

Range Rules and Policies West End Gun Club, Inc.

I. Membership and Dues

Dues for current Annual members are established in the By-laws of West End Gun Club, Inc. Annual members must renew their membership on or before December 31 of each year. Dues for Annual members are \$240.00 annually, with a one-time initiation fee of \$240.00. Annual membership dues, fees and renewals may only be paid to West End Gun Club, Inc. through the office of the Membership Director. The fees for Limited membership are set by the Board and are currently \$90.00 per year initially (as of January 1, 2017), plus daily use fees thereafter. Limited membership is valid until one year from the start date on the Limited member card and may be sold or renewed by the Rangemaster at the Main Range.

II. Range Fees

1. Main Range Fees

Fees are charged for the use of the Main Range when a Rangemaster is present and controlling the Main Range firing line. Currents fees are:

- a. \$5 daily range fee for Limited members and \$10 daily range fee for each Limited member guest. Limited members are limited to 2 guest shooters, including Youth shooters.
- b. No range fees are charged for Annual members and his or her immediate family (includes their spouse, minor children and minor grandchildren) and \$5 daily range fee for each Annual member guest, up to three guests per Annual member.
- c. No range fees are charged for any Youth shooters (less than 18 years old) at the Main Range. The Rangemaster on duty must approve Youth shooters at the Main Range as safe to handle firearms. An adult must supervise all Youth shooters at all times when they are shooting. Waivers must be completed and signed by a guardian who is present for all guests that are minors and present on the range, whether they are shooting or not.

2. Match fees

The fees paid by competitors in scheduled events are set by each discipline's Director and are listed at the top of each month's newsletter. Payment of a match fee does not entitle the guest to shoot free of charge on the Main Range or to the use of any WEGC range facilities before or after the match, without being with a WEGC member. Check with the Match Director for additional fees for special match events.

3. Group fees

The Board establishes range fees and permission for special recreational events and use by members on a case-by-case basis. In general, however, range fees will apply and an Annual member must be in attendance with the group at all times.

III. General Club Rules

1. No alcohol or other intoxicating substance (prescribed or not) is to be present or consumed by anyone, anywhere on club property, while guns are present and available for use. Once an individual starts to drink alcohol or ingest/inhale an intoxicating substance, he or she is finished shooting for the day.

a. Any condition resulting in the shooters impairment will result in their immediate termination of shooting and may result in the shooter being asked to leave the range until this condition is mitigated.

b. Absolutely no alcohol or other intoxicating substances are allowed on the Main Range at any time.

2. Smoking is allowed inside vehicles only. There is no smoking allowed anywhere else on the premises. E-cigarettes and "vaping" are also allowed inside vehicles only to avoid confusion.

3. All members and guests on all Club range facilities when in areas that may present a hazard due to the results of bullet impact and gunshot report are required to wear eye and hearing protection.

4. All Guests must sign a WEGC Waiver of Liability each time they visit the range.

a. Minor guests (under the age of eighteen) must have a WEGC Waiver of Liability signed for them by a guardian present.

b. Guest participants of WEGC sponsored matches or events may have a WEGC Waiver of Liability kept on file annually by the Director of that match or event and therefore will not need to resign each time when participating in that specific match or event.

c. Excluding immediate family which consists of a spouse, minor children and minor grandchildren, Annual members are allowed to have no more than three additional guests while using the back ranges.

d. Match Directors may have as many guest shooters as their Range Safety Officer cadre is able to support at any WEGC sponsored match or event.

5. West End is a [*Cold Range](#). All guns are to be kept in a safe and empty condition until on the firing line or under the supervision of a Range Safety Officer during competition.

6. Except for those days and times when the Main Range is available to Limited members, when a Rangemaster present, the Range Gate is to be kept locked by Annual members at all times. Make certain that the padlock has been snapped into place right side up and the combination scrambled.

7. Absolutely no sales of firearms or ammunition are permitted on range property.

8. Direct transfer of Black powder from bulk containers to a firearm is not permitted. Black powder shooters must reload from a powder horn or tin. Shooters may transfer Black powder from bulk containers to a powder horn, but then they must safely secure the bulk Black powder

container before shooting.

9. Any shooters under the age of 18 years old are considered a Youth shooter. While shooting, Youths must be under the constant supervision of an adult.

10. Visitor guests are permitted to watch matches or events without charge on the range. They are not allowed to roam around freely, however, and must be accompanied by an Annual member when not in the vicinity of the Main Range or any of the matches.

11. Speed limits are enforced at the range. The speed limit for the range property is 5 mph, at all times. It is recommended that you not exceed 15 mph on our access road which has loose gravel and blind curves.

12. No WEGC member may use the Club's property to conduct any business where they directly or indirectly personally profit from others (members or non-members) by using the range to facilitate their business transaction. This includes private instruction of firearms use, safety or tactics. Other business ventures where WEGC members profit from the use of Club property to facilitate their business are prohibited. This does not include Commercial Rentals. If a WEGC member is requesting a Commercial Rental and provides all the required insurance, safety plan, and payment mandates, this policy would not apply.

IV. Rules for the Main Range

1. The Main range is closed to Limited members on holidays or anytime the Rangemaster is not in attendance. The range gate will always be locked open if a Rangemaster is operating the Main Range.

2. The action of all guns shall always be open except when in shooting positions. Range safety chamber flags are required for all firearms on the firing line.

3. No handling guns of any kind or any equipment at shooting benches during the line-breaks.

4. Stay on the firing line when shooting.

5. Shoot at approved targets only. The Rangemaster on duty has the authority to classify any target as inappropriate to preserve the safety of the range or members and guests.

- a. Shooting at rocks or any other inappropriate targets that cause ricochets or may start a fire is prohibited on the Main Range.
- b. Shooting any flammable or exploding material is prohibited at the Main Range, including Tannerite or any other similar binary compounds.
- c. Shooting at any non-biodegradable targets, that the destruction of and resulting debris would present a hazard if washed into the creek, is prohibited on the Main Range.
- d. Shooting at glass bottles is prohibited on the Main Range.

- e. Shooting at any wildlife is prohibited at the Main Range.
- f. Shooting at fruits or vegetables is prohibited at the Main Range.
- g. Clay birds are restricted on the Main Range and may not be used by anyone.

6. Tracer, incendiary and armor-piercing ammunitions are not permitted at the Main Range. STEEL-CORE AMMUNITION is restricted to only be shot at MAIN RANGE when the Range Staff has indicated it to be SAFE.

7. Intoxicating beverages are not permitted on the Main Range.

8. Persons under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and shall not be allowed to shoot without adult supervision.

9. Children not shooting are not permitted on the firing line.

10. A time limit of 2 hours may be enforced if all firing points are occupied.

11. The Range-master may refuse anyone the right to shoot and may order anyone to leave the range to enforce range rules and preserve the safety of the range or the safety of members or guests.

12. Eye and hearing protection is required for everyone on the Main Range, including spectators.

13. While on the Main Range, only shoot rifles from the rifle side and pistols from the pistol side unless the Rangemaster on duty authorizes it.

14. Use of a holster to carry a gun or to draw from is prohibited on the Main Range.

V. Rules for the Back Ranges

1. All Annual member guests must sign a WEGC Waiver of Liability each time they use the back ranges as a guest. The waiver will be left with the Rangemaster or in the waiver box at the Main Range office before proceeding to the back ranges.

2. All Annual members are required to have a full sized shovel whenever they are on the range and show it to anyone who asks. A 4 lb. fire extinguisher is also recommended.

3. Eye and hearing protection are required for everyone on the back ranges, including spectators.

4. All members are required to have their membership cards with them anytime they are on the range. All members are required to show their membership card anytime they are asked to and have the right to ask to see any members' card as well. When asked about membership status, guests are required to provide information about whom they are and whom they are with.

5. Use by Annual members of the back ranges is on a first come, first served basis, except as

described otherwise in these range rules. All members are required to share the range facilities with fellow members whenever attendance is high. This applies to all bays and pads. The Rangemasters have the final authority to close or open any bay or pad, at any time, to accommodate the maximum number of members using the range.

6. Use of the back ranges is limited to Annual Club members and their guests. Annual members must accompany guests on the back ranges at all times. Regularly scheduled matches are open to guests, but non-members must remain in the immediate vicinity of the match.

7. Before proceeding to the back range area, all Annual members and their guests must stop at the range office to check in with the Rangemaster whenever a Rangemaster is in control of the Main Range. He may inform you if any of the back ranges are unavailable for member use.

8. The Shotgun Range is for shotguns only. No handguns or rifles are to be discharged on this range, without prior authorization of the Board or Range Officer.

9. The Smallbore Silhouette / Youth/Rimfire range is for .22 *Short, Long and Long Rifle* rim-fire only. Absolutely no .17 caliber, no magnum rimfire, no rimfire ammo above 1,500 fps velocity and no type of centerfire ammo use are allowed.

- a. Clay bird targets are restricted and may not be used on the Rimfire Range by anyone.

~~10. The unreserved use of the **LONG RANGE** (formerly known as 600-yard shooting) position is limited to Monday through Thursday mornings on a first come, first served basis, unless otherwise noted in these Range Rules. There is no individual use of the **LONG RANGE** (formerly known as 600-yard shooting) pad by members on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays. Unless otherwise noted in these Range Rules, the **LONG RANGE** (formerly known as 600-yard shooting) pad must be relinquished at 10:00 a.m. if there are other members of the club who wish to utilize any of the other members shooting ranges. After inspecting all the back ranges are cleared of other occupants, the gate leading out of the Main Range must be closed before using the **LONG RANGE pad** (formerly known as 600-yard shooting).~~

- ~~a. Annual members have the priority use of the **LONG RANGE** pad (formerly known as 600-yard shooting) each Tuesday of the week from dawn until 12:00 hours, as long as they claim its use before 08:00 hours.~~
- ~~b. The Rangemasters have the final authority to close or open any bay or pad, at any time, to accommodate the maximum number of members using the range.~~

11. Rifle shooters are given priority use of the **Silhouette** pad (formerly known as 200-meter) and Midrange (formerly known as 300-meter) pads Monday, Wednesday through Friday and on fifth Saturday and Sunday mornings (also known as MEMBERS DAYS), before 10 am.

- a. Before 10 am members occupying bays beyond the **Silhouette** pad (formerly known as 200-meter) must move back to other bays at the request of Annual members wishing to use the **Silhouette pad** (formerly known as 200-meter), as long as there is space available for their activities in bays 1 through 11. After inspecting the back ranges are cleared of other occupants, the gate leading to bays 12 through 17 must be closed before using the **Silhouette pad** (formerly known as 200-meter) .
- b. Before 10 am members occupying bays beyond the **Midrange** (formerly known as

300-meter) pad must move back to other bays at the request of Annual members wishing to use the **Midrange** (formerly known as 300-meter) pad, as long as there is space available for their activities in bays 1 thru 8. After inspecting the back ranges are cleared of other occupants, the cable barriers leading to bays 10 through 17 and leading to the **Silhouette** (formerly known as 200-meter) pad must be closed and the sign rotated before using the **Midrange** (formerly known as 300-meter) pad. The "Bay Closed" sign on the Bay 9 Shade Structure must also be lowered into place.

- c. The Rangemasters have the final authority to close or open any bay or pad, at any time, to accommodate the maximum number of members using the range.

12. All rifle shooting positions that shoot over other shooting positions or bays requires a safety inspection first, where the member(s) actually drive(s) or walk(s) the full distance from the firing line to the impact area. Once the range is determined to be secure, with no other persons present downrange and all gates or safety cables closed to insure that no one drives past your firing position while you are shooting, only then may firing commence.

13. Never walk or drive past any closed gates, cables, safety cones or barricades without checking to see if that area is a live-fire area. **ONLY match directors are allowed to lock the gate by (SILHOUETTE PAD)200 yard pad during matches.**

14. Shooting on the back ranges must always be in the direction of authorized impact areas and from designated rifle pads or while completely inside the berms of an authorized shooting bay.

15. The use of incendiary, tracer or armor-piercing ammunition is prohibited everywhere on the range. **STEEL-CORE AMMUNITION is restricted to only be shot at MAIN RANGE when the Range Staff has indicated it to be SAFE.**

16. Never shoot at club property or structures. Any club equipment, which you might use, are to be used only for the purpose for which they were designed, including; tables, chairs, benches, buckets, trash cans, rifle racks, equipment storage boxes and target holders. Intentional vandalism to club property will lead to expulsion from the Club and loss of membership.

17. Unauthorized use of safeguarded club equipment is prohibited. If material is locked and you don't have a key, leave it alone.

18. Members are responsible for bringing appropriate targets to shoot at whenever they use the back ranges.

19. Shooting at rocks or any other inappropriate targets that cause ricochets or may start a fire is prohibited everywhere on the range.

- a. Shooting trash or junk is prohibited everywhere on the range.
- b. Shooting glass is prohibited everywhere on the range.
- c. Shooting any flammable or exploding material is prohibited everywhere on the range, including Tannerite or any other similar binary compounds.
- d. Shooting at containers designed to hold flammable material is prohibited everywhere on the range.
- e. Shooting at any non-biodegradable targets, that the destruction of and resulting debris

- would present a hazard if washed into the creek, is prohibited.
- f. Do not shoot at E-Waste such as TVs, computers, refrigerators, light fixtures, automotive components or large junk like furniture, anywhere on the range.
 - g. Shooting at fruits or vegetables is prohibited.

20. Do not dump E-Waste, petroleum products or any other hazardous waste in the WEGC trash cans or dumpsters.

21. Members are responsible to clean up after themselves and their guests. Deposit trash in the appropriate trash cans, dumpsters or pack it up and take it home. This includes spent casings or shotgun hulls.

22. Hunting and shooting at any wildlife is strictly prohibited everywhere on WEGC range property.

23. Open campfires, wood burning and charcoal barbecues are strictly prohibited everywhere on WEGC range property. Only propane barbecues are permitted for use on WEGC range property.

DEFINITIONS

***WEGC is a COLD RANGE** – Definition of terms set forth with the purpose of defining WEGC's 'COLD RANGE'. (adopted 2016)

FIRING LINE-The line of positions from which gunfire is directed at targets.

180-degree plane-an imaginary plane parallel to the impact (generally rear) berm extending from the shooter outward in all directions (left, right, up, and down). This imaginary plane moves with the shooter as he/she moves up and down the range through the course of fire. The 180-degree plane shall be used to guide the shooter(s). The shooter(s) may not break this plane with their firearm muzzle at any time whether they're engaging targets, moving between shooting positions, or performing weapon manipulations (drawing, reloading, clearing malfunctions, etc). Any break in this 180 degree plane will constitute a FIREARM SAFETY INFRACTION. The 180-degree plane reinforces the Second Rule of Firearms Safety: Never Point the Gun at Anything You Don't Want to Shoot.

Uprange-A designated area in opposition to Downrange, that generally is at the front/entrance of a Bay or shooting line. It is also behind the 180-degree plane downrange area from the shooter.

Downrange-The SAFE direction of bullet travel toward a designated impact area/berm. The 180-degree plane shall be factored in the definition of downrange.

HOT (range)-Any firearm that contains live ammunition.

COLD RANGE – A cold range is a range on which all firearms are to be

unloaded at all times, unless the shooters are actually standing on the firing line. No live ammunition is contained IN the firearm.

CCW-Concealed carry weapons are firearms lawfully permitted and carried, hidden from view. A person with a CCW has been determined as legally able to do so.

These definitions shall be applicable and necessary for ALL SAFE FIREARM USE at West End Gun Club.