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THESE RULES MUST BE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE RANGES. ANY MEMBER MAY ENFORCE THESE RULES. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES OR A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO), HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS (RSO), WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THESE RANGES, AND POSSIBLE PERMANENT EXPULSION FOLLOWING REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPROPRIATE RANGE DIRECTOR AND ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. **BE AWARE THAT THESE RULES AS DEFINED HEREIN DO NOT ADDRESS EVERY POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY, AND COMMON SENSE MUST GUIDE EVERY ACTION.**

These rules may be modified at any time by a vote of the Board of Directors (BOD). A current copy will be posted on each range, in the chapter house, and will be available at the Log-in location. All range users shall be responsible to review these Rules before exercising their range privilege. Temporary exemption for select rules may be granted by the BOD, with the caveat that a (RSO) be present.

## **ALL RANGES**

- 1) Subject to a (RSO's) approval, persons authorized to use our ranges shall include:
  - a) Members in good standing must have completed Range Orientation In addition, upon request, a Member or Guest must show a valid photo identification card.
  - b) Before access to our Range(s), members must fill out the Range Rules filling out required information
  - c) Fee paid guests, are permitted on our Ranges only while in the company of a sponsoring member. Guest(s) shall sign the waiver card, relieving IWLA and IWLA-FW of any liability, including our negligence.
  - d) Range Fees: Member \$30.00 Range Privilege Card. (Regular Chapter Dues determine Family eligibility.) Guest: \$5.00 per visit limited to two visits per 12 month period. (See 1A thru 1d above.)
- 2) If present on the Range; the ruling of a (RSO) is absolute and must be obeyed immediately by anyone on any range, whether an observer, guest, or member. Failure may result in immediate expulsion of both member and their guest(s).
- 3) All contingencies not specifically addressed in these rules must be approved by a (RSO) before proceeding. The shooters are reminded that shooting safety on these ranges is an individual responsibility.
- 4) All persons are required to sign in and out at our Chapter House. (At the discretion of our Site Manager or an RSO, you may be re-directed to the RSO Shed at the Rifle/Pistol Range.) Your signature will include as a minimum, including: Date, Time, Membership Number, and Your planned location in the Park Grounds. Upon leaving, you will go to the location where you signed in, and you will sign out. If you do not sign out, you will be subject to a penalty. (See #7below).
- 5) All Ranges will open at 9:00AM unless posted otherwise on the bottom of the sign-in sheet, and/or on our website. Skeet, Trap, Rifle, and Pistol Ranges shall be closed on Saturday Mornings until 11:00AM from April 21<sup>st</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>, for Ground Maintenance. Ranges may also be closed on Special Events Days.
- 6) The use of Alcoholic Beverages or Drugs is not permitted on any of our Ranges, and no one under the influence shall be permitted to be on our firing lines or to shoot. If taking prescription or over-the-counter medications, you are cautioned against driving, operating machinery, or shooting on our range(s).
- 7) Actions contrary to our Range Rules, or the instructions of the RSO, may result in privilege loss, membership loss, and may subject you to criminal prosecution. Range Privilege Card holders expelled from any of our Ranges, or whose privileges have been suspended, may appeal to the Board of Directors.
- 8) Use of abusive language or behavior on our ranges will not be tolerated and shall be cause for expulsion, and possible loss or range privileges.

## **RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE: NO RAPID FIRE PERMITTED; A MINIMUM OF 2 SECONDS BETWEEN SHOTS IS REQUIRED.**

- 1) A combination padlock **may** secure the gate to the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. If lock is present, each member shall unlock and lock the gate after entering or exiting the range. If in effect, the combination will be listed in the Range Sign-In Log. The combination may be changed on an irregular basis to prevent unauthorized use of our Ranges. The combination is not to be shared with

anyone. If the Board determines that you have shared the combination for any reason what-so-ever, your Range Privileges will be revoked.

- 2) Pistol, Rifle and Slug shooting are permitted at paper targets mounted inside the painted edge of target backboards, and not on the frame, or RED Zone area.
- 3) Paper Targets are the only targets permitted on R&P Range. Any other objects used as targets are prohibited.
- 4) The Maximum permitted rifle or slug shooting is 100 yards. The maximum permitted off hand pistol shooting is 50 yards. There shall be no shooting of "Shot Loads".
- 5) The use of hearing and eye protection while on the Rifle and Pistol range is mandatory
- 6) There shall be no use of fully automatic fire arms on either the Rifle or Pistol ranges.
- 7) There shall be no use of: Tracer, Incendiary, Armor-Piercing, or other ammunition deemed unsafe by the (RSO).
- 8) All firearms shall be unloaded with their chambers open, no magazine inserted, and pointed down range, except when preparing to fire on the firing line.
- 9) The integrity of the firing line will be maintained at all times. All observers shall be positioned behind the shooters until a "Cease Fire" is called by a shooter or the RSO. Absolutely no shooting is permitted forward of the concrete shooting platform.
- 10) On a "Cease Fire" call, all shooters on that specific Range (Rifle or Pistol), the shooters will:
  - a) Cease Fire Immediately
  - b) Empty the chamber or wheel on revolvers, and place the gun on your shooting table, with chamber open. Preferred is a "flag" in the chamber. Pistols and Rifles will have magazines removed and chambers open.
  - c) Upon being told that the "Range is Cold", shooters may advance to their targets.
  - d) After determine that all shooters have returned to their respective shooting tables, the RSO, or in his absence, the shooter who called "Cease Fire", will ask if "Shooters Ready?". Upon confirmation, AND ONLY THEN, he will call "Commence Firing".
- 11) When loading, clearing a mis-fire, or unloading, care must be taken not to "Sweep" anyone else on the range.
- 12) Practical Pistol (Concealed Draw & Shoot), or "Cowboy draw" shooting is not allowed on our Range(s). There also, shall be no "Double Tapping", nor is Rapid Firing allowed. There will be a minimum of two (2) seconds between all shots on either the Rifle or Pistol Ranges.
- 13) Shotguns may be used on the Rifle range only for sighting in Slug cartridges. The use of shot loaded shells is strictly forbidden, as well as any lead, steel, or synthetic loads. (There is a "shot pellet" target located adjacent to the Archery and Trap range for this purpose.

#### **TRAP & SKEET RANGE**

- 1) Trap & Skeet Ranges are available on regularly scheduled Sundays 9:00AM to Noon. Closures or time changes will be listed on our website.
- 2) When the Skeet and Trap fields are otherwise in use, no throwing by hand thrower or the Manual Thrower is permitted.
- 3) All shot casings and boxes shall be policed at the end of shooting. Trash barrels are provided.
- 4) The chamber of the gun shall be **open at all times** when not on the firing line. If for any reason you have a shell chambered and shooting is halted, you should remove the shell with your gun pointed down range. **NEVER** walk around the trap field with a chambered round.

#### **ARCHERY RANGE**

- 1) Field or Practice Points must be used on our range. **Broad Head points are not allowed on our range.**

#### **Please sign the following:**

I assume full responsibility for my actions and those of my guest(s) while on Chapter Property and hold The Fort Wayne Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., its Board of Directors, members, and Range Safety Officer(s), free and harmless from any liability for the maintenance and provision of these ranges, or any activity on these ranges, including its or their negligence, as well as my own actions. I agree to indemnify them for any damages, including attorney fees, and cost of defense, arising from any claim for damages that may result from my use of these ranges.

#### **GUEST**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_