

## Competition Pistol Range Rules

The Frank W. McKinney Memorial Competition Pistol Range is for conventional “bullseye” target pistol and air gun shooting. The only other activities permitted on the range are club-sponsored training classes and organized events approved by the Pistol Committee. Formal competitions, training classes, and other approved events are open to the public. Otherwise, use of the range is limited to individuals who meet qualification standards and requirements set by the Pistol Committee.

Pistol Range Authorized Members are Scarborough Fish & Game Association members who have been vetted by the Pistol Committee. They have unrestricted use of the range. Requirements for authorization are detailed in the appendix at the end of these rules.

Pistol Range Junior Members have restricted use of the range. Junior Members are nominated and certified by the SF&GA Junior Program and approved by the Pistol Committee. They use the range under the direct supervision of an Authorized Member who is qualified to supervise junior members. Junior Members are not issued fob keys.

Pistol Range Guests are limited to those individuals holding a current NRA Outdoor Conventional Pistol Classification. They are admitted to the range by an Authorized Member, who is personally responsible for directly supervising them and insuring their compliance with all range rules. Guests are limited to two (2) visits to the range. This two-visit limit does not apply to participation in competitions, leagues, clinics, training classes, or other organized events.

Pistol Range Associate Members have range access for administrative purposes. Associate members are not certified for range use and are not subject to range fees or service requirements.

The Pistol Committee or its Safety Officer may suspend or withdraw an individual's access authorization, for cause, at any time. If an individual's SF&GA membership is suspended or terminated, their competition pistol range privileges are automatically suspended.

*SF&GA members wishing to have unrestricted access to the Competition Pistol Range for “bullseye” target shooting are welcome to undertake the authorization process.*

1. **Range Access Control** -The Competition Pistol Range is secured by a chain link fence. Primary access to the range is through a gate adjacent to the Competition Pistol building. Other gates are normally locked and only opened for organized activities and range maintenance. ***These range access control procedures are safety-related measures.***
  - A. Access to the range is controlled through special permission enabled on a member's Scarborough Fish & Game Association fob key, which actuates the lock on the entrance gate.
    - (a) Each authorized member will “fob-in” and initiate a registration card upon first entering the range. Registration cards are required for both (1) any access involving shooting and (2) any *non-shooting* access exceeding 15 minutes. Registration cards are audited and compared to the electronic gate (fob) access log. A registration card is required in order to document the nature of each fob-in/fob-out.
    - (b) An Authorized Member who is qualified to supervise junior members admits Junior Members through the usual fob-in procedure and completes a registration card, including the names of the juniors who were admitted to the range.
    - (c) Authorized members will not admit any individual, other than their own guests and/or juniors under their direct supervision. This prohibition includes admitting other authorized or associate members. Failure to observe this procedure defeats the

- purpose of the electronic logging system and compromises the intent of these range access controls.
- (d) Before leaving the range, each member will complete their registration card and deposit it in the appropriate container. Each member will fob-out and insure that the gate is secure before leaving the facility.

B. SF&GA rules apply to misuse and loss of fobs.

***Gates will not be blocked open except during approved matches and club-sponsored training. Doing so negates the purposes of the electronic gate control system.***

2. **Range Flag** – A red range flag will be displayed any time the range is in use as a Hot Range.
3. **Safety Equipment** - Eye and ear protection is required, no exceptions.
4. **Firearms and Ammunition Allowed** - Target pistols or revolvers, with minimum 4" barrel length and equipped with adjustable target sights or optical sights, are the only firearms allowed on this range. Target-type air guns (pistols and rifles) intended for 10-meter competition and firing .177-caliber pellets at muzzle velocities not to exceed 600 fps are also allowed.

The following caliber and target-type loads are approved for use on this range:

- .22 RF (short, long, long rifle)
- .32 S&W Long – wad cutter (WC)
- .32 ACP – SWC or RN
- .32 H&R Magnum
- .38 Special – WC, semi-wad cutter (SWC), round nose (RN)
- 9mm Luger (9x19mm) – SWC, RN
- .45 ACP (.45 Auto) – SWC/SWC-HP/JSWC/JHP (160- 200 grain), RN (230 grain)

***If you are uncertain over the acceptability of the firearm, caliber, or load that you want to use, contact the Competition Pistol Range Safety Officer or his/her designee before use.***

5. **Safe Firearm Procedures** - Firearms are to be cased ("boxed") at all times when they are not on the firing line. No firearm uncased and on the firing line is considered safe unless the action is open, chamber empty, the magazine (if so equipped) is removed, and an empty chamber indicator is inserted. Loaded firearms shall be under the control of the shooter at all times.
6. **Shooting Locations** - The pistol range firing line is 220 feet long. In order to ensure safe and coordinated activities on the range, individuals are to shoot from firing points in close proximity to each other.
  - A. Shooters arriving when other shooter(s) are already set up shall set up no more than two (2) firing points away from the shooters already there. (The Pistol Committee Chairman or Safety Officer may make an exception to this rule for use of the Ransom Rest bench on a case-by-case basis.)
  - B. Firing will be from immediately behind the bench that corresponds to the firing point and corresponding target number.
  - C. Except for club-sponsored training classes and organized events approved by the Pistol Committee, no firing is permitted from forward of the benches.
7. **Procedure When Someone is Downrange / Red Line Procedure** - Before anyone proceeds down range and when anyone is forward of the red firing line, firearms are to have been rendered safe and are not to be handled or touched. All individuals not forward of the red firing line will stay behind the yellow safety line.

8. **Muzzle Discipline** - The only "safe direction" on the Pistol Range is towards the backstop (impact berm). No shooter may ever release a slide to chamber a round or close a loaded cylinder unless the firearm is horizontal to the ground and pointed at the backstop (impact berm). No shooter may ever elevate (point) the muzzle of a firearm above the backstop (impact berm) unless the firearm has first been rendered safe.
9. **Targets Allowed** - NRA 25- and 50 yard "bullseye" Pistol Targets (B-16, B-6, B-8, B-19, and B-38) and 10 meter air pistol and air rifle targets. Targets must be mounted on target backers.

#### 10. Target Placement

- A. Targets are to be placed in the center of a target backer, one target to a backer, and targets and backers are to be placed in the metal target frames provided at the range. Target frames are to be installed on the frame holders at the numbered locations on the 25- and 50-yards target lines, only. The exception to this is for air pistol and air rifle targets only which are to be placed at 10 meters in the target stands provided. Multiple target centers may be used only when firing from a machine rest, fastened to the bench at Firing Point 52. All target frames will be returned to racks provided in front of each firing point.
  - B. No targets shall be placed on the ground, in or on a berm or backstop, or on the target support structure.
11. **Don't Allow Metal Target Frames to be Shot** - If it becomes evident that bullets are striking the target frames or their wood-faced supports, STOP shooting immediately and find out why.
  12. **Clean Up** - Pick up all spent casings, including rim fire. Deposit unwanted spent brass in the red buckets. Pick up all trash and deposit it in the covered waste barrels. Put duds in the dud box. Do not put duds in the red buckets or waste barrels.
  13. **Damage** - Any damage, whether caused by an authorized member, their guest, or discovered on arrival at the range, must be reported immediately and noted on the registration card. The authorized member shall be responsible for repair of any damage caused by the authorized member or their guest(s). The Pistol Committee will pre-approve any repairs.

## COMPETITION PISTOL RANGE RULES: Appendix

1. **Range Authorization** – Scarborough Fish & Game Association members wishing to have authorized access to the pistol range for the purpose of training for competition must:

- (1) Be certified by the Pistol Committee Safety Officer.\*
- (2) Agree to fulfill an annual service (work) requirement or pay a \$100 annual range fee.\*

\* Based on a calendar year.

*Initial certification* requires successful completion of a qualification process conducted by the Pistol Committee's Safety Team. This process includes instruction on range safety and usage, a review of rules and procedures, and the member's demonstrating a reasonable proficiency with target pistols. The Pistol Committee Safety Officer may place restrictions or limitations as a condition of a member's certification.

Authorizations are renewed annually on January 1. In order for a member to retain access authorization:

- (3) The member must acknowledge their possession and understanding of the then current Competition Pistol Range Rules and sign the SF&GA-approved waiver of liability. Then, the Pistol Committee Safety Officer must formally *re-certify* a member's qualification. Normally, *annual certification* will be based on the member's acknowledging their understanding of the current range rules and signing the waiver. However, the Safety Officer may, at his/her discretion, require re-qualification before re-certifying a member.
- (4) The member must have met, or exceeded, the annual service requirement for the preceding 12-month period or paid the \$100 annual range fee.

## 2. Service (Work Hours) Requirements

- A. Authorized Members are required to complete, at least, 8 hours of service (work) annually during the period 1 January through 31 December.
- B. Guests are limited to two visits and incur a \$3 per-visit range fee, payable at the time of each visit and attached to the registration card.
- C. Juniors Members are expected to contribute service in the areas of range maintenance and operations.
- D. Associates (individuals granted range access for administrative purposes) are exempt from service requirements.