

# ERML Range Rules

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**ERML is a private range for its members and accompanied guests only. Members are responsible for their own actions and those of their guests.**

- Membership cards must be displayed on person and/or in plain view.
- Any unsafe practice or failure to obey ERML's range rules can result in the membership being revoked.
- No intoxicating beverages allowed on the range.
- It is the responsibility of the member to become informed of any rule changes.
- No smoking within 25 feet of the firing line.

**All members are expected to help enforce the range rules and must be prepared to issue range commands for all shooters on that range. All shooters must acknowledge range commands.**

## Range Commands:

### Hot Range

- Before calling the range HOT, verify no one is down range.
- Eye protection is **REQUIRED** within 25 feet of the firing line and ear protection is strongly **RECOMMENDED**.
- No part of the body can be extended beyond the firing line when the range has been declared HOT.
- Firing may commence. Firearms on the shooting bench, but not being used, must have muzzles pointed down range, visually insure that actions/bolts are open, magazines removed and/or safety flags inserted into chambers.
- No firearm is to have live ammo in chamber or a muzzleloader be capped or primed until the shooter is on the firing line.
- All firearms not on the firing line must be made safe by having magazines removed, actions open, and/or safety flags installed, or in closed cases.

### Cease Fire

- If any unsafe condition occurs, this command can be used by anyone on the Firing line.
- Firing must cease and shooters on the range will wait for further commands.

### Cold Range

- All firearms will be placed on the shooting tables, unloaded and actions/bolts open, magazines removed and/or safety flags inserted into chambers. Every muzzle must be pointed downrange.
- **No handling of firearms when range is cold.**
- Members may proceed downrange only after these safety conditions have been met.

## Safety Rules

- Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. **Never allow your firearm muzzle to point at or sweep another person.**
- **All bullets must impact the intermediate or rear berm.** Always shoot down-range, never cross-range.
- Targets must be placed at a height that is appropriate for the distance of the target and the position the shooter is using, e.g. prone, bench or standing, so as to have the bullet trajectory insure impact on one of the downrange berms. Members provide their own targets and target stands. **No glass of any kind, metal cylinders (soda cans or similar cans are allowed), or plastic bottles will be used as targets.** Members are responsible for cleaning up their targets when finished, no matter what the target composition is.
- As an exception to the rules listed under Range Commands above, handguns may be carried loaded as long as they are safely retained in a holster and not handled anywhere behind the firing line.
- No fully automatic or rapid-fire devices are allowed on the range. Firing any weapon in a manner that may be mistaken for fully automatic fire is prohibited.
- 50 BMG weapons are not allowed to be fired on the ERML ranges.
- Mechanical devices, such as clay target launchers, must retain all factory installed safety guards and must be under the owner's control at all times while at the range. Only shot size 7½ or smaller will be used for aerial targets, and no aerial targets will be fired upon while higher than the back berm.

## Muzzleloader Rules

- Muzzleloaders will be either staged on shooting tables with muzzle pointed down range, or staged vertically in the notches on the back bench.
- While moving from one position to another, rifles will be carried vertically with muzzle higher than the head of the tallest shooter.
- While staged vertically in the notches on the back bench, barrel cleaning/swabbing is allowed during both Cold and Hot Range.
- No open containers of gunpowder on the firing line. No smokeless powder will be mixed with black powder or Pyrodex at any time.
- Flintlock shooters must say "Flint Up" prior to firing during a Hot Range. This protects shooters shooting next to flintlock shooters from flint and powder splatter.

## Range Guest Policy: (See *ERML Home Webpage* for a comprehensive description of ERML's guest policy and rules.)

- Each Member is allowed a maximum of two (2) guests per range visit. Guest fee is \$10.00 per guest. Exception: Match Directors of the various shooting disciplines, special or sanctioned matches will collect a guest fee from non-ERML attendees in the amount of \$10.00 and forward to ERML. Spectators (no shooting at all) and minors are not charged a guest fee.
- Member and Member's invited guests may utilize only one shooting table. An exception can be made during non-busy times and if requested and approved by the Range Manager on site. Member and guests may not shoot at the same time since Member must serve as Safety Officer while guest(s) shoots.
- It is the responsibility of each ERML member to ensure that any guest brought to the range properly completes and signs a Waiver of Liability, whether he/she is a spectator or participates in a shooting activity. If the guest is under 18 years of age the form must be completed by a parent or guardian. The forms and a container for completed forms are available at the Range Manager's office.