

CARLISLE GUN CLUB

RANGE OPERATIONS REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Membership in the Carlisle Gun Club (CGC) is a privilege. Failure to comply with applicable regulations, policies, or procedures and posted signage may result in suspension of membership access and possible expulsion from the club. Any member observing violations is encouraged to attempt to peacefully resolve differences and, if unable, to record the time, date, circumstances, names/descriptions of individuals and vehicles, then report the incident to Carlisle Gun Club Range Management for follow-on action. Range Management is defined as the elected officers and trustees, plus the Chief of Training.

Persons ineligible under local, state, or federal laws to possess and use a firearm are not eligible for CGC membership and are prohibited from entering CGC property, even as a guest or observer. Exceptions can be made for foreign observers on a case-by-case basis.

All candidates for CGC membership must be sponsored by a present member in good standing and must fully meet all applicable local, state, and federal laws regarding possession, transportation, and use of firearms. Before being authorized unsupervised access to the Club, all candidates for membership must first be evaluated and certified by the CGC Training Group for the individual candidate's positive attitude, shooting proficiency, and compliance with accepted safety practices.

Firearms will not be exhibited, cleared, or otherwise publicly and prominently handled in the parking lot area or in the Classroom/Meeting area. All firearms will be holstered or cased from the parking lot to the actual firing line. Exceptions for SAGs. Exception for gun cleaning activities which may be accomplished only while standing on the east side of the countertop and facing west while cleaning firearms at the Club. Otherwise, the only safe direction for uncased firearms is downrange (east) with no person forward of the muzzle. To demonstrate or to handle uncased firearms, go onto the range and do so at the firing line and face downrange.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

POSSESSION OR USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL NARCOTICS IS NOT PERMITTED ON CGC PROPERTY AT ANY TIME.

NO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS OF ANY TYPE/CALIBER AND NO MUZZLELOADING RIFLES.

NO MAGNUMS OF ANY KIND, NO SHOT-SHELL, NO BBs, NO TRACER/ INCENDIARY, NO ARMOR-PIERCING, NO ARMOR-PIERCING INCENDIARY OR OTHER ROUNDS CONTAINING IGNIFEROUS OR EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES MAY NOT BE USED AT CGC FACILITIES.

ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED HANDGUN CALIBERS INCLUDE: 10MM, FN 5.7 X 28, 357 SIG OR 38 SUPER. NONE OF THESE CALIBERS ARE ALLOWED TO USED ON THE RANGE. - ONLY FACTORY COWBOY ACTION AMMO LABELLED AT 1000 FPS OR LESS MAY BE USED ON THE CGC RANGE.

NO SMOKING WITHIN THE CGC FACILITY.

VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS MAY BE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN CGC ACTIONS TO INCLUDE EXPULSION FROM THE CLUB, INCOMPLIANCE WITH CGC BY-LAWS.

1. **APPLICABILITY:** These policies and regulations apply to all members and guests using the Carlisle Gun Club and they apply at all times and circumstances. There are some exceptions to some policies for supervised Special Activity Groups (SAGs), but only as stated. SAGs include LEO Qualification training, NRA training, supervised Action Shooters, 4-H Youth Small-Bore Rifle, Single Action Shooting Society (Cowboy Action) competitions with a Match Director and William Penn Pistol League competitions with a Match Director.
 - 1.1. Unsupervised (no Range Safety Officer or Match Director who will not be shooting while supervising) practice for competitions of SAGs are not excepted from following all of these regulations and policies.
 - 1.2. A member may have up to two guests at the range at any one time. The Club member may not shoot while their guest(s) shoot and the host member is responsible for guest safety and for guest compliance with all range regulations, policies and procedures, including keeping all rounds within the range impact fan.
 - 1.2.1. The Range impact fan is defined as below the metal target turners, above the metal target stanchions and well within the black conveyor belt. Any willful shot outside the range impact fan is consider unsafe and damaging to the facility. If in doubt, staple targets to the conveyor belt well below the target turners.
2. **GENERAL:**
 - 2.1. Live firing at the Carlisle Gun Club indoor range facilities is a privilege intended to provide CGC members the opportunity to gain/maintain proficiency with privately-owned firearms and to safely advance lawful shooting sports activities. CGC's location within a residential area places a special responsibility on all members and guests to be respectful of times of firing, especially early mornings, late nights, and on Sundays. Further, be aware that moving firearms from/to vehicles can raise concerns from observers. The goal is to be respectful of CGC neighbors and aware of your firearm "footprint".
 - 2.2. For noise abatement and for range security, range doors and windows (plus curtains) in the Admin/Meeting room will be closed at all times and range fans must be running when firing is underway. **No exceptions.**
 - 2.3. Carlisle Gun Club facilities are owned by the Club. All individuals use the CGC facilities at their own risk and agree to hold harmless the CGC and its membership in the event of an accident.
 - 2.4. All persons using the CGC facilities are responsible for the security of their personal firearms and ammunition while on the CGC premises.
 - 2.5. All persons using the CGC facilities are responsible for reading and complying with these regulations, policies and procedures, as well as with any additional rules and procedures posted at the range facility.
 - 2.6. Keep all guns cased or holstered until you are on the firing line. Exception for supervised SAGs.
 - 2.7. Appropriate eye and ear protection will be used by all persons on the range while firing is in progress.
 - 2.7.1. Ear protection is required when live firing. Use of double ear protection (foam inserts and ear muffs) is recommended, especially for centerfire handgun firing within a concrete and cinderblock indoor range.

- 2.7.2. A billed cap is also recommended when on the firing line to prevent hot ejected cases entering from above that might fall between your eyeglasses and your eyes.
- 2.8. Avoid use of cell phones while on the range. Focus on firearm **SAFETY FIRST!**
- 2.9. No smoking, spitting, food, or drink allowed on the range at any time. Exception for supervised SAGs for hydration on the range to prevent heat exhaustion during extreme environmental conditions.
3. **RANGE OPERATIONS:**
- 3.1. The Carlisle Gun Club indoor range facility is a limited-use, 50-foot indoor shooting range. It is designed and intended for use of pellet and non-magnum standard pistol calibers only, being fired from pistols, carbines, and rifles. No shotguns/shells...**even “slug” shotguns or shotgun shells are prohibited and may not be used on the CGC range.**
- 3.1.2. The Yellow Line is the 50’ firing line. The Red line is the Ready Line beyond which no spectators are authorized without RSO or Match Director authorization.
- 3.2. The only ammunition authorized for use on the CGC range are common SAAMI non-magnum handgun calibers from .22S/.22L/.22LR to .45 ACP/.45 GAP/.45 Long Colt in smokeless and black powder, and pellets from .177cal to .22cal. Defensive pistol ammunition, including +P is authorized, but shooters should limit use of this ammunition to reliability confirmation, only. Within caliber restrictions, Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCC) and pistol caliber rifles are authorized. BBs, and shot pellets of any kind are prohibited.
- 3.2.1. **Prohibited handgun rounds: Magnums of any kind, 10mm, FN 5.7 X 28, 357 Sig, 38 Super.**
- 3.3. When more than one individual or group is using the range, coordinate among individuals/groups to cease firing before anyone goes downrange to change/paste/score targets. Also, coordinate among individuals/groups to change the firing line distance.
- 3.4. All shooters are responsible for maintaining a safe shooting environment. No shooter will move forward of the firing line until all firearms have been cleared and benched/holstered and the line is declared safe.
- When anyone goes downrange:**
- 3.4.1. Handguns must be holstered or unloaded and grounded/benched with actions open and safety engaged (if applicable.) Use of empty chamber indicators is encouraged. Step back from the table/bench and do not touch ammo. **STEP BACK! NO PREPARING MAGAZINES!** Exception may be granted for supervised Special Activity Groups.
- 3.4.2. Long guns must be unloaded and cased or grounded/benched with actions open and safety engaged (if applicable.) Use of empty chamber indicators is encouraged. Step back from the table/bench and do not touch ammo. **STEP BACK! NO PREPARING MAGAZINES!**
- 3.5. Because the roof is not reinforced, shooters must never allow a loaded firearm muzzle to rise above the range backstop. Position targets so that rounds hit the backstop...above the target stanchions and below the target turners. Use only the low-ready position, modified low ready position, or the retention ready position. Exceptions for supervised SAGs.

- 3.6. There is only one firing line! Multiple shooters will fire from a uniform line only. Staggered or offset firing positions will never be used. Individuals observing a staggered line or other unsafe condition will immediately call for a cease fire.
- 3.7. Only paper-based targets may be used. Take targets with you or throw them away in the rubbish bin.
- 3.8. Do not put gun bags or cases on the benches behind the firing line without first coordinating with other range users. All firearms not being fired should also remain cased at the firing line. Uncased firearms at the firing line will be holstered or benched with cylinders/slides/actions open, ammunition/magazines removed, safeties on (if applicable) and muzzles pointed downrange with the chambers “up” and visible. Use of empty chamber indicators is encouraged and recommended. No loaded firearms will be retained on the bench. Exception for some Cowboy Action stages.
- 3.9. Individual shooters are responsible for ensuring that their firearms and ammunition are safe to use and are used correctly and safely. Specifically, shooters will take special care to ensure that their ammunition is intended for use in their firearm.
- 3.10. Persons using the range are responsible for cleaning the range upon completion of firing. In the event of multiple firing groups, the last party remaining is responsible for clearing the range.
 - 3.10.1. Replace shooting tables/barricades/target stands and replace shooting benches in numerical order with numbers visible when users walk into the range area.
 - 3.10.2. If garbage cans are full, empty the bags into the dumpster and replace with fresh bags located under the countertop to the 7 o’clock position while standing at the sink in the classroom.
 - 3.10.3. “Yellow” brass or nickel-plated brass goes into the locked brass container. Aluminum brass goes into the small garbage can. Put brooms and dustpans away.
- 3.10. Range ventilation fans will be used while firing is in progress. Confirm that all fans, lights, and heaters are off before you leave the range area. Check for brass along the walls before leaving.
4. **ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:**
 - 4.1. No automatic firearms or muzzleloading rifles/carbines may be fired on the CGC range.
 - 4.2. No magnum, API, HEI, Tracer, shot shell (of any kind or caliber), or BBs (of any kind) may be fired on the CGC range.
 - 4.2.1. NOTE: NFA Stamp and otherwise lawful sound suppressors may be used.
 - 4.3. To avoid being struck by bullet spalling, minimum shooting distance is the 3-yard line. If shooters want to practice instinctive shooting from 1-3 yards, they must use a target stand so to be no closer than 3 yards from the conveyor belt. Shoot from 3-6 feet behind the target stand, ensuring that all rounds impact within the impact fan (against the backstop) of the CGC range. Do not hit target stanchions or target turners. **NO EXCEPTIONS...EVER!**

- 4.4 No cross-range engagement of multiple targets is allowed. Shooters may step to engage multiple targets, but must always shoot straight downrange. Exception for supervised SAGs. Consider distance from the target to gauge radian (lateral) distances to ensure all rounds strike within the range fan.
- 4.5 No shooter may handle any firearm or ammunition when anyone is forward of the firing line for any reason. Exception for supervised SAGs to prepare magazines only.
- 4.6 No "quick Draw" exercises with loaded firearms are permitted. Exception for supervised SAGs.
- 4.7 A loaded firearm may not be carried or presented from the high ready position, high port position, temple index position, or Position Sul. Exception for supervised SAGs.
5. **ACCIDENT/INCIDENT PROCEDURES:** In the event of a serious accident or incident:
 - 5.1. **CEASE FIRING!** Make the firing range safe, then render first aid, then write events.
 - 5.1.1. There are First Aid kits (including Band Aids) on the range and in the Admin/Meeting room. There is a trauma kit and an AED on the south wall by the gun safe in the Admin/Meeting room.
 - 5.2. There should be no cell phone photos or videos allowed during the initial response. Privacy laws pertain.
 - 5.3. Designate one person to call 911...and to stay on the phone. The club address is near the phone in the Admin/Meeting room. Only one person should call 911...multiple 911 calls could delay medical aid while first responders try to sort out a potential "active shooter" scenario.
 - 5.3.1. **NOTE:** When contacting First Responders, use the "Three Word" Geo-Reference posted by the phone and by the front door. The Three Word geo-reference is GPS guidance to the front door of the range.
 - 5.4. Designate one person to make a written record, noting the time, witnesses, initiation of first aid, actions taken, and the time first responders arrive and take charge of the scene.
 - 5.5. Report the details of the accident or incident to Range Management within two hours of the event.
6. **MISCELLANEOUS:**
 - 6.1. Because of the possible presence of lead, copper, and gun powder residue resulting from range firing, all users of CGC facilities are strongly encouraged to wash with soap and cold water prior to handling food/drink, or touching eyes, face, or other sensitive areas. Recommend push brass with the wooden side (versus the brush side) of street brooms to avoid kicking up residue while policing brass.
 - 6.2. Pregnant women or females of childbearing age are cautioned that range firing could result in exposure to residual lead. Consult a physician before participating in any shooting activities.
 - 6.3. Report serious injuries, incidents or any property damage to Range Management within two hours of the occurrence. Follow-up with a written account as soon as is feasible.

Be courteous to and respectful of other range users. Be smart. BE SAFE!