

2024 Board Approved

CRAVEN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (CCLEOA) RANGE SAFETY RULES 1/1/2024

It is the responsibility of each member, their guests and all agencies to use our Training Facility in a safe and responsible manner.

These rules are in force regardless of whether a member, a member's guest, an agency or an approved organization is using or in control of the firing ranges.

Compliance with the rules is mandatory. The safety of all members, guests, and the surrounding community as well as the preservation of the facility requires adherence to the rules.

Violations of range rules and procedures will result in immediate removal from range, could result in termination of membership and if warranted criminal prosecution where property damage or personal injury is involved.

Guest conduct and safety is the responsibility of the member who is hosting the guest.

Students are considered to be guests and their safety and conduct are the responsibility of the on-range instructor.

RANGE DESIGNATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

Range A – The far-right range with the white barricades and the turning targets.

- For agency training only.
- Shooting distance limited to 50 yards.
- When range A is in use, Range B is closed.

Range B – The area immediately to the left of range A.

- Shooting distance limited to 25 yards.
- When range A is in use, Range B becomes a part of range A and is closed to non-agency shooters.
- Any weapons are authorized on this range as long as they don't damage the shooting structures such as target ropes, target rope winches and support posts.

Range C – The center range with the curved rear berm.

- Shooting distance limited to 50 yards.
- When range E is in use, range C is closed.
- Any weapons are authorized on this range as long as they don't damage the shooting structures such as target ropes, target rope winches and support posts.
- The shoot house on range C including the moveable walls are for law enforcement agency training only. Individual use is prohibited.

Range D – Last range on the left of the established range.

- Shooting distance limited to 200 yards.
- When range E is in use, range D is closed.
- Any weapons are authorized on this range as long as they don't damage the shooting structures such as target ropes, target rope winches and support posts.

Range E – The “Red Neck” Trap Range – Located behind the clubhouse and includes the open areas behind ranges A,B,C and D.

- Weapons limited to shotguns using 7 ½ or smaller shot.
- Range can only be used during scheduled matches. No individual use of range is permitted.

Range F – The ATA Range - the trap range at the far end of the new associates ranges under construction.

- Weapons limited to shotguns using 7 ½ or smaller shot.
- No individual use during scheduled matches.
- Individuals will shoot consistent with the current established firing line.

RANGE DESIGNATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS: (Cont.)

FUTURE ASSOCIATE RANGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Range G – The range on the new section to the right of range A and the ATA range road.

- No shotguns.
- Fixed firing point at 50 yards with movable targets.

Range H – Center area of the future associate ranges.

- No shotguns.
- Max distance 100 yards.

Range I – The range on the far-right side of the future associate range area.

- 300-yard fixed firing position with Movable targets.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RELATED DEFINITIONS:

- Cease Fire - When Cease Fire is called, all people on that range will immediately cease fire, render the weapon(s) safe and stop handling the weapon(s).
- Range is hot - When the range is declared hot, safe handling, loading and firing weapons is allowed. The range is declared hot when all people on that range agree that firing can commence.
- Steel targets - Steel targets must be commercially produced and be made of AR 400 to AR 700 steel and must be of a design consistent with the weapon being used.

GENERAL SAFETY:

- Treat all weapons as if they are loaded. Safe weapons handling is the responsibility of the individual. Never assume a weapon handed to you is safe or unloaded. **“WHEN IT IS HANDED TO YOU, CHECK IT”**.
- Handling of loaded weapons in any building on range property is prohibited.
- Never point a weapon at anything you do not intend to destroy.
- Always be aware of your target and the area beyond your target where a bullet could land.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire. Rifles and pistols should have sights on the target, shotguns should be ready to engage birds.

GENERAL SAFETY: (Cont.)

- Eye and hearing protection are required any time on the range that live fire is being conducted.
- Alcohol is never permitted on the range.
- Only ammunition that matches the specifications of the firearm in use is permitted.
- Firearms must be in good working order. All applicable safeties must work.
- Tracer, incendiary or explosive ammunition is not permitted.
- ONLY during agency training are agencies permitted to discharge chemical munitions and distraction devices.
- Shooting ammunition designed for penetrating metal is prohibited.
- No target material will be mounted or placed anywhere on the range except in the designated target areas where the backstop absorbs the impact of the bullet.
- Any safety violation observed by anyone on the range shall be reported to a Range Safety Officer (RSO), assistant RSO or Executive Committee member immediately.
- Loaded firearms will be handled only on the firing line.
- On ranges with a fixed firing line, the firing line will be determined by the shooter closest to the target line. For example, on range D you can't shoot at the 100-yard rifle line while a shooter is at the 50-yard rifle line. Shooters sharing a range must agree on an active firing line before firing can resume.
- When a shooter moves forward of the firing line a cease fire on that range will be called and observed.
- Handling weapons is not allowed during any cease fire.
- Only line-of-site firing on authorized targets is permitted.
- If an unsafe condition is observed a ceasefire will be immediately called. When 'CEASE FIRE! CEASE FIRE!' is called, all shooting on the firing line will immediately cease and weapons will be made safe. Firing will not resume until the unsafe condition is resolved and the range is declared 'Hot'.
- When not on the firing line, weapons must be made safe. Loaded weapons will be carried with the muzzle straight up, straight down or in a compatible holster.
- Unloaded weapons will be placed in a suitable container or carried as if they are loaded with the muzzle pointing either straight up or straight down.
- Break action shotguns will be carried with the barrel pointing either straight up or straight down.

PERMITTED TARGETS

- Paper targets are permitted on all ranges. They can be either mounted on the target ropes or on target stands that must be made of either wood or PVC with a free-standing base. Targets must be mounted within 25' of the berm.
- Clay birds can be shot on designated shotgun ranges. You can shoot clays that are laying on the sand portion of the berms so long as they are on the same level with where hanging paper targets would be.
- Commercial steel targets can be used on ranges A, B, C, and D. Targets must be mounted according to their manufacturer's specification. No steel targets shall be engaged closer than 15 yards unless meeting agency training requirements during agency training only. **(See appendix A for pictures of permitted steel targets).**

TARGETS NOT PERMITTED

- Incendiary or explosive targets such as tannerite are not permitted on the range.
- Bottles, cups, cans or other similar objects are prohibited targets.
- Bowling pins are prohibited.
- Targets cannot be placed on berm supporting structures, buildings or any other structure not designed to hold a target.

RANGE RULES VIOLATION PROCEDURE

- Serious range incidents are defined but not limited to accidental discharges, injury to people or structures, incidents requiring the presence of emergency personnel or complaints from individuals outside of the range property and will be immediately reported to a member of the executive Board.
- Serious violations resulting in damage to property and/or people shall be reviewed by a panel of RSOs and the Executive Committee Members and if verified will result in immediate suspension of all range privileges and possible termination of membership.
- Reports of more than one rule violation not involving damage to property or people shall be reviewed by a panel of RSOs and the Executive Committee and if verified will result in suspension of all range privileges and possible termination of membership.
- The determination of the review panel shall be final. There is no appeal process. However, the individual being considered for suspension or termination has the right to appear before the panel and give their side of the issue.

APPENDIX A

Examples of Permitted Steel Targets



Gong Steel Target



Silhouette Steel Target



Popper Steel Target