall be no use of intoxicants of any kind on the club range before or during shooting.
12. Use of Austin Rifle Club facilities is limited to members and invited guests for the purpose of recreational shooting only except as otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. Any non-ARC activity, either for profit or non-profit, unless approved by the BOD and scheduled on the ARC calendar is prohibited. Anyone using the facilities is subject to all rules of the Club.
13. Only full members (non-probationary) may have guests on the range.
14. Each member shall display his or her Membership Badge while on the range and badge in and out each time they enter or exit the property. Guests whether shooting or not, shall be registered in the log book, sign a waiver of liability in the stat house and wear visitor identification while on the range. All activities are subject to this rule.
15. Individual guests may shoot at the range no more than two times in a calendar year. This restriction does not apply to scheduled matches, or to guests who reside more than 100 miles from the Austin Rifle Club range.
16. Members under the age of 18 (Associates or Juniors) and guests of any age may fire on the

range only when under the direct supervision of an adult ARC member. No more than three adult guests, two Juniors (12-17), or one child under 12, may be shooting at any one time under the supervision of one adult club member. Scheduled matches and approved classes are not subject to this rule.

17. Children under 18 are not allowed on the Austin Rifle Club range premises unless they are under the direct supervision of an adult who shall be responsible for them and keep them away from danger zones.
18. Anyone causing any damage to Club equipment or facilities shall be personally and monetarily liable for such damage. There is a minimum \$50 fine for shots into overhead baffles and baffle supports. The host member is liable for damage caused by a guest. Interfering with club property and infrastructure (blocking roads, gate, cameras, etc.) is prohibited. Observe posted speed limits on the property.
19. The Club is not responsible for personal property or equipment left on the Club premises.
20. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

If you do not agree with and cannot comply with these rules the Austin Rifle Club is not for you. These rules must be followed without exception, not only for your personal safety, but also for the well-being of the Club and the sport. It is the responsibility of each member to obey these rules, to enforce them at all times, and to report violations of these rules to a member of the Board of Directors. Violations can result in penalties including suspension of membership or permanent expulsion with no credit or refund of any dues or fees.

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Range Specific Rules

NOTE: Where the rules refer to 'Pistols', 'Rifles', and 'Shotguns', they cover categories rather than specific ATF classifications, so braced ARs, AK "pistols", legal Short Barreled Rifles, Title 1 'other' firearms and such follow the 'Rifle' rules. Likewise, if it fires a shotgun shell, it's considered a 'Shotgun' (exception: .410 revolvers such as the Taurus Judge). When the rules refer to 'pistol calibers', they mean traditional pistol calibers such as 9x19, 45 ACP, .357 Sig, 38 Special, 44 Magnum and similar. Rifle Calibers are those such as .223, .300 Blk, 30-30, .308, .45-70, 7.62x39, etc. 'Blackpowder' includes equivalents. 'Airguns' means small-caliber .22 and .177 airguns. Check with range officials if you have any questions on what to shoot where.

RANGE "A" -- PISTOL RANGE, 25 and 50 yards

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED: Rimfire rifles or pistols, all centerfire pistols except those shooting rifle calibers. Muzzle loading rifles and muzzleloading pistols are allowed following ARC General Rules concerning smoking near black powder and burn bans.
2. CENTERFIRE RIFLES and SHOTGUNS are PROHIBITED, EXCEPTION: center fire

rifles (including pistol caliber carbines) may be fired ONLY from seated at benches at the far right and far left ends of the range at position 41 and positions 1 and 2. Shoot only at targets in frames directly downrange from shooting positions. Shotguns may not be shot on range A.

3. Place targets **8-inches away from the edges of the wooden target frame**. Remove targets and frames that are not in use. **Be sure that the angle created with your shooting position and the target places the bullet impact on the middle to bottom half of the backstop.**
4. Shoot ONLY from the firing line, and only from above bench height. PRONE SHOOTING IS PROHIBITED. Shooting forward of the concrete firing line is prohibited
5. Shoot only at paper targets in provided holders at 25 and 50 yards. Do not use targets that overhang the backer. No other targets are allowed.

RANGE "B" –

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED: Rimfire rifles, rimfire pistols, centerfire pistols, and airguns. **NO SHOTGUNS OR CENTERFIRE RIFLES ARE PERMITTED.**
2. MAKE SURE ALL BULLETS IMPACT THE BACKSTOP. **Be sure that the angle created with your shooting position and your target places the bullet impact on the middle to bottom half of the backstop**
3. SHORT RANGE SHOOTING: Minimum target distance from covered firing tables is 7 yards (21 feet). **Shooting at a distance less than 7 yards from covered firing tables is prohibited.** Minimum distance line is marked by line painted on east wall. The firing line may be redefined closer to the backstop if everyone on Range B agrees to the new line. When the firing line is redefined, all targets must be placed at the backstop. Shooters must remain in one location while holding a loaded firearm.
4. NO STEEL TARGETS OF ANY KIND.
5. Only paper targets and clay birds permitted. Other targets of any kind, bowling pins, glass, steel or other hard targets, milk jugs and cans are prohibited. Shooting at targets on the ground is prohibited. Clay birds may only be shot when on the backstop at or below the shooters eye level.
6. Target frame bases are provided by ARC and will be constructed to accept 1x2" wood furring strips. Members provide their own target sticks, backing material, and targets. These must be of a material that will not cause a ricochet. Members may also provide their own target bases.

RANGE "C" -- BENCHREST / HIGH POWER, 100 and 200 yards

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED:

100 yards: All firing at 100 YARD TARGETS must be with centerfire rifles with an actual muzzle velocity of 2000 FPS or more. No rimfire, blackpowder, pistols, pistol caliber rifles (including .30 US carbine and subsonics), or sub-velocity hand loads.

200 yards: Any center fire rifle cartridge (see above for definition) up to .50 BMG and any muzzleloader rifle caliber as long as bullet is on the target.

Use of the 150 yard backstop is restricted to authorized activities with sign posted.

2. RIMFIRE FIREARMS (including 17 Hornady), AIR GUNS, AND SHOTGUNS ARE PROHIBITED at any distance (exception for 200 yard shooters with ARC Authorized Rimfire at 200 sign).
3. All firing at 100 YARD TARGETS must be from the bench only. No prone, sitting, or standing shots are allowed.
4. No cross firing. Shoot directly downrange at targets on one target frame; Do not shoot diagonally either side of your firing position.
5. All centerfire rifles firing rifle calibers and black powder rifles, regardless of velocity, are allowed to be fired at the 200 yard targets, as long as the bullet is on the target. It must not go over the backstop, or strike the flat ground in front of the backstop. Pistols firing centerfire rifle cartridges are allowed at 200 yards with the following stipulations.
 - Must meet all other Range 'C' requirements.
 - Must have a barrel with a minimum length of 10 inches.
 - All pistols must be loaded and fired with one single shot at a time. No semi auto.
 - Pistols shall not be shot at 100 yard targets.
 - Pistols must be shot from only bench or prone shooting positions
6. When shooters are using the High-Power firing line, 10 feet forward of the concrete, and the Bench rest line at the same time, the Bench rest shooters must stay at least five (5) shooting positions away from the High-Power shooters for safety.
7. You may drive to the targets when the ground will support vehicles without leaving ruts in the terrain. All driving to the 200 yd. targets is along the berm between "B" and "C" ranges.
8. Shoot only at paper targets in the 100 and 200 yard target frames except for steel targets in the steel target box with the following rules:

Steel Targets on Range C Rules:

- May only be shot from benches 17 to 19.
 - Must be suspended from the hooks inside the steel target box.
 - Only rifle-grade steel in good condition rated for the caliber and bullet.
 - Only one shooter per target at a time.
 - Only shot when square to shooter, especially if they turn or move.
 - No targets of any kind anywhere else on or near the steel target box.
 - No targets of any kind set so bullets impact the target box structure.
 - No bullets that attract a magnet or damage steel.
 - Do not shoot any targets you don't have permission to shoot (there is no steel at ARC for general use). Remove your targets when not in use.
 - Be sure you are consistently on-target at 200 yards before shooting steel
- All other Range C rules apply.

RANGE “D” -- .22 RIMFIRE / SILHOUETTE: 40, 60, 75, and 100 meters

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED: Rimfire .22 short, long, long rifle, and air guns. **NO .22 MAGNUMS or higher velocity cartridges.** No .17 Hornady. No centerfire or black powder.
2. **D and E are one range for Cold Ranges. All shooters on both D and E ranges must agree before making the range hot or cold**
3. Hang paper targets in front of the bullet traps, avoiding the cross bars. Shoot only at paper targets hung on bullet traps.
4. Steel targets allowed: Silhouette targets placed on rails. Hanging or swinging Silhouette and NRL.22 targets placed centered and no more than 1 foot in front of bullet traps, Do not hang targets below lower rail on traps with gap underneath. Traps must catch all misses.
5. Shooting may be from any position, prone to standing. Make sure your target is aligned with your shooting height so that bullets are fired parallel to the ground. This especially applies to the 50 yard targets used for 3-Position shooting.

RANGE “E” -- PISTOL SILHOUETTE & BLACKPOWDER RANGE: 40, 50, 75, and 100 meters

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED – PAPER TARGETS and CLAY BIRDS placed safely on the backstop no more than halfway up: All firearms allowed at ARC.
2. CALIBERS ALLOWED – STEEL TARGETS at 40, 50, 75m: No more than 1500 fps maximum velocity or 1500 ft-lbs muzzle energy, whichever is greater (exception only for Silhouette shooters with Silhouette Authorized Activity orange sign)
STEEL TARGETS at 100m: center fire rifles or pistols of any caliber may shoot suspended steel targets at 100 meters.
3. **D and E are one range for Cold Ranges. All shooters on both D and E ranges must agree before making the range hot or cold**
4. Shooters must ensure that shots impact the berm no more than halfway up and do not hit the rails. For suspended targets and paper targets the use of the sections without the center rail is highly encouraged. Hang paper target holders behind the silhouette rails so bullets do not impact rails.
5. Shooting may be from any position, prone to standing. Make sure your target is aligned with your shooting height so that bullets are fired parallel to the ground. This especially applies to the 50 yard targets used for 3-Position shooting.
6. Thrown clay birds are not permitted.
7. Shotguns with birdshot may be patterned at the Right end of the 40 meter backstop. “Home Defense” shotgun patterning may be done at the L range

RANGE “F” – AIR GUN RANGE IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

1. Austin Rifle Club General Rules apply with the following exception and clarifications:
2. Only Air rifles, Air pistols, and Smoothbore BB Guns, may be used on the indoor Air Range. All such air guns must have a muzzle velocity of less than 1100 feet per second and .22 caliber or less.
3. Hearing protection is not required.
4. All persons in the room must wear eye protection when shooting is in progress.
5. Smoking is prohibited at all times inside the Education Building.
6. An approved Air Rifle Officer (ARO) must supervise all shooting. The general membership of the ARC will not have access to the building, and shooters must be admitted by the ARO.
7. All shooting shall be at 10 meters maximum.
8. During shooting the two doors forward of the firing line must be locked such that they cannot be opened from the outside.
9. Targets shall be placed such that no part of the target is closer than Eight (8”) inches from the edge of the frame.
10. There shall be no open food or drinks on the firing line.

RANGE “G” – CHL AND EDUCATION RANGE

Range “G” is reserved for License to Carry (LTC/CHL), education classes and other activities approved by the Board of Directors. G is the only range for instructors to use unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

Members and guests may not shoot on G range except while attending one of these activities.

RANGES “H, I, J, and K” –

1. **CALIBERS ALLOWED:** rimfire pistols and rimfire rifles. centerfire pistols, air guns. pistol caliber carbines, and shotguns with lead birdshot.
NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES OR RIFLE CARTRIDGES ARE PERMITTED.
2. **ALL BULLETS MUST DIRECTLY IMPACT THE BACKSTOP.** It is the shooter’s responsibility to set targets in a manner to ensure all bullets fly parallel to the ground and impact directly in the bottom half of the backstop. Minimum distance to targets from the covered firing line is no closer than 10 yards (30 feet) and more than 48” from the ground. Red posts are provided to indicate 10 yard minimum. The firing line may be redefined closer to the backstop if everyone on the range agrees to the new line (see #7 below).
3. Target frame bases are provided by ARC and constructed to accept 1x2” wood furring strips. Members are to provide their own target sticks, backing material, and targets. These must be of a material that will not cause a ricochet. Members may provide their own target bases.
4. Only paper targets, clay birds, and commercial steel targets are permitted.

5. Other targets of any kind (bowling pins, glass or other hard targets, milk jugs, cans and trash, etc.) are prohibited. Shooting at targets on the ground is prohibited.
6. Steel Targets - USPSA type or commercial steel targets are allowed for pistol cartridges with a maximum muzzle velocity of 1500fps, shotguns with lead birdshot, or any rimfire firearm providing the target impact surface is vertical or deflects the bullet at a downward angle. Swinging and moving targets may only be shot when they will deflect the bullet at a downward angle. One shooter per target at a time (no “duelling trees” or similar). Steel targets must be placed at or on the backstop. The bottom of the target impact area must be a minimum of 16” to a maximum of 55” from the bay floor so bullets directly impact backstop and not ground if target is missed.
7. Altered Firing Line - If all shooters agree the firing line may be redefined as long as all ARC safety rules are met. Paper targets must be placed within 9 feet (3 yards) of backstop so all shots directly impact the bottom half of the backstop. Shooters must have a common firing line. Movement with a loaded firearm is prohibited unless at an ARC authorized practice session with sign posted or match.
 - Steel targets require all of the following when the firing line is redefined.
 - Shooting under the direction of someone that has completed the ARC Steel Safety course or someone holding USPSA or IDPA RSO credentials.
 - Steel targets must be placed on or as close as possible to the backstop.
 - Minimum distance to steel targets is 11 yards (33 feet).
8. All materials must be removed from the bay and the firing line when the shooter is finished. This includes any target material, backing materials, paper targets, all shotgun hulls and any personal trash. Targets suitable for re-use may be placed in the target bins, otherwise place them in the trash. Trash receptacles and brass cans are provided at each bay. Remove brass from the concrete leaving the firing line clean for the next member. Replace target stands on eyebrow.

RANGE “L” – IDPA, IPSC AND FIXED FIRING LINE RANGE

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED: Any firearm allowed at Austin Rifle Club
2. ALL BULLETS MUST DIRECTLY IMPACT THE BACKSTOP. It is the shooter’s responsibility to position targets to ensure all bullets will fly parallel to the ground and impact the middle to bottom half of the backstop. The bottom of the target must be a minimum of 48” from the ground and no closer to the firing line than 10 yards (30 feet). Red posts indicate minimum distance.
3. All firing **MUST** be from the static firing position tables unless it is during a scheduled match or ARC Authorized practice session. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Target frame bases are provided by ARC and will be constructed to accept 1x2” wood furring strips. Members are to provide their own target sticks, backing material, and targets. These all must be of a material that will not cause a ricochet. Members may also provide their own target bases.

5. Only paper targets and clay birds are permitted. Other targets of any kind, including **steel**, bowling pins, glass, or other hard targets, milk jugs, or cans are prohibited. Shooting at targets on the ground is prohibited.
6. All materials must be removed from the bay and the firing line when the shooter is finished. This includes any sticks, backing materials, paper targets, all shotgun hulls and any personal trash. Targets suitable for re-use may be placed in the target bins, otherwise place them in the trash. Trash receptacles and brass buckets are provided. Remove brass from the concrete, leaving the firing line clean for the next member. Replace target stands on eyebrow.

ARC Authorized practice sessions are those scheduled on the ARC Calendar and/or displaying a Range Safety Director-issued Authorized Activity orange sign. Allowed activities are limited to those activities and ranges pre-approved by the RSD.

Approved by the ARC Board of Directors, July 8, 2024 to become effective immediately.