



# NRA Safety and Range Use Rules

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Incorporated in 1971, Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club is a private 501c (7) non-profit organization, operated by volunteers. WSC range is leased from the Town of Wickenburg.

As a member, you have the privilege to use the facility. You have the responsibility for the care of the facility as well as safety on the range. Everyone is required to follow the Range Use Rules, NRA & USPSA Safety Rules when on the WSC property.

**Membership in the Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club is a privilege, not a right.**

**Hours of operation – sunrise to sunset**

*(Range Use and Safety Rules are in accordance with NRA Firearms Safety Rules, NRA Range Source Book, USPSA, Federal, State and Local Regulations as well as stipulations in WSC's lease with the Town of Wickenburg) Wickenburg Sportsmen's Range Use and Safety Rules may be updated from time to time. You will find an updated copy at [wickenburgsportsmensclub40.wildapricot.org](http://wickenburgsportsmensclub40.wildapricot.org)*

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**I understand that membership is a privilege not a right, all members must follow all Club Safety Rules, protocols, Code of Conduct and Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.). A member may be suspended or expelled with cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.**

**Each applicant must successfully pass range/safety orientation class and a one (1) year probationary period.**

**Nothing in the Bylaws, S.O.P. or Range Rules shall be construed as granting to any member a continued membership or expectation of membership in the Corporation**

**I am fully aware and understand not to be argumentative or confrontational on the WSC property**

All disputes are to be directed to the WSC Board of Directors for further action.

Any Range Safety Officers (RSO's) or member has the authority to stop and/or prevent any violation of Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club's Range/Safety rules and can ask individuals (members or nonmembers) off the premises if the individuals are not following Range use and safety rules.

**Be cooperative and follow instructions.**

**THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE CONFRONTATIONAL!**

# WSC Range Use Rules

**No handling or carrying firearms in the parking lot.**

**All firearms must be cased, bagged or holstered when transporting to shooting bays.**

**WSC is a 501 C7 social club all scheduled use of ranges take precedence over any individual or personal activity.**

## 1. NRA Gun Safety Rules:

- A. Always treat every firearm as though it were loaded.
- B. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, of the impact area (rear berm). With the exception of trap range, muzzles must be kept pointed at the impact area (rear berm) at all times.
- C. Always be sure of your backstop, what lies beyond, and the safety of bystanders before you shoot.
- D. Never Point a firearm at anything you do not want to destroy. - Be aware that certain types of guns and shooting activities may require additional safety precautions.

## 2. General Range Rules

- A. Know and obey all Range rules. All members are Range Officers when a WSC-RSO is not present.
- B. Know where others are at all times.
- C. Shoot only at approved paper / steel targets and all rounds must impact rear berm.
- D. When more than one shooter is on the line, an RSO must be designated. (Usually, first member on the line will assume duties of communication with all shooters).
- E. Do not handle a firearm behind the firing line while others are downrange.
- F. Open Bolt Indicators (OBI's), Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI's) or Chamber Flags must be used when firearms are on the bench and the range goes "cold" prior to anyone going down range. Otherwise, firearms must be cased or boxed.
- G. Firearms not in use will be stored in the gun cases or in a pistol box and must be cleared of all ammunition with the actions open, ECI, OBI or Chamber flag or effectively blocked, or otherwise made safe.
- H. When anyone is down range, all others will remain behind the safety line or off the concrete.
- I. Stop shooting immediately upon the command "Cease Firing".
- J. Follow hygiene guidelines by minimizing exposure to airborne particulate lead (clean hands and clothes) and limit the presence of pregnant women and children less than 7 years of age. No food allowed on the firing line.
- K. The red caution flag must be flown whenever shooting occurs.
- L. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all shooters and spectators.
- M. No more than 2 persons are allowed at a firing point on the firing line; 1 shooter and 1 coach/spotter/guest.
- N. Each shooter may have only one firearm at a time on the firing line. All other firearms must be case or bagged.
- O. All firearms carried to or from your vehicle to the firing line must be cased or holstered.
- P. No loading or unloading of firearms permitted in the parking area.
- Q. Smoking only allowed in the parking area and nowhere else on the range.

***“NO ONE IS SO GOOD THAT BASIC FIREARMS AND RANGE SAFETY RULES.***

***DON'T APPLY”!***

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## **NRA Gun Safety Rules**



**1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times.

**2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.



**3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition



- **Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate. This includes spectators.**
- **Never use alcohol or over the counter, prescription or other drugs that may cause impairment before or while shooting.**
- **Know how to use the gun safely.**
- **Be sure the gun is safe to operate.**
- **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.**

**ALWAYS treat all firearms as if they are loaded!**