



I. Overview

It is hard to believe that our Range Rules document is 25 pages, seems like it should be shorter.

However, as a private club with multiple ranges, no paid supervision, and limited resources, our Range Rules are absolutely critical to ensuring the safety of our members and guests, and to ensure the continued longevity of our club.

SAFETY FIRST AND ALWAYS

The Range Rules are reviewed by committee and revised every other year. This latest revision was expected in 2025, but delayed into 2026 after many long evenings and much spirited discussion. The Range Rules will be reviewed again in 2028.

II. Member Responsibilities

New members are provided with a copy of the current Range Rules at the time of their orientation; and are reviewed in detail with them at that time. Existing members are expected to review the Range Rules changes when they are made.

**Both NEW and EXISTING members (and their GUESTS)
are expected to follow the current Range Rules.**

To aid in that review, please find both

- a high level Summary of Changes
- and a Detailed List of Changes

from our last revision on June 5, 2023 to the latest revision dated March 2, 2026.

III. Summary of Changes

The most consequential differences are:

- Stricter ECI standards and visual compliance appendix added.
- Indoor range holster and firing line procedures clarified and tightened.
- Guest supervision now tied to disciplinary action.
- Pistol pit firing line formally defined.
- 100-yard range port usage clarified for mid-range shooting.
- Stronger ammunition language (steel detection guidance).
- Shotgun patterning coordination rules added.

These changes largely represent clarifications without any philosophical shifts in policy. Safety compliance language is more explicit, less ambiguous, and operationally tighter.

IV. Detailed List of Changes

Between the June 5, 2023 version RangeRulesSafetySOP.PDF and the March 2, 2026 version SSA_RangeRules_260302.PDF: Herein referred to as '2023' and '2026'

Administrative & Structural Changes

Document Metadata

Revision date updated from 6/5/23 to 3/2/26.

Clubhouse phone number changed:

2023: 866-746-6485

2026: 908-637-9813

Expanded Length

2023 version: 13 pages of rules plus 8 appendices.

2026 version: 25 pages total (expanded formatting, added appendix, clarified sections).

New Appendix Added

Appendix I – Acceptable/Unacceptable ECIs (new in 2026).

Includes visual examples of compliant vs non-compliant empty chamber indicators (page 25 image).

2023 version did not define acceptable ECI types.

Revision History Updated

2026 adds a March 2026 entry noting:

Stricter ECI standards and Appendix added. Indoor range holster and firing line procedures clarified and tightened. Guest supervision now tied to mandatory disciplinary action. Pistol pit firing line formally defined. 100-yard range port usage clarified for mid-range shooting. Stronger ammunition language (steel detection guidance). Shotgun patterning coordination rules added.

Firearm Handling & Safety Clarifications

ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) Requirements Strengthened

2023:

- Required ECIs during "Range Safe" periods but no detail on acceptable types.

2026:

- ECIs must be large enough to be readily seen.

- Specifically prohibits: String trimmer line & small factory-supplied indicators.
- Physical verification of safe line required (walk the line).
- Appendix I visually defines acceptable vs unacceptable ECIs (page 25 image).

Indoor Range – Holster Policy Clarified

2023:

- Drawing prohibited.
- Removal of concealed carry firearm allowed under defined procedure.

2026: adds stronger language:

- Open-carry holstered firearms not allowed indoors except for events.
- Explicit “Drawing a concealed carry firearm is strictly prohibited.”
- Adds clarity around bench movement and firearm condition during repositioning.
Explicit rule: all shooting must be done behind the firing line created by the downrange edge of the bench.

100-Yard Rifle Range Changes

Covered Firing Line Definition Added

2026 specifies:

- The covered firing line is the red line painted on the concrete.
- This was not explicitly defined in 2023.

Position Clarification for <100 Yard Shooting

2026 explicitly states:

- Use only positions 6–15 for less than 100 yards.
(This clarifies and tightens mid-range port usage)

Ransom Rest Location Clarified

2026

- Located in Bay 0 (left of Bay 1).
- No rifle shooting allowed from Bay 0.

2023

- did not clearly define “Bay 0” or restrict rifle use there.

Outdoor Pistol Pit Updates

Firing Line Defined

2026

- Defines firing line as an “imaginary line in front of the shooter(s).”
- States there is only one firing line and it moves collectively.
(This was not explicitly described in 2023)

Shotgun Patterning Coordination Added

2026

- Adds a rule that shotgun patterning target is closed when pistol pit is in use and vice versa.
(This coordination language is new)

Holster Clarification

2026

- Adds requirement that a holster must be used (no loose guns in pockets).

Guest Supervision Strengthened

2026 adds:

- If a member inadequately supervises a guest, mandatory disciplinary action applies.
- Recommends member not shoot while guest is shooting.

2023

- was less prescriptive and did not explicitly mandate disciplinary action for inadequate supervision.

Indoor Ammunition Language Tightened

2026 expands prohibition language:

- Explicit “no steel clad/jacketed/cored bullets.”
- Adds magnet test guidance (“if a magnet sticks to the bullet... DO NOT USE IT”).

2023 prohibited steel core but did not provide practical identification guidance.

Steel Target Resources Updated

2026

- Updates steel target supplier URLs.
- Updates ballistic calculator reference.
- Reformats resources section (Appendix D, pages 19–20).
- Substantive rules largely unchanged, but references modernized.

Formatting & Clarity Improvements

Throughout 2026 version:

- More precise firing line definitions.
- Clearer bench movement rules indoors.

More explicit language around:

- Holster use.
- Muzzle direction.
- ECI size.
- Physical verification that the line is safe.
- Better defined sections and headings.