

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. The Director of Range Safety is subordinate only to the Austin Rifle Club Board of Directors.

Physical address: (For 911 telephone calls): 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.

Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

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. Hearing protection devices may be either the passive or electronic type. Standard medically prescribed 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 Officer, Match Director, or Activity Director in charge of any scheduled activity has complete authority over shooters and spectators on any or all twelve ranges, Ranges 'A' through 'L'.
5. An ARC 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 up or directly down. The exception to this is pistols carried in a holster. 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, firearm actions must be 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 This rule may be superseded at the discretion of the RSO supervising that event.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 instinct, hip, or fast draw shooting. A pistol may be drawn from a holster and moved into a position where the sights can be properly aimed 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 firearms, selective fire firearms, devices that simulate full automatic fire and cannons are prohibited. Other legal NFA firearms such as suppressors, SBRs and SBS' are allowed if legal paperwork is present.
9. The use of incendiary devices and/or tracer ammunition is strictly prohibited on Austin Rifle Club property.

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 by the Director of Business Operations is prohibited. Anyone using the facilities is subject to all Rules of the Club.
13. Each member shall display his or her Membership Badge while on the range. Guests whether shooting or not, shall be registered in the log book, sign a waiver of liability in the range house and wear visitor identification while on the range. All activities are subject to this rule.
14. Individual guests may be invited to shoot at the range no more than two times in a calendar year. This restriction shall not apply to scheduled matches, or to guests who reside more than 100 miles from the Austin Rifle Club range.
15. 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, or more than two Juniors (12-17), or more than one child under 12, may be shooting at any one time under the supervision of one adult club member. Scheduled matches and classes are not subject to this rule.
16. 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 behind the firing line and out of danger zones.
17. Anyone causing any damage to Club equipment or facilities shall be personally and monetarily liable for such damage. The host Member is liable for damage caused by a guest.
18. The Club shall not be responsible for personal property or issued equipment left on the Club premises.

If you do not agree with and/or do not feel that you can 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 as a member, 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.

Updated by the ARC Range Safety Director to include rule changes passed by the BOD in 2020 and 2021, Sept 13, 2021

Austin Rifle Club, Inc.

Range Specific Rules

NOTE: Where the rules refer to ‘Pistols’, ‘Rifles’, and ‘Shotguns’, they cover general categories rather than specific ATF classifications, so arm-braced ARs, AK “pistols”, legal SBRs, 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. Check with the DRS if you have any questions on what to shoot where.

RANGE “A” -- PISTOL RANGE, 25 and 50 yards

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED: Any rim fire, all centerfire pistols except those shooting rifle calibers. Muzzle loading rifles and pistols allowed following ARC General Rules 3 & 10.
2. CENTERFIRE RIFLES and SHOTGUNS are PROHIBITED, EXCEPTION: center fire rifles 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 position. Shotguns may not be shot on range A. Use range E or L for sighting in slug shotguns.
3. Place targets **8-inches away from 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. **This also prohibits you from shooting forward of the concrete firing line.**
5. Shoot only at 25 and 50 yard paper targets in provided holders. No other targets are allowed.

RANGE “B” – PLINKING RANGE, 50 foot, 7 and 15 yards

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED: Any rim fire, center fire pistols and air guns.
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 (eg. 3 yards, or 9 feet) from covered firing tables is prohibited.** Minimum distance line is marked by line painted on east wall. Firing line may be redefined closer to the backstop if you are alone, or

if everyone on Range B agrees to the new line. All targets must be placed at or on the backstop. Shooters must remain in one location while shooting.

4. NO STEEL TARGETS OF ANY KIND.
5. Only paper targets or clay birds permitted. Hard 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 horizontal to shooting plane.
6. Target frame bases are provided by ARC and will be constructed to accept 1x2" wood strips. Members are to provide their own target frame uprights, 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 firearms that have an actual muzzle velocity of 2000 FPS or more. This means NO rim fires, black powder guns, rifles that shoot pistol cartridges (including .30 US carbine and subsonics), or sub-velocity hand loads.

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

2. RIMFIRE FIREARMS, AIR GUNS, AND SHOTGUNS ARE PROHIBITED at any distance. The .17 HORNADY is prohibited.
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. Do not deviate more than one target either side of your firing position.
5. All center fire rifles 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 with center fire rifle cartridges are allowed with the following stipulations.
 - Must meet all other Range 'C' requirements.
 - Must have a barrel with a minimum length of 10 inches.
 - All pistol actions must be single shot only. No semi autos.
 - Pistols shall not be shot on the 100 yd firing line.
 - 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 "C" range 200 yard 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, 77, and 100 meters

1. CALIBERS ALLOWED: Only Rimfire .22 short, long, long rifle, and air guns. **NO .22 MAGNUMS or related high velocity cartridges.** No .17 Hornady. No center fire or black powder.
2. Hang paper targets in front of the bullet traps – not over or behind them, avoiding the cross bars. Shoot only at paper targets hung on bullet traps.
3. 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 on traps with gap underneath at rear. Traps must catch all misses.
4. 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: All firearms allowed at ARC.
2. CALIBERS ALLOWED – STEEL TARGETS: Calibers approved by hunter/cowboy silhouette rules for steel targets at all target positions:
<http://compete.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Sil-p/sil-p-book.pdf>.
In addition to the hunter/cowboy silhouette calibers, center fire rifles or pistols of any caliber

may shoot suspended steel targets at 100 meters only. Shooters must ensure that misses impact the berm and not the rails. For suspended targets the use of the sections without the center rail is highly encouraged.

3. Hang paper target holders behind the silhouette rails so bullets do not impact rails.
4. 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.
5. Shotguns may be fired at clay birds thrown from the East end of this range. Direct the birds about 30 degrees left of center. Use only shot sizes 7 1/2 or smaller when shooting clay birds. If there is no one using range E for rifle or pistol shooting, shooters may fire shotguns at flying clays from up to five yards in front of the concrete firing line. If other range E users arrive, everyone must shoot from the concrete firing line, or you may alternate shooting if everyone agrees. Do not shoot range cover.
6. Shotguns with any shot size 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 shall 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 shall be 22 caliber or less.
3. Hearing protection is not required.
4. The Safety Zone shall include the entire room. All persons in the room must wear eye protection when shooting is in progress.(see General Rule 2)
5. Smoking is prohibited inside the Education Building PERIOD. (see Range General Rule 3)
6. An approved Air Rifle Officer (ARO) MUST supervise all shooting. The general membership of the ARC will not have the access code to the building, and must be admitted by the ARO. The ARO must wear an ARO badge while supervising shooting.
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 wooden frame.
10. There shall be no open food or drinks on the firing line.

It is recommended that shooters and any others that handle lead pellets wash their hands with soap and water before touching food or leaving the premises.

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.

RANGES “H, I, J, and K” – IDPA, IPSC AND FIXED FIRING LINE

1. **CALIBERS ALLOWED:** rim fire or center fire pistol cartridges, air guns. Handguns, non-magnum pistol caliber carbines, and shotguns with lead birdshot allowed.
NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES OR RIFLE CARTRIDGES ARE PERMITTED.
2. **ALL BULLETS MUST DIRECTLY IMPACT THE BACKSTOP.** It is the shooter’s responsibility to position targets in a manner that will insure all bullets will impact the middle to bottom half of the berm. Targets must be a minimum of 48” from the ground and may be placed no closer to the firing line than 10 yards (30 feet). Firing line may be redefined closer to the backstop if you are alone, or if everyone on the range agrees to the new line (see #7 below).
3. Target frame bases are provided by ARC and will be constructed to accept 1x2” wood strips. Members are to provide their own target frame uprights, 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, USPSA type or commercial steel targets permitted.
5. Hard targets of any kind, bowling pins, glass or other hard targets, milk jugs, or cans 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). Targets must be placed at or on the backstop. The bottom of the target impact area must be a minimum of 20” to a maximum of 55” from the bay floor; bullets must 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 at or near the back berm so all shots directly impact the bottom half of the backstop and shooters must have a common firing line. Shooters must remain in one location while shooting unless at an ARC authorized practice session or match. Practice session content and target placement must be pre-approved by the ARC Range Safety Director.
 - Steel targets are limited to the following stipulations if the firing line is redefined.
 - Shooting from a common firing line under the direction of those with current USPSA or IDPA RSO credentials on-hand, or those that have successfully completed the ARC Steel Safety Course.
 - Minimum distance to steel targets 11 yards (33 feet). Steel targets must be placed at or on the backstop.
 - ARC Authorized practice sessions, events and matches.
8. All materials not provided by the club **must** be removed from the bay and the firing line when the shooter is finished. This includes any frame material, backing materials, paper

targets, shotgun hulls and any personal trash such as water bottles. Trash receptacles and brass buckets are provided at each bay. Remove unwanted brass from the concrete leaving the firing line clean for the next member.

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 in a manner that will ensure all bullets will impact the middle to bottom half of the berm. The bottom of the target frame/backing must be a minimum of 48” from the ground and may be placed no closer to the firing line than 10 yards (30 feet).
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 strips. Members are to provide their own target frame uprights, 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 or clay birds permitted. Hard targets of any kind, steel, bowling pins, glass, or other hard targets, milk jugs, or cans are prohibited. Shooting at targets on the ground or anything but clay birds on the bottom half of the backstop is prohibited.
6. All materials not provided by the club must be removed from the bay and the firing line when the shooter is finished. This includes any frame material, backing materials, paper targets, shotgun hulls and any personal trash such as water bottles. Trash receptacles and brass buckets are provided at each bay. Remove unwanted brass from the concrete, leaving the firing line clean for the next member.

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 only activities and ranges pre-approved by the RSD.

Board-Approved changes to rules for C range steel, E range shotgun and D range steel incorporated by ARC Range Safety Director Sept 13 2021