North Lawrence Fish & Game – Rifle & Pistol Range Rules

The following safety rules have been established to ensure the health and safety of those individuals who use or frequent this facility and the community at larger.

All people at the range must comply with all safety rules. Failure to follow the rules as stated will result in disciplinary action and may result in loss of membership. All people using the range are liable for improper use of the range and firearms.

1) General Rules:

a) Use of the ranges are during daylight hours only beginning at 9:00 AM until dusk. The ranges will be closed on Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, and during other prescheduled events.

b) Each person is responsible each day for the complete removal of any live and dud ammunition from the range facility upon completion of range use. All empty casings shall be swept up and deposited in the supplied "Brass Buckets" or taken home. Do NOT sweep the brass forward in front of the firing line. This interferes with mowing and causes equipment repairs.

c) No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the ranges. No shooting under the influence of alcohol or drugs is permitted. No misuse of prescription drugs. Prescription drugs that have cautions for driving a motorized vehicle should apply as a caution against using the ranges.

d) No shooting at any animals, birds, or other wildlife without prior written permission from the Board of Directors. No different than the required waver for hunting on private property.

e) You must have your NLFG membership card visibly displayed on your person at all times. For guests see "Guest Rules".

f) Each person using the ranges must sign in to the registration book without exception. The registration book also includes the liability waver. Guests are included in this rule.

g) Concealed carry firearms must remain holstered while at the rifle range.

h) Appropriate personal safety equipment (safety glasses and adequate ear protection) must be worn when you walk into any of the pavilions.

i) All accidents on club property that involve any people or property must be reported as noted in a separate bulletin that is specific to accidents. All contact information is listed at each range pavilion.

j) Club members as well as Guests are responsible for reading and understanding published range rules. The range rules are available online and posted at the range pavilions.

2) Firearm Safety Rules:

a) All gun safety rules as recognized by the NRA and the National Shooting Sports Foundation must be followed. The rules as stated in this document do not override the rules of these organizations but are meant to expand and highlight these rules for the club membership.

b) You must follow the 5 second rule between shots (i.e. NO Automatic or any type of assisted rapid fire / bump stocks etc.).
c) The muzzle of your firearm should always be pointed in a safe direction. Muzzles should always be pointed down range. When you are packing up to leave, you should verify that the firearm is unloaded and the breach is empty and open. The muzzle should be controlled and pointed in a safe direction "UP".
d) Your finger should be off the trigger until you are n the firing line, your firearm is pointed at your target, and you are ready to shoot.
e) "Always be mindful of your target and what is beyond it". Shooters are responsible to know where their rounds/projectiles are going. All rounds should be into the backstop/bunkers. Rounds hitting the flat land in front of or below the intended target are not permitted. Ricochet rounds are not permitted. Shooters must correct any non-permitted condition. Your targets should be mounted to the center of the supplied target supports (cardboard at the Pistol Range / foamboard at the Rifle Range). By mounting the target near the center of the target supports (vertically) that should put your projectile in the center of the stone bunkers. You may need to adjust your target height based on prone, seated, or standing firing. The goal is for the projectile to land in the center of the stones.
f) No handling of loaded firearms behind the yellow safety line of the pavilion.
g) Firearms may only be fired from between the red and yellow safety lines.
h) All actions must be open behind the yellow safety line.
i) Use caution with new firearms or firearms that may be challenging. Do not allow relatives, friends, minors, or guests to use firearms that may prove difficult to handle. You are responsible to understand the operation of the firearm that you are using and for reading the safety information for your firearm. Using a firearm at the range makes you liable for injury or damage to property. If you cannot control your firearm, you should not be shooting it.

3) Caliber & Type Specific Firearm Rules:

a) 50 Caliber BMG can only be used on the 200-yard targets at the Rifle Range. Other 50 caliber type firearms may be used at other distances on the ranges.
b) Shotguns are only allowed on the Rifle Range or Event Range if using a single projectile similar to a rifle. Shot shells are only allowed on the Trap Ranges. Buckshot is not permitted anywhere on club grounds – no exceptions.
c) Minors (under 18 years) are to supervised at all times. This includes in areas around the various sports on club property. There should be no running around the shooting sports areas in particular. Running reduces the time available to stop them from crossing into the line of fire. There is to be no climbing on tables or shooting stands. If the minor is shooting, you are NOT. You are to be supervising. Minors must be accompanied down range by an adult.

4) Guest Rules:

a) As a club member, you are responsible for the actions of the guests you bring to the club. This definitely includes firing range activities. With respect to minors, it is your responsibility to accompany them and to monitor your guests at all times while on club property.
b) Member sponsored guests must complete a guest form at the club house OR sign into and out of the Range Logs (the liability form is included in the logs for their review) as well as pay the posted fee prior to using the facility.

c) Guests are not required to ware badges.

5) Target Rules:

a) Paper targets are the ONLY targets permitted on the rifle and pistol ranges. Any other target types can only be used during special events with preapproval by the Board of Directors. Single individuals and or their guests will never receive approval for different targets.

b) Paper targets can only be mounted to the target boards at the rifle and pistol ranges (cardboard backers at the pistol range and foamboard at the rifle range). No targets are allowed to be mounted to any other structures, or to the frames of the target stands.

c) 'Target placement is critical and all members are responsible to fully understand the correct location and height for targets on the range.

d) The only target stands allowed will be NLFG Target stands or stands belonging to members that meet our specifications. Target height is critical and the stands must be made from wood or PVC. Metal rails anywhere near the target can create ricochets.

e) Your shooting position MUST be directly in front of your target. Shooting across lanes is strictly prohibited!!! You must use the appropriate shooting station/positions that are provided within the pavilions to ensure you are shooting at the correct target.

f) Targets for the 200-yard lane at the rifle range must be placed at 200-yards. No other distance is allowed for this specific lane.

g) No targets closer then 25-yards on the rifle range.

h) Shooting from the range entry point, to head down range, is prohibited at both ranges. These are the areas protected by a PVC movable barrier.

6) Cease Fire & Target Checks:

a) No handling of firearms at the pavilions or firing line during a "Cease Fire" or when people are down range to check or change targets.

b) Any time a person/people are down range it is not safe to shoot. You must use the Down Range / Cease Fire mechanism (PVC pipe with drop down signs and walk way barrier) to signify it is not safe to shoot at this time.

c) During a "Cease Fire" open all actions, turn the safeties on, lay the firearms down on the tables, and step away. A "Cease Fire" can be called by anyone for any reason. All participants MUST honor the Cease Fire by putting their firearms down with the action open and the safety on.

d) A Cease Fire ends when the cause of the cease fire has been cleared / addressed and the participants on the line signal that they are all ready to resume shooting.

Notes:

Sanctioned matches or special shoots may have different rules or may allow variance from these rules. The sanctioned range master must get prior approval by the Board of Directors for rule modifications during their specific event

At one point we allowed shooting rifles and slug guns at the pistol range for a short 25-yard distance, since then we have installed a 25-yard target and bunker at the rifle range. No shotguns or rifles are permitted on the pistol range.

On the pistol range only! Double tap is permitted (limited to two rounds) for the purpose of practicing self-defense and Concealed Carry. ABSOLUTELY NO QUICK DRAW!!!