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

It is the responsibility of each member, their guests and all agencies to use CCLEOA Training Facilities 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, except under special circumstances/events as approved by the Executive Board.

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 these rules.

Violations of range rules and procedures may result in immediate removal from the range, and/ or termination of membership and/or criminal prosecution.

Guest conduct and safety is the responsibility of the member who is hosting the guest. All guests are required to sign in on the sign in sheet, and sign the Acknowledgment Of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement and maintain a copy on their person while on the range (phone pictures are acceptable)

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

RANGE DESIGNATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

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

- 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 is limited to 25 yards.
- When range B is in use, range A is closed. When agencies are using these ranges they have control of A and B
- Any small arms (rifles/pistols) no larger than 50 Cal are authorized on range B

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

- Shooting distance limited to 50 yards.
- When range E (“Red Neck” Trap Range) is in use, range C is closed.

- Any small arms (rifles/pistols) no larger than 50 Cal are authorized on range C.
- The firing line is determined by the first shooter on this range.

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

- Shooting distance limited to 200 yards.
- When range E (“Red Neck” Trap Range) is in use, range D is closed.
- Any small arms (rifles/pistols) no larger than 50 Cal are authorized on range D.
- The firing line is determined by the first shooter on this range.
- D range is the only range that shooting over 50 yds is permitted. PLEASE DO NOT use this range for shooting under 50yds, we have 3 other ranges to use for 50 yds and less. Be courteous and move if other ranges are available.

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

- Weapons are limited to shotguns using 7 ½ or smaller shot.
- Range E can only be used during scheduled matches. No individual use of the range is permitted outside of the scheduled match times (currently M-W-Sat 0900-1200.)

Range F – The ATA Range - the trap range at the far end of the range road behind the red gate.

- Weapons are limited to shotguns using 7 ½ or smaller shot.
- No non match shooting is allowed during scheduled matches.
- Individual use of the range for shotguns only is permitted when no matches are scheduled.
- Individuals will shoot consistent with the current established firing line.
- Matches are currently scheduled Wed and Fri 0930-1200.

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

- Any small arms (rifles/pistols) no larger than 50 Cal are authorized on Range G.
- No weapon firing shotgun shot permitted on this range. Slugs are permitted.
- Fixed firing point at 50 yards with movable targets to be adjusted to the shooter’s preferred distance
- Drawing from the holster is prohibited on this range.
- No firing from in front of or past/behind the 50 yd fixed firing line is allowed.

Range H – To the immediate right of Range G.

- Any small arms (rifles/pistols) no larger than 50 Cal are authorized on Range H.
- Max distance 50 yards.
- The targets must be either hung on the ropes provided or set up no more than 5 feet in front of, or behind the target ropes.
- The firing line is determined by the first shooter on this range.

RANGE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

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

- 300-yard fixed firing position with targets set at 100, 200, and 300yds. No shooting less than 100yards.
- Any small arms (rifles/pistols) no larger than 50 Cal are authorized on this Range I.
- No firing from in front of or past/behind the 300 yd fixed firing line is allowed.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RELATED DEFINITIONS:

- Cease Fire - When Cease Fire is called, all shooters 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 shooters on that range agree that firing can commence.
- Steel targets - Steel targets must be commercially manufactured and rated for the weapon being used. They cannot be mounted higher than 4 feet.

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.
- No projectiles of any type (simunitions, air-soft, air pistol/rifle) are ever allowed to be discharged within any CCLEOA building
- 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.
- Eye and hearing protection are required on the firing line any time live fire is being conducted. It is encouraged anywhere on the range while live fire is in progress.
- 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. The Board must be made aware in advance if such training is scheduled.
- 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.
- All members are responsible for safety. Any safety violation observed by anyone on the range should be addressed, by the witness, with the associate in violation, in a courteous manner,

and reported to a Range Safety Officer (RSO), assistant RSO or Executive Committee member as soon as practical

- Loaded firearms will be handled only on the firing line.
- On ranges without a fixed firing line, the firing line will be determined by the first shooter on that range. For example, on range D you can't shoot at the 100yard 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.
- On ranges with a fixed firing line, all shooters will shoot from the firing line and movable targets will be adjusted to the shooter's preferred distance. No shooting is allowed from in front of or behind/past the identified firing line. Drawing and firing from a holster is prohibited on these ranges.
- 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. Magazines can be recharged but not loaded into the weapon.
- 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 with breeches/bolts open.
- Break action shotguns will be carried with the breech open, no chambered rounds, and the barrel pointed down. Semi and pump action shotguns will be carried the breech/bolt open, no chambered rounds, and the barrel pointed up,
- When using personal target stands, they must be in front of the target ropes no more than 5 feet, or behind the ropes by at least 2 feet.

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 freestanding base.

- Clay birds may be engaged on the designated trap ranges with 7 ½ shot or smaller. Clays may also be set on the sandy areas of the impact berms and shot with pistol or rifle.

-Commercial steel targets can be used on ranges A, B, C, D, G, H, and I. Targets must be mounted according to their manufacturer's specification. Steel targets shall be used in accordance with Appendix A, unless meeting agency training requirements (Appendix B shows some examples of permitted steel targets) Steel targets ARE NOT TO BE HUNG ON THE TARGET ROPES.

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 the berm supporting structures, target rope support posts, 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, and/or incidents requiring the presence of emergency personnel.

Complaints from individuals outside of the range property 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 the Executive Board or designee(s) and if verified may 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 the Executive Board or designee(s) and if verified may result in suspension of all range privileges and possible termination of membership.

The determination of the Executive Board or designee(s) shall be final. There is no appeal process. However, the individual being considered for disciplinary action has the right to appear before the Executive Board or designee(s) and present a defense/ explanation for the action(s) at issue.

Appendix A

STEEL USAGE CHART

The following chart shows the steel types that Action Target uses in its targets as well as the maximum ammunition recommendations and minimum shooting distances for each. Because of the wide variety of ammunition the following chart is for reference only and is not all inclusive. Also ammunition must be soft (such as lead) or frangible. Frangible ammunition requires the same shooting distances as traditional lead ammunition. Smaller ammunition will work on higher-rated targets, although rimfire ammo may not be able to move heavier reactive plates. To ensure that your ammunition is compatible with your target and distance, take your first shot and then inspect for damage. If there is a crater or pock mark, increase your distance. Handguns and shotgun shot loads can be used on rifle targets at 10 yards, however, once the target has been shot with a centerfire rifle round or shotgun slug, it needs to be inspected for integrity. If there is any visible damage to the target, such as pocking or cratering, the target should not be used at distances closer than 100 yards with any type of firearm or ammunition.

KEY FACTS

- Do not use ammo that travels slower than 400 ft/sec
- Do not use BB's or Airsoft
- Do not use armor piercing, steel core, or green tip ammo
- Rimfire ammo can be used on all steel types, but may not be strong enough to move heavier reactive plates
- Warped or pocked targets should not be shot at close distances.

STEEL TYPE

1/4" AR500	3/8" AR500	3/8" AR550	1/2" AR550
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RECOMMENDED AMMUNITION (Type / Load / Max Velocity / Max Energy)

Rimfire Pistol	Centerfire Handgun	Centerfire Rifle	Big Bore Rifle
			
.22LR Pistol 40gr HP 1,060 fps 117 ft/lbs	9mm Luger 124gr FMJ 1,293 fps 460 ft/lbs .357 Mag 158gr JSP 1,375 fps 663 ft/lbs .40 S&W 180gr TMJ 1,000 fps 400 ft/lbs .45 ACP 230gr TMJ 845 fps 365 ft/lbs .44 Mag 240gr SWC 1,485 fps 1,175 ft/lbs	5.56x45mm 55gr FMJ 3,388 fps 1,410 ft/lbs 7.62x51mm 150gr FMJ 2,750 fps 1,400 ft/lbs .308 Win 150gr SPTZ 2,900 fps 2,800 ft/lbs .30-06 180gr SPTZ 2,900 fps 3,360 ft/lbs 300 Win Mag 190gr BTHP 2,900 fps 3,548 ft/lbs	.338 Lapua 200gr SP 3,330 fps 4,967 ft/lbs .50 BMG 700gr Barnes 3,000 fps 13,971 ft/lbs
Rimfire Rifle	Shotgun Shot	Shotgun Slug	
			
.22LR Rifle 40gr HP 1,260 fps 141 ft/lbs	.410 Bore 2 1/4" Bird 1,250 fps 600 ft/lbs 20 Gauge 2 1/4" Bird 1,300fps 1,276 ft/lbs 12 Gauge 2 1/4" Bird 1,420 fps 2,000 ft/lbs .410 Bore 2 1/4" Buck 1,300 fps 700 ft/lbs 12 Gauge 2 1/4" Buck 1,325 fps 2,400 ft/lbs	.410 Bore 2 1/4" Slug 1,600 fps 900 ft/lbs 20 Gauge 2 1/4" Slug 1,600 fps 2,236 ft/lbs 12 Gauge 2 1/4" Slug 1,600 fps 2,935 ft/lbs	

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM SHOOTING DISTANCE

10 Yards	10 Yards	100 Yards	100 Yards
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(Steel Target Safety Guide)

<https://sssfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Steel-Resource-Guide-Ltr.pdf>

Appendix B

Examples of Permitted Steel Targets



Gong Steel Target



Silhouette Steel Target



Popper Steel Target