

Seattle Police Athletic Association Range Rules and Regulations



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The most important part of being a member of our range is SAFETY. SAFETY is not just the job of the Range Staff, but also EVERY MEMBER AND THEIR GUEST.

New members will be required to attend a brief orientation class to familiarize them with proper range procedures and rules, prior to range use. Scheduling information can be obtained in the SPAA office.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR GUEST PRIVILEGES MAY BE TERMINATED BY THE RANGE STAFF FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS, OR ANY ACT DEEMED UNSAFE:

GENERAL RULES:

1. Seattle Police Athletic Association membership identification cards are the property of the Seattle Police Athletic Association. Members must surrender their issued Seattle Police Athletic Association membership identification card upon demand of any Range Officer.
2. Members are allowed to bring adult individuals guests but are responsible for the actions of their guests. ONLY TWO GUESTS PER MEMBER. (Guest Fees apply)
3. Members will meet their guest at the office and assist them in getting signed in as an approved guest. Every member and their guest MUST be legibly signed in on the appropriate range list, PRIOR to going onto the ranges. Members shall sign in, in person. Guests will sign in, in person, in the slot directly below the sponsoring member. All guests will depart the facility with the sponsoring member.
4. During the sign-in process, guests shall complete a Guest Agreement Waiver Form. These forms must be filled out in a complete and legible manner. Guest fees will be collected by the Range Staff PRIOR to the guest accompanying the sponsoring member out to the ranges.
5. Members are forbidden to loan their membership card to any other individual.
6. Members are required to wear their membership ID card visibly at all times. Member's guests must produce receipt of payment at the request of any SPAA Range Staff.
7. Every individual on the range is required to wear appropriate eye protection at all times, and ear protection when near live-fire activity. There are no exceptions. This equipment is NOT provided by the SPAA.
8. Firearms shall be transported on the property in a gun box, gun case, holster, or with the action open and muzzle pointed to the ground.
9. Absolutely NO "Show & Tell" of ANY weapons in the SPAA office, in the parking lot, or anywhere other than on the ranges with the weapons pointed in a safe direction down-range.

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10. Firearms will only be removed and replaced from the transportation cases on the ranges at the firing line benches. For safety reasons, no other area is allowed. Firearms shall be pointed down range at all times while out of the transportation cases.
11. **ALL FIREARMS THAT ARE OUT OF A CASE MUST HAVE A CHAMBER FLAG INSERTED INTO THE CHAMBER WHEN NOT IN USE AND DURING CEASE-FIRES! Muzzle loaders will have a chamber flag between the hammer and nipple and NO PRIMER ON THE NIPPLE.**
12. No portable stands are allowed on any range. No shooting on any range in distances closer or further than the established target holders. Only one target may be used on each target holder.
13. Shooters will fire at approved paper targets only, which must be properly attached to the backers on the target stands. Shooters will only shoot at targets in a path directly in front of and down-range of them. **NO CROSS-FIRING.** Members shall note that **One TARGET PER STAND IS ALLOWED THAT CAN BE ATTACHED IN A LINE DOWN THE CENTER OF THE BACKER.** Means of attaching the target to the backer are **NOT** provided by the SPAA.
14. Shooters are permitted to fire only from designated firing points, on the firing line within the red zone.
15. Load/Chamber/Unload **ONLY** when on the firing line in the **RED ZONE** at the bench and when there are no individuals down-range of you. Muzzles must be pointed down-range.
16. **NO RAPID FIRE.** All shots must be aimed. Shooters will allow at least 3 seconds elapsing between shots.
17. The use of armor piercing, explosive, incendiary or tracer ammunition is **PROHIBITED.**
18. Black powder shooting is allowed on the ranges with the understanding that **ALL** containers of black powder are to be **CLOSED** while shooting, to prevent the possibility of a flash explosion.
19. Cease-fires are by mutual consent. Obtain everyone's permission before turning on the alarm signal system at one of the provided locations. Best practices indicate that multiple switches should be activated for safe and effective communication between shooters.
20. During Cease-Fire breaks, all guns will be emptied of ammunition, the action opened and placed facing down-range on the bench, and the shooter will stand clear of his/her weapon before **ANYONE** goes down range or forward of the shooting positions. Warning lights and sound shall be activated, and everyone must remain outside of the painted red zone prior to and during anyone moving forward of the shooting positions. Individuals may proceed down-range only after these safety rules have been followed. Only when the last person has returned from down range shall the alarm signal system be deactivated.
21. Any misfired/misdirected rounds must be immediately reported to the range office.
22. Upon completion of shooting, shooters must return the target backer to the storage area.
23. Shooters shall clean up their firing points after shooting, to include sweeping up of spent casings and disposal of such in the appropriate SPAA provided containers. **NO SPENT CASINGS WILL BE DISPOSED OF IN ANY RECEPTACLE INTENDED FOR GARBAGE ONLY.**

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24. The removal of any spent casings from any range by an individual who did not specifically bring those casings is PROHIBITED.
25. Live ammunition intended for disposal shall be deposited in the appropriate, labeled containers on the ranges. These containers will be provided by the SPAA.
26. ALL RANGES ARE MONITORED AND RECORDED BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT VIDEO. ANY THEFT OR DAMAGE TO SPAA, SPD OR PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL RESULT IN MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION AND POSSIBLE PROSECUTION.
27. Children will be allowed at the discretion of the Range Officer. The child must remain quiet at all times and be under constant direct supervision. In addition, eye and ear protection of appropriate size is required for the child. This equipment is NOT provided by the SPAA.
28. The use of chronographs on the ranges will be restricted to members with prior approval from the SPAA Range Staff.
29. The use of SPAA ranges for commercial purposes is PROHIBITED.
30. Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED on the ranges.
31. Illegal drugs are PROHIBITED on the property.
32. Any individual who is under the influence of any illegal drug is PROHIBITED on SPAA property.
33. Individuals who appear to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any prescription drug that impairs their ability to function in a safe, responsible manner will not be allowed at the facility.
34. Smoking is PROHIBITED on the ranges.
35. Food is PROHIBITED on the ranges.
36. Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed on the ranges; however they must be covered, and are NOT allowed on the actual firing line.
37. Range speed limit is 10 miles per hour on the entire SPAA property.
38. CEASE-FIRE TIME IS 1630 (4:30 pm).
39. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. BE SURE BEFORE YOU BUY.
40. No gun sales after 1600 (4:00 pm).
41. THE RANGE OFFICE DECISION IS FINAL. Your guest's violation is your violation.
42. If you are unsure about violating a range rule, ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.
43. All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the SPAA Range Staff.
44. The SPAA reserves the right to deny or terminate memberships for any reason.
45. The SPAA reserves the right to refuse service to anyone and to inspect all firearms, ammunition and equipment brought to the facility.
46. These rules are general rules. All members shall check for and be aware of any additional Range Rules and Regulations that are also published and posted applying to other specific ranges.

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THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO THE PISTOL RANGE, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL RULES LISTED ABOVE:

1. Only handguns will be fired on the pistol range.
2. Exceptions to Rule 1
 - a. Rifles in the following calibers may be fired on the pistol range: 22LR, 9mm, 38, 357, 44, 45 and 45 Long Colt.
 - b. Thompson Contender pistols in rifle calibers shall only be fired on the rifle range.
 - c. 5.7 pistols shall only be fired on the pistol range.
 - d. 5.7 rifles shall only be fired on the rifle range.
 - e. 17HMR pistols shall only be fired on the pistol range.
 - f. 17HMR rifles shall only be fired on the rifle range.
 - g. Any other firearms issues shall be addressed by the SPAA Range Staff.
3. Holster work is prohibited on the civilian pistol range.

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO THE RIFLE RANGE, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL RULES LISTED ABOVE:

1. Only rifles will be fired on the rifle range.
2. Exception to Rule 1:
 - a. Thompson Contender pistols in rifle calibers shall only be fired on the rifle range.
 - b. Any other firearms issues shall be addressed by the SPAA Range Staff.
3. Shooters will fire at approved paper targets only, which must be properly attached to the APPROVED TARGET FRAMES. Shooters will only shoot at targets in a path directly in front and down-range of them. NO CROSS-LANE FIRING. Means of attaching the target to the backers are NOT provided by the SPAA.
4. Multiple paper targets are permitted on the backers on the rifle range. Members are requested to use caution to minimize damage created to the target holders on the outer edges due to rounds missing the actual intended target center.
5. Load/Chamber/Unload ONLY when on the firing line in the RED ZONE at the bench and when there are no individuals down-range of you. Muzzles must be pointed down-range. NO LOADED RIFLES BEHIND THE RED ZONE.
6. Individuals who have permission to, and who are firing from pre-approved slots, in any position (kneeling, sitting, prone) other than from the visible, seated bench, shall place a traffic cone on top of the bench in order to alert other range participants of their status. Traffic cones will be provided by the SPAA and will be stored on the benches behind the firing line.

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7. Cease-Fires are by mutual consent. Obtain everyone's permission before turning on the alarm signal system at one of the provided locations. Best practices indicate that multiple switches should be activated for safe and effective communication between shooters.
8. During Cease-Fire breaks, all guns will be emptied of ammunition, magazines removed, the action opened and placed facing down-range on the bench, and the shooter will stand clear of his/her weapon. Warning lights and sound shall be activated, and everyone must remain outside of the painted red zone prior to and during anyone moving forward of the shooting positions. Individuals may proceed down-range only after these safety rules have been followed. Shooters who are finished firing for the day and who have targets at the 200 yard line may proceed to the target area via the proper route when they wish. Only when the last person has returned from down range shall the alarm signal system be deactivated. Chamber Flags will be used per rule 11 above.

Each member, guest, competitor, and law enforcement officer is responsible for reading all published and posted signs, and obeying all Range Rules and Regulations. If you observe any violation of these rules, please call a cease-fire and bring the violation to the attention of the violator or the range staff immediately. Range safety is everyone's concern.

On behalf of the SPAA and all the membership that makes this shooting facility possible, the range staff thanks you for your cooperation.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name _____ Member # _____