

# REDMOND ROD & GUN CLUB

## Rules for the Action Pistol Practice Range

### **PURPOSE:**

It is the goal of Redmond Rod & Gun Club (RR&GC) to offer shooters a safe and enjoyable shooting experience on our property. Toward that end, these rules have been put into place to govern the use of our Action Pistol Practice Range facilities.

### **GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL RIFLE/PISTOL RANGES:**

Shooters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, intoxicated persons, unattended/unruly children or pets are permitted on the range.

Food and beverages may not be consumed on the firing line.

Smoking is permitted only inside motor vehicles.

Unsafe, unruly and/or un-sportsmanlike behavior, roughhousing and/or horseplay are not permitted on range property. Any such behavior should be reported immediately to RR&GC staff. Verified instances of such misconduct may be cause for expulsion from RR&GC property. Unsafe, unruly and/or un-sportsmanlike behavior includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Violation of the safety rules including unsafe firearm handling.

- The use and/or threats of violence towards another person.

- The use of offensive language.

- Loud and/or boisterous language and/or behavior.

- Failure to obey the commands/instructions from the Range Safety Officer.

- Violation of any of RR&GC's Rules.

- Any use of or being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Ear and eye protection must be worn by any person who is within 25 feet of the firing line, whether the person is engaged in shooting or not.

Shooters who experience a firearm malfunction must notify an on-duty RSO/CRSO.

Anyone who observes an unsafe condition or emergency situation on the range should immediately call a cease fire if the range is hot and notify an on-duty RSO/CRSO in any event.

Armor piercing, tracer and/or incendiary ammunition may not be discharged on the range.

**Neither steel core nor solid copper bullets may be fired at steel targets at RR&GC.**

Fully automatic firearms and/or firearms equipped with “Bump Stocks” may not be fired on the range.

Firearms equipped with “binary triggers” may **only** be fired in the semi-automatic mode (i.e., one round discharged per trigger pull/release).

At the end of a shooting session, shooters are required to take down their targets, return lath or target frames to their racks, pick up all trash and deposit it in the proper receptacle, and police up their brass. Those who handload may take their brass for reloading. Those who do not must deposit their spent brass in one of the cans provided on the range.

**Law Enforcement and/or Military Personnel:**

RR&GC rules regarding the possession/carrying of loaded firearms will not apply to the carrying of loaded duty and/or backup firearms by Law Enforcement and/or Military Personnel while they are on RR&GC property.

**Concealed Handgun License Holders:**

The holder of a State of Oregon Concealed Handgun License (CHL) may carry a loaded, concealed handgun while on RR&GC property. **CHL holders who choose to do so must advise an on-duty RSO/CRSO of that fact during range check-in.**

**ARRIVAL ON RR&GC PROPERTY:**

**All firearms other than CHL handguns must be unloaded before they are brought onto RR&GC property.**

**FIREARMS (other than CHL handguns) MUST BE LEFT IN THE VEHICLE UNTIL AFTER THE SHOOTER HAS CHECKED IN WITH THE RSO/CRSO.**

RSOs/CRSOs are identifiable by the fluorescent orange or yellow safety vest.

**ACTION PISTOL PRACTICE RANGE RULES:**

**Please Note:** The following provisions are specific to Action Pistol Practice sessions. They do not affect any other approved uses of the RR&GC "action shooting" bays, all of which will be governed by separate sets of rules and procedures which are set forth elsewhere. For instance, Cowboy Action Shooting events will be conducted under rules and procedures approved by the Director of Cowboy Action Shooting.

Similarly, law enforcement training and/or defensive shooting training sessions will be conducted under the direct supervision of the instructor(s) authorized by the

Director Rifle/Pistol to conduct such training, and according to Director-approved operating rules and protocols which are appropriate for those activities.

### **Definition of Terms:**

**Approved Shooter** -a shooter who has attended the Training Range Orientation, and who has passed the skills assessment. These people may use the practice range after signing in with the on-duty RSO/CRSO and paying their fee at the practice range.

**Designated Safety Tables** - tables which have been placed on the Practice Range facing into berms, and which have been designated as tables at which shooters may handle unloaded firearms in order to case or uncase them, or to troubleshoot minor mechanical problems. No ammunition may be handled at these tables.

**Other Tables in the Shooting Bays** - tables which are provided on the shooting bays for the convenience of shooters. Gear may be prepared, packed away or stowed there, and magazines may be loaded. Firearms may not be handled at these tables.

### **Minimum Qualifications for Use of the Action Pistol Practice Area:**

The following minimum qualifications are required to be met before any shooter may engage in Action Pistol practice sessions on the RR&GC range. All shooters must have attended the Orientation Class covering all safety, protocols and procedures on the Training Range and successfully completed the Shooting Assessment under the supervision/direction of the Orientation Class staff.

The Orientation Class will be conducted by RR&GC staff members appointed by the Director of Rifle/Pistol.

Shooters who have been approved to shoot on the Action Pistol Practice Range will receive a card verifying that fact. **This card must be presented to the RSO/CRSO at each check-in in order to gain admission to the Action Pistol Practice Range.**

### **General Rules:**

The Action Pistol Practice Range may be used for practice sessions only when at least one RR&GC RSO/CRSO is present to operate the facility.

RSOs/CRSOs will manage practice session target placement/scenario set-up from a range safety perspective.

RSOs/CRSOs will not intervene in self-directed practice sessions unless unsafe conditions or activities are observed.

Any RSO/CRSO decision regarding unsafe conditions/activities will be final.

**Arrival/Check-in Procedure:**

All shooters arriving to use the Action Pistol practice facilities must check in with an on-duty RSO/CRSO at the Practice Range. Shooters **must** present their authorization cards to the RSO/CRSO, and any fees which are due must be paid at that time.

**Action Pistol Practice Range Orientation:**

RR&GC will offer Action Pistol Practice Range Orientation/Shooting Assessment sessions to new shooters on a walk-in basis provided that a shooting bay is available for use in administering the Shooting Assessment.

Following the Orientation session, shooters will be required to perform a gun handling and shooting skills assessment conducted by RR&GC staff members appointed by the Director of Rifle/Pistol. The procedure for the conduct of the shooting skills assessment is set forth at the end of the Action Pistol Practice Range Rules section of this document.

**Practice Range Fees:**

Fees charged for the use of the Action Pistol Practice Area will include normal range fees based on RR&GC member or non-member status, plus an additional \$5.00 Action Pistol range fee which will be assessed to cover the cost of purchasing/maintaining practice equipment and props.

**Cardboard Targets:**

IDPA or USPSA cardboard silhouette targets are the only non-steel targets which are generally approved for use on the Action Pistol Practice Range. An RSO may approve the use of other non-steel targets on a case-by-case basis.

RR&GC will offer IDPA or USPSA targets for sale on-site, but shooters who choose to supply their own IDPA or USPSA targets may do so.

RR&GC will provide target stands, lath and steel clips for target mounting.

**Steel Targets:**

Cowboy Action steel targets (those mounted on tripod metal stands) may be fired upon **only** by Cowboy Action shooters using lead bullet loads.

RR&GC will initially provide a limited number of steel targets for Action Pistol shooters and will add to the collection as funds become available.

Magnum ammunition and firearms in calibers greater than .45 Colt may not be fired at steel targets on RR&GC Practice Range pistol bays.

Pistol caliber rifles/carbines may not be fired at steel targets on RR&GC Practice Range pistol bays.

Shooters who wish to bring personally owned steel targets for use on the Practice Range may do so, however the positioning and set-up of these targets must be approved by the on-duty RSO/CRSO before the targets are fired upon.

RR&GC welcomes any suggestions as to the type of steel targets shooters wish to have made available to them on the Practice Range.

RR&GC will gladly accept any donations of steel targets and/or funding to support the acquisition of more, better or different steel targets.

The minimum distance allowed by RR&GC for shooting pistol at steel targets is 15 yards.

#### **Timing Devices:**

Shooters must provide their own timing devices.

#### **Required Personal Equipment:**

Eye protection must be worn by all persons on any shooting bay (regardless of whether they are shooters or not) whenever the bay is declared to be in a "Hot" condition.

Prescription glasses are acceptable but must offer reasonable coverage for the eyes. Safety glasses may be worn over prescription glasses.

Hearing protection must be worn by all persons on any shooting bay (regardless of whether they are shooters or not) whenever the bay is declared to be in a "Hot" condition.

#### **Recommended Clothing/Supplies:**

Cap with a visor  
Closed-neck shirt  
Water or soft drink and a snack.

#### **Firearms & Supporting Gear:**

**Firearms:** only center-fire handguns which are reliable and in good working

condition may be used for Action Pistol practice. Either semi-auto pistols or revolvers are acceptable. Calibers of 9 mm. or greater are recommended.

**Ammunition carriers:** Two or more magazines or speed loaders, along with appropriate magazine or speed loader pouches.

**Belt:** Shooters must be equipped with a belt which is sturdy and heavy enough to support the handgun, holster, magazine or speed loader carriers, and loaded magazines or speed loaders.

**Holsters:** The only holsters which may be used on the Action Pistol Practice Range are those which are designed to hold the firearm securely during movement, and which totally enclose the trigger and trigger guard of the holstered gun. Holsters will be worn only at the 3 o'clock position for right-handed shooters, or 9 o'clock position for left-handed shooters. **No cross-draw holsters, shoulder holsters, appendix carry, or other types of concealed carry holsters may be used on the Action Pistol Practice Range because each type presents safety issues which RR&GC cannot accept.**

#### **Action Pistol Practice Range Operating Rules:**

The Action Pistol Practice Range will be operated as a "Cold Range."

All handguns (other than CHL handguns) on the Practice Range must be unloaded unless the shooter is properly positioned on the firing line and is either preparing to commence a drill or actively engaging in the conduct of a drill.

Prior to beginning to load a firearm in preparation for a shooting drill, the shooter must announce to all present on the shooting bay that **"the range is going hot."**

The shooting bay will remain in a "hot" state until the shooter has completed the drill, has unloaded the firearm ensured that the chamber is clear, released the slide, dropped the hammer/striker, and holstered the firearm, whereupon the shooter will announce to all present on the shooting bay that "the range is cold." **The shooting bay is not "Cold" until all of these conditions have been met.**

During a "cold range" condition, no firearms may be handled on any shooting bay.

Targets may be posted, pasted or pulled, magazines and speed loaders may be loaded and spent shell casings may be picked up when the shooting bay is in a "cold" state.

Only one shooter may be on the firing line in any shooting bay at any one time. All others must stand behind the line.

Firearms may be handled only at a Designated Safety Table or on the Firing Line.

Only Designated Safety Tables may be used for uncasing and holstering an unloaded firearm prior to the commencement of a practice session, and for the casing of an unloaded firearm after the shooter has finished practicing with it.

Designated Safety Tables may be used for the handling of unloaded firearms with the muzzles pointed directly into the berm.

All persons using Designated Safety Tables must remain with their "belly" up to the table until any handgun which is being handled is safely holstered or cased.

All firearms must be holstered or cased while being carried anywhere off the firing line. Holstered handguns (other than CHL handguns) may be carried only if they are unloaded. Semi-automatic handguns must have the action closed, hammer or internal striker down and no magazine in the magazine well. Revolvers must have the cylinder cleared and closed.

Ammunition/dummy rounds may be handled, and detached magazines and/or revolver speed-loaders may be loaded anywhere on the range except at a Designated Safety Table.

Tables other than designated safety tables may be used to store/prepare gear, and to load magazines or speed loaders. Firearms **may not** be uncased, unholstered or handled at these tables.

The loading of a firearm and/or any live fire may only be conducted while the shooter is in firing position on the firing line and only when the shooting bay has been declared to be "Hot."

Firearms (other than CHL handguns) may be in a loaded state only while the shooter is on the firing line. Prior to leaving the firing line, the shooter's firearm must be unloaded, made safe and holstered.

Holster draw is strong side only using the strong side hand.

The trigger finger must be kept off the trigger until the firearm is pointed at the target and the decision to shoot has been made.

Prior to holstering a loaded firearm during a multi-string course of fire, the shooter must engage any available mechanical safety device with which the firearm is equipped.

If the shooter has completed his/her drill and intends to leave the firing line, s/he must unload and clear the firearm, drop the hammer/striker, and holster the firearm before doing so.

Dry firing may be done only either on the firing line or at a Designated Safety Table

with the muzzle pointed into the berm.

During multi-shot sequences the shooter's maximum safe rate of fire is determined by the limits of the shooter's ability keep all shots which are fired on target.

When the practice session is completed each shooter is responsible for verifying that his/her firearm(s) is/are clear and unloaded at one of the Designated Safety Tables before being cased for transportation off the range.

All participants will help pick up spent ammunition casings and take any used targets and any other trash to the trash containers. Brass casings can be placed in the buckets provided on the range, or may be taken by shooters for reloading. Shooters who are identified as having failed to police up the area after using the shooting bays will be barred from returning to use the bays.

### **Concealed Handgun License Holders:**

The holder of a State of Oregon Concealed Handgun License (CHL) may carry a loaded, concealed handgun while on RR&GC property. CHL holders who choose to do so must advise an on-duty RSO/CRSO of that fact during range check-in.

Concealed carryhandguns must remain holstered and concealed from view unless the CHL holder wishes to fire the handgun during the range session. In that event, the CHL holder must take a position on the firing line and declare the shooting bay to be "Hot." The CHL holder will then unholster the firearm, unload it and make it safe before closing the action, dropping the hammer/striker, reholstering it and declaring the shooting bay to be "Cold."

Prior to leaving the range, the CHL holder may take a position on the firing line and declare the shooting bay to be "Hot," then and only then, reload the CHL handgun, reholster it, declare the shooting bay to be "Cold," and depart the firing line.

### **Shooter Supervision:**

#### **Range safety is the responsibility of every person on the range.**

Approved Shooters may self-direct their practice sessions within the guidelines established by this document so long as at least two persons are present on the shooting bay. It is not necessary that all persons on the bay be shooters, but a minimum of two persons must be present due to safety considerations.

Multiple shooters practicing together must work as a cooperative team.

Where multiple shooters are practicing together on one bay, only one shooter may handle a "hot" firearm and/or engage targets at any one time.

Everyone present on any shooting bay **MUST** maintain awareness of the positions of all others present, maintain a relative position of safety, and monitor or control muzzle direction of any handgun which is in use.

Any person can call a cease fire if he or she sees an unsafe condition or action on the shooting bay, or when he or she experiences a firearm malfunction that cannot be safely cleared.

Any shooting safety violations will be dealt with immediately after calling a cease fire and ensuring that all firearms present are clear and safe.

### **Range Mishaps or Injuries:**

Action Pistol Practice Range users must report any range mishap or personal injury which occurs during any practice session to the on-duty RSO/CRSO at the Practice Range immediately.

## **SHOOTING SKILLS ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE**

Prior to the commencement of the shooting skills assessment, each shooter must load two magazines or speedloaders, as appropriate, and stow them in an appropriate magazine pouch or speedloader case. The shooter's firearm will be properly holstered and will not be loaded at this time. Semi-automatic pistols will not have a magazine in the magazine well.

**PHASE ONE:** Performed with an unloaded firearm.

Draw the unloaded firearm from the holster and move it to the firing position without sweeping any part of the body with the muzzle.

Show clear:

- a. semi-automatic: with no magazine in pistol and muzzle pointed downrange, rack the slide to ensure that the chamber is clear, lock slide open and verify that the chamber and magazine well are clear, keeping the muzzle down range rotate pistol so RSO can visually confirm empty chamber and magazine well. On command, release the slide and, with the muzzle still pointed downrange, press the trigger and drop the hammer/striker.
- b. revolver: with muzzle pointed downrange release the cylinder latch, swing the cylinder out and hold it open. Visually inspect the cylinder to insure it is empty of cartridges. Keeping the muzzle down range rotate pistol so RSO can visually confirm empty cylinder. Close the cylinder and regrip pistol

Re-holster the firearm without sweeping any portion of the body with the muzzle and secure it in place by applying any retention devices with which the holster is equipped.

**PHASE TWO:** Two String Shooting Skills Assessment

On command, draw the firearm, load it, and make it ready to fire. Ensure that any manual safety device on the firearm is engaged, and re-holster.

**First String:**

On command, the shooter will draw and fire two rounds at each of the three targets facing him/her, conduct a tactical reload, engage any manual safety device with which the firearm is equipped, and re-holster.

**Second String:**

On command, take one step to the side while drawing the firearm, and fire two rounds at each of the targets facing the shooter. On command, unload and show clear. Re-holster.

All shots fired on the targets must land within the "Down 1" zone of an IDPA target or the "C Zone" of a USPSA target.

**Participants who cannot perform these tasks properly and/or meet the accuracy standard will not receive authorization to use the Action Pistol Practice Range.**

Those who fail to qualify for authorization to use the Action Pistol Practice Range but still desire to obtain it should either secure training or practice on their own until they can meet the standards required in the assessment procedure at a future Orientation/Assessment event.