

MSGC RANGE SAFETY RULES

1. ALL MSGC EMPLOYEES HAVE UNQUESTIONABLE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE OPERATIONS AND RULES OF THE RANGE AND THE SHOOTING FACILITY. ANY DEVIATION FROM THE RULES MUST BE APPROVED BY A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE BEFORE THE DEVIATION.
2. All Shooters are expected to know, adhere to, and help enforce range rules. If you observe a violation of the range rules, please bring it to the attention of any staff member and we will take corrective action. All Range Safety Rules MUST be complied with unless you receive expressed permission to deviate by MSCG staff.
3. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DENY SERVICE TO ANYONE, AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON.
4. NO STEEL CORE, STEEL JACKETED, ARMOR PIERCING, TRACER, OR INCENDIARY BULLETS ALLOWED, (IF A MAGNET STICKS TO THE BULLET HEAD OF YOUR AMMUNITION, IT WILL BE REJECTED FOR RANGE USE). NO RELOADS/HAND LOADS. NO MUZZLE-LOADED FIREARMS. SHOTGUN IS LIMITED TO 00 BUCKSHOT AND SLUGS. Re-manufactured Ammunition from a Licensed and Insured manufacturer is allowed, provided it is in its ORIGINAL packaging.
5. All Federal, State and Local firearm laws must be obeyed. If you are unsure of a law, please ask the MSCG staff for clarification.
6. Everyone must follow the Four Basic Rules of Firearm Safety at all times:
 1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded
 2. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER until your sights are on target and ready to shoot
 3. Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to shoot or destroy
 4. Be sure of your target, what is in line with it and what is beyond it
7. NO food, beverages, or chewing tobacco, snuff or smoking are allowed in the range area.
8. Drug and alcohol use is prohibited. No one under, or suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or any other intoxicating substance, will be allowed in the range. Prescription drugs are also prohibited. Persons smelling of alcohol or appearing intoxicated or impaired will be required to leave the facility.
9. RSOs, RANGE STAFF AND MSGC Employees have the right to inspect all firearms, ammunition and equipment.

10. All firearms entering or leaving the range must be UNLOADED & IN A CASE. No Uncased firearms may enter or leave the MSGC facility.
11. NO LOADED MAGAZINES. Any loaded magazines must be unloaded PRIOR to entering the range. Remember, having a loaded magazine in your vehicle is ILLEGAL.
12. If you intend to do bodily harm to yourself or others you are not permitted on the range.
13. No open toed shoes allowed on the range. Proper dress is required.
14. The Range Safety Officer (RSO) on duty is in direct charge of the range and all participants at all times. The RSO may immediately ban from the range any person handling a firearm in an unsafe or careless manner. The RSO may also void membership should such conduct warrant.
15. Commands issued by the range staff must be followed immediately. When the command CEASE FIRE is given, STOP SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY and remove your finger from the trigger. Keep the gun pointed down range and make the firearm safe. PLACE YOUR FIREARM, WITH THE ACTION OPENED, ON THE BENCH AND BACK AWAY FROM THE FIRING LINE IMMEDIATELY. Await further instructions from range personnel. Failure to comply will be deemed a violation of Safety rules and may result in permanent expulsion from the range.
16. In case of Emergency and/or power outage, treat the situation as if a cease fire command has been given and await further instruction.
17. Always wash your hands and face immediately after shooting your firearm. Lead wash and lead wipes are available. Sinks are located in the restrooms for your use.
18. Cover any open cuts prior to entering the range. If you sustain an injury, do not treat it in the range. Ask for assistance, cover the injury, and leave the shooting range (if possible) to treat the injury. If you do sustain an injury, whether major or minor, inform the MSGC staff.
19. Any person with a medical disorder or a disability which may pose a hazard or potential hazard (including, but not limited to, Parkinson's, epilepsy, hearing impaired, etc.) must notify the RSO prior to entering the range.
20. Pregnancy - Health officials advise that pregnant women limit their exposure to lead. While MSCG will not prohibit pregnant shooters, we take no responsibility nor liability for, resulting injury. Please consult your physician.

21. Only handle Firearms on the firing line, or if directly assisted by MSGC staff. Do not handle firearms on the sales floor or in the classroom/lounge.
22. Do not open the doors to or from the range if the red safety light is on. Eye and ear protection must be worn AT ALL TIMES. Place eye & hearing protection on BEFORE entering the first door to the range. If you do not have eye/ear protection, it may be purchased from our inventory.
23. Only Mid-State Gun ammunition is to be used in rental firearms. NO RELOADS
24. Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm. It is your responsibility to be sure your firearm is safe to operate and to know how to use and operate it safely. If you have a question, or feel unsafe or unsure AT ANY TIME, ask for the assistance of a RSO
25. Ammunition Malfunctions
 1. Misfire: Occurs when the round does not fire, either due to the firearm, or the ammunition.
 2. Hang Fire: Delayed ignition of the powder charge. The gun does not immediately fire.
 3. Squib Load: Weak or partial ignition of the powder charge. Bullet only moves down the barrel partially, creating an obstruction. A small 'pop' may be audible, and light smoke may release from the chamber. It is important not to fire another round if a squib load is suspected, as this could lead to injury, death, and/or catastrophic damage to the firearm or shooter
 - If you have, or suspect an ammunition malfunction:
Maintain your grip and stance, keeping the firearm pointed down-range for at least 30 seconds without continuing fire. Clear the firearm and ensure that a squib load has not occurred by running a range safety flag through the barrel. If you need assistance, DO NOT HESITATE to call an RSO for help.
26. Always keep firearms pointed downrange at all times and NEVER HIGHER THAN THE TARGET.
27. No drawing from a holster and firing. No shooting at objects on the floor, walls or ceiling. If you have a Concealed Carry Permit, you MUST notify the RSO on duty that you are carrying a firearm in the range.
28. Un-aimed or uncontrolled fire is strictly prohibited. All shots must be fired at approved targets. You are financially responsible for any damage that you cause to the facility. Firing a shot that results in damage to any range equipment may result in a "repair fine" and/or removal from the range.

29. Firearms should be brought to the ready position from the bench up, (low and ready), not from above the head, (high and ready).
30. Shoot only at YOUR OWN TARGET – NO CROSS-LANE FIRING
31. TARGETS - Only paper targets may be used on the range.
 1. No photos of real people as targets.
 2. We reserve the right to prohibit targets we deem offensive.
 3. Use an appropriately sized target for the distance you are shooting, placed at eye level, to ensure that your shots strike the backstop and not the floor, ceiling, or target carrier.
32. NO RAPID FIRE. One shot per second rule applies. Faster shooting is allowed upon the discretion of a RSO and a showing of proficiency.
33. SLIDE-FIRE STOCKS – are allowed at the discretion of a RSO and a showing of proficiency.
34. Dry firing is only permitted at the firing line.
35. Two people maximum allowed per lane. Only one person may fire from a shooting booth at a time. The other party may stand behind and act as a “coach”
36. Do not exchange weapons with another booth, switch shooters not firearms.
37. Firearms, Magazines and Ammunition may only be handled in shooting booths.
38. DO NOT BRING A LOADED OR MALFUNCTIONING FIREARM OFF THE RANGE. If there is a problem, lay the firearm on the bench, with the muzzle pointed down range and notify the RSO.
39. NEVER cross the firing line or proceed in front of the barriers.
40. Brass may only be retrieved from behind the firing line and only the amount you brought into the range. DO NOT throw brass in garbage cans. Please push brass forward when finished shooting.
41. Only one loaded firearm at a time. All firearms not in use must be placed with the muzzle facing downrange, with the action open, and a clear chamber flag in the action. No other gun handling behind the firing line.
42. Be courteous and aware of other shooters around you on the range.

43. FIREARMS MAY ONLY BE HANDLED IN SHOOTING STALLS OR WHEN ASSISTED BY MSGC STAFF. This includes ALL AMMUNITION and Magazines. Only handle guns, magazines, and ammunition in the shooting booth. Only load or unload magazines in the shooting booth. No handling of firearms outside of the shooting booth, or outside the range is allowed, unless directly assisted by MSGC staff.

44. DISTANCE RULES:

1. Targets must be placed at a minimum of 15 yards when shooting a rifle.
2. Targets must be placed at a minimum of 7 yards when shooting a pistol.
3. Targets must always be placed so that the muzzle of your firearm is parallel with the ground.
4. Targets must be placed so that you are firing into the backstop/bullet trap, and are not firing into the ceiling or floor.
5. Please shoot from the center of the shooting bay. No Prone shooting. Rifle and pistol rests are available for use, free of charge.

45. MINORS

1. The minimum age to use the range is 13 years.
2. Minors under the age of 15 – rifle and shot-gun only. No handguns – No exceptions
3. Minors between 15 and 18 will be allowed to shoot rifle and shotguns. At the discretion of a staff RSO, if an additional RSO is available, a minor, over the age of 15, will be allowed to fire handguns. A fee of \$25 is required, and the RSO, not the parent/guardian, shall serve as the coach
4. Minors (under the age of 18) must initially be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, who must sign a separate Minor Waiver Form. Thereafter, the minor must be accompanied by an adult.

46. Periodically, changes may be made to the Range Safety Rules and other MSGC procedures. It is the shooter/member's responsibility to review the posted Rules for any changes and abide by any such changes.

47. Any equipment or other personal items in/on a shooting lane left unattended are at the owner's risk. MSGC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.