

OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE OPERATION & SAFETY RULES

Site Specific Rules

1. Hours: 9am - 8:59pm (or dark – whichever comes first) EVERY DAY. The range is open 365 days a year unless it is rented – see Sportscastrer Range Calendar for Rental schedule.
2. Range I.D. card on the YELLOW lanyard must be worn at all times when using the range.
3. Form must be filled out and any monies paid BEFORE using the range.
4. A maximum of two guests are allowed per member.
5. Vehicles can be driven down range (except in the winter). Care must be taken to stay on the stoned areas. Members who drive on the grass will have range use privileges removed. You can also use the parking lot and walk down.
6. You can only shoot at the targets set in front of the North berm. Maximum shooting distance from the North berm target stands is 25 yards.
7. Hearing and eye protection must be worn at all times by all people on the range.
8. Any person shooting a Pistol on TSC property must have a valid N.Y. State pistol permit.
9. Any unsafe use of the range or violation of any rules will result in having your range use permit revoked. Severe or repeated violations will result in expulsion from the Club.

Note: Agencies that qualify at our range are authorized to shoot Rifles and Shotguns on this Range. Members ARE NOT – Pistols only.

Confirmation of completion of the Outdoor Pistol Range Safety Class.
Signature below confirms you have read and will comply with all rules:

Member Signature: original signed copy on file at TSC Date: XXXXXXX

Member Print Name XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Range safety Officer: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Date: XXXXXXX

TSC Outdoor Pistol Range

This range is a private range and is available to members of TSC that are in good standing and have taken the appropriate training courses and possess the correct credentials.

This means your ID card and NEW YELLOW LANYARD must be present and visible.

Guests are allowed only when accompanied by members of TSC with the proper credentials. Guests will NOT have a yellow lanyard.

The member is responsible for all activities and violations incurred by guests they escort. Actions of your guests could have your permission to use the ranges revoked.

This range is not open to the general public. Any non-member found on the range without escort should be asked to leave immediately. If there is any issue the Range Master, a Range Officer or TSC Board member should be alerted as well as possibly law enforcement. Violators will be prosecuted.

Keep in mind: non-Member guests of a Member will not have a lanyard – the Member will.

Arriving at the range

Check in and fill out paperwork at the building as required.

Your range pass is required to be in your possession and on display at all times. Either worn on a lanyard around your neck or displayed off the back of the shooting table. But it must be visible.

If there is an individual at the range that does not have their range pass on display, you should “challenge” and ask to see their range pass and have them properly display it. In the event they do not have a range pass, they should be asked to leave the range. If there is any issue, call a member of the board of directors to report the incident. “I forgot it at home” is not a valid excuse. No Pass, No Entry.

Range Officers may test members to determine if members are challenging. Failure to do so may result in being sent for remedial training.

If a vehicle is taken down range, the vehicle should be behind any firing lines and remain on the road. It CANNOT be on the grass for any reason.

Only proceed down range when the range is clear, and it is safe to proceed. Coordinate with shooters on the range to establish a cease fire and render the range safe to travel through.

Staging out of your vehicle is allowed, however all firearm handling rules must be followed. Handling any firearms at a vehicle is a violation of safe gun handling rules.

Never drive through the grass. If you drive on the grass this can cause damage to the range. If range damage is discovered, camera footage will be pulled, and the responsible party will have their range use revoked.

Every effort should be made to stay on the road. Park your vehicle in a way so that you can exit easily and not drive on the grass.

Covered Shooting Area

At the time of this writing, use of the covered shooting area is permitted for special events only. Special events are authorized by the Board of Directors and the Range Master.

All members should proceed down range and shoot at the berm.

Any member caught using the covered shooting area will have their access rights revoked.

Permitted Firearms

- Any handguns chambered a straight walled pistol cartridge (Ex: 9mm, 40S&W, 45ACP, 50AE)
- No handguns chambered in rifle calibers are permitted (Ex: 223, 308, 300WM)
 - Exception to this is pistols chambered in 5.7x28mm, 357 Sig
- Any handgun or long gun using a Rimfire cartridge (Ex: 17HMR, 22LR, 22WMR)
- Pistol Caliber Carbines chambered in 9mm, 40S&W, 45ACP

Note: Any unsafe use of the range or violation of any rules will result in the Member losing their right to use the range. Severe or repeated violations will result in expulsion from the Club.

Establishing a Firing Line

A firing line is established by setting a table at the position you wish to shoot. The table can be positioned in one or two ways.

1. Table on side of shooter – The firing line is then established parallel to the front of the table. Equipment, magazines and bags may be placed on the table, however all firearm handling must be done pointing down range including casing and uncasing.
2. Table in front of shooter – the firing line is established parallel to the back of the table. Shooters may stage gear and firearms on the table and shoot from behind it.

Take one of the available tables or bring your own table and set it at the position where you intend to shoot. Note: Tables normally will NOT be available – bring your own.

No more than 2 active shooters per table. If there are more shooters, get another table.

The firing line and table must be established square to the North berm.

The muzzle of the firearm should be in front of the firing line/table when being fired.

The shooter should never be in front of the firing line / table while the line is active.

The firing line is the line where it is acceptable to handle firearms. Absolutely no handling of firearms should occur while not at the firing line. Handling a firearm while not at the firing line is considered unsafe gun handling. If the firearm is out of the case or the case is not closed/secured, this is considered handling.

All shooters on one side of the berm should always use the established firing line at the same distance. Never have another group either in front or behind you. Always parallel.

The berm has 3 sides but you can **ONLY SHOOT AT THE NORTH BERM** using the Targets stands that are there.

A shooting line on a different side of the berm cannot be established if it sits within the 180 of an existing firing line. Look to your right, look to your left, if you see anyone setup in front of that line, they are probably in your 180.

Shooting in the direction of the side berms is **NOT** allowed.

Setting Targets

Use of the target holders at the end of the front berm is mandatory. If you wish to use a steel target, it must be placed in line with and between the existing target stands.

All target stands must be within the confines of the berm. Angled shooting is **NOT ALLOWED**. Maximum shooting distance from the target stands is 25 yards.

Portable target stands must be set in line with and between the current target stands. This gives bullets that pass-through targets no place to go but into the berm.

Shooting and Handling at the Firing Line

All firearms **MUST** be transported unloaded and cased or boxed. The box/case should be closed and secured (snapped, zippered, etc).

A firearm wrapped in a rag or loose cloth is not considered an appropriate case/bag.

If you are using a firearm that you are carrying, it must remain holstered until you are at the firing line. Once at the line it should be cleared and below rules followed. When leaving for the day, you are permitted to reload your firearm and holster/conceal it. This should be done at the firing line.

At the firing line, firearms may be uncased to be fired or holstered.

If holstered, they should remain unloaded while not on the firing line.

There should be no magazine, or ammunition in the firearm if holstered outside the firing line.

If a firearm is to be removed from the line, it should be put back in case/box or holstered unloaded.

The only time a firearm is loaded is at the firing line. If you are stepping off the line, unload the firearm.

In general, keep the number of firearms that are out to a minimum. If you are not using or intending to use it, put it away.

This is a Pistol Range. Long guns cannot be used (with the exceptions listed on Pg.3). Use of chamber flags is required with the action being closed on the flag. Note: Agencies that qualify on our Range are authorized to shoot Rifles and Shotguns. Members are NOT – Pistols only.

All firearms must be pointed downrange at all times. If a muzzle breaks the 180 this is considered unsafe gun handling.

Drawing from a holster is permitted as long as the user does it in a safe manner with the proper equipment.

Shooting with movement is NOT permitted.

Going Downrange

After a while, shooters will need to head down range to repair, replace, re-position or remove targets. During this time, a cease fire will need to be called.

To call a cease fire, inform all shooters that are shooting on the side of the berm you are on that you wish to go down range.

All shooters in this area should unload/clear their firearms and either holster or case them. Any case/bag used must be zippered or snapped shut to be considered properly closed. Holstered firearms should be cleared of ammunition and with no magazine inserted.

Once all firearms are cleared, the shooters on the side should give a confirmation that all firearms are cleared/cased/flagged/holstered either with a thumbs up or verbally. Once all shooters have confirmed, the range should be called clear and shooters may go down range.

No one who is on the cold side of the berm is permitted to touch any firearms while a shooter is down range. To do so is unsafe gun handling.

Shooters should move to the back or behind the shooting line tables while anyone is down range. They may perform administrative tasks at that point such as loading magazines. But NEVER touch any firearm. All firearms must remain cased/holstered.

Targets and Target Stands

It is generally recommended to use the fixed target stands at the end of the range. Bring your own cardboard (24" wide x desired height). If you wish to use a steel target stand, it must be in line with and setup between the current target stands.

If a shooter chooses to use their own stands, they must be safe construction and appropriate height for use on the range. They must be placed in line with and between the existing target stands.

Paper and cardboard targets are to be used only with exception of below.

Steel Targets may be used only in line with and between the current target stands.

Members supply their own targets. Only paper targets are allowed. No tracers or incendiaries / no armor piercing / no tannerite targets.

Clean Up

Leave the range as good or better than how you found it.

Return tables back to the designated area.

Dispose of all targets in the garbage cans or burn barrel located by the exit of the range.

Pickup your spent brass. It doesn't biodegrade! Set a blanket or net to make it easier. If you don't want the brass, put it in brass bucket at the top of the range. We don't expect people to get every piece of brass, however try to make a conscious effort to pick it up.

Report any damage to the Range Master / Board of Directors immediately.

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Violations and Safety Infringements

TSC takes the safety at the ranges and of its members very seriously.

The club has started to invest in video surveillance and will be actively monitoring the recordings. Just because you are at the range alone, doesn't mean the rules shouldn't be followed. Footage may be reviewed at any time after the fact.

Individuals found to be in violation of rules and safety guidelines will have range use revoked.

If a violation is found to be extremely severe, the offender will be expelled from the club.

This memo is not an all-inclusive list but provides some guidelines. Please consult with the Range Master, Range Officers or any other member of TSC Management for clarification or to report issues.

Steel Target Certification

Steel targets must be of sound construction and for the purpose of being shot by firearm. They must be setup in line with and between the target stands.

Steel targets are never to be shot at from closer than 21ft.

Steel targets should be designed and positioned so that splatter off impacted bullets is not directed back at shooters.