



NRA Safety and Range Use Rules

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

As a member, you have the privilege to use the facility from sunrise to sunset. But you have a 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 WSC property.

Membership at 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

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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 conducts 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 these Bylaws, S.O.P., 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* I will not be argumentative or get into any confrontations on Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club 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!

I also agree and understand that if I violate any of the code of conduct, range use and safety rules and/or act in an unsafe and/or unsportsmen's like manner or are argumentative in any way while on Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club property, that my privileges to use the range could be suspended or terminated at the sole discretion of the Wickenburg Sportsmen's Board of Directors.

WSC Range Use Rules

No handling or carrying firearms in the parking lot.

All firearms must be cased or holstered when transporting to shooting bays

Membership Information

- **To be a member of Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club you must be 21 years of age or older. Minors from 9 to 18 must be under direct supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent if not attending a supervised youth event.**
- **To be a member of Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club you must be able to legally possess firearms by Federal and State laws**
- **To be a member of Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club you must not be an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance. Warning: the use of or possession of marijuana remains unlawful under Federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes in state where you reside.**
- **You must have club proof of membership visible (membership badge) at all times in order to use this facility.**
- **All Range users (members & quests) must "Sign-In". The gate must be locked upon entering and exiting the facility except during scheduled events. DO NOT provide the gate combination to anyone.**
- **Members are welcome to bring up to two guests to the facility per visit. Guests using the ranges must be under the direct supervision of a member. Guests must also pay a use fee of \$10.00 per visit and are limited to two (2) hours per visit with six (6) visits maximum per year.**
- **Family memberships cover two adults living in the same household. Children or grandchildren under 18 do not need a membership as they must be accompanied by an adult. Adult children and grandchildren over 18 who are not members, must be accompanied by a current WSC Member. They are considered guests.**
- **Pets must be on a leash at all times.** The owner is responsible to clean up after.
- **Keep the Range clean!** All shooters when through shooting, shall clean up the range area of all targets, casings, materials, and trash.
If trash cans are full at the shooting area, empty it in the large trash containers in the parking lot. No food or drinks should be thrown in the trash cans as they attract bees. Dispose of all food and drinks containers in the large trash cans with lids in the parking lot.
Do not use rocks to hold your target stands. You may bring sandbags to secure target stands
- **TARGET SHED Keep it clean!**
Take targets apart and put the sticks where they go, the clips in the buckets, and target stands where they belong.
Do not leave useable targets and broke sticks in the target shed. Throw them away in the large trash cans in the parking lot.
- **DO NOT PUT CASINGS OR AMMUNITION IN THE TRASH CANS.**
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERGES PERMITTED ON THIS PROPERTY**

- **Use of WSC Facilities**

All competitive and recreational shooting, firearms training, qualifications, and/or education will be Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club sponsored programs and made available to Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club members.

All programs must be approved by the WSC Board of Directors.

1. Obtain and submit application for Board approval
2. Follow all rules and regulations set by the Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club
3. Programs are to benefit the membership and may be available to the general public
4. For any type of training or instruction, and a copy of your current NRA Instructor Certification if applicable.
5. All program fees will be paid to Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club. The person in charge, will submit an invoice to Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club for their fees.

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

“NO ONE IS SO GOOD THAT BASIC FIREARMS AND RANGE SAFETY RULES DON'T APPLY”

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!

WSC RULES FOR RIFLE/PISTOL BAYS

No handling or carrying firearms in the parking lot.

All firearms must be cased or holstered when transporting to shooting bays

NO GROUND LEVEL TARGETS ALLOWED

General Range/Safety Rules - For all Bays

- ONLY **APPROPRIATE TARGETS** shall be shot at in designated areas on range property
 - Paper targets
 - Steel targets appropriate for the caliber and distance of firearms you are shooting
- The Board of Directors may establish requirements for certification for specific range usage.
- Approved events may allow scenarios that are not permitted for general range use.
Do Not Use
 - Clay targets
 - No targets that throw debris or projectiles
 - Explosive Targets
 - No Thunder Caps
 - Cans
 - Rocks
 - Buckets
 - Chairs
 - No ground level targets
- Paint ball shooting Prohibited
- Be sure target is at proper height so rounds impact backstop
- No full auto firearms permitted.
- No 50 caliber BMG permitted
- No bump stalks allowed
- No shooting at explosive targets, cans, glass, rocks, shotgun shells, buckets, chairs, or any other range equipment.
- **All bullets must impact the backstop** Ground level targets are NOT allowed.
- **No handling of firearms (loaded or unloaded)** at the benches when people are down range
“Down Range” means stepping off the concrete past the red firing line.
Before anyone steps off the concrete, all firearms need to be **CLEARED**.
No one is to touch any firearm when people are down range.
Guns are to be unloaded when on the bench.
Semi autos and rifles – magazines out and actions locked open
Revolvers – unloaded with cylinder open
- **No smoking** on any of the ranges, trap field or in the clubhouse. You may smoke in the parking lot. Please pick up your cigarette butts.

Bay #1 – 100 yard Rifle Bay

- Only Rifles and scoped pistols can be used for long range shooting are allowed on the Rifle range
- Targets are to be placed at 50 to 100 yards for rifle shooting.
- Targets can be placed at 25 yards to sight-in rifles.
- Be sure target is at proper height so rounds impact backstop
- No handguns allowed

Bay #2

- All shooting is done be from the benches behind the firing line except during scheduled events.
- Rifles, and pistols allowed
- Shotguns that use slugs only
- No drawing pistols from the holster
- Follow general safety and range rules

Bay #3 & #4

- air guns and .22 (rifles and pistols) and pistols firing from the firing line: NRA Safety Rules apply.
- Pistols drawing from holster forward of firing line: USPSA Safety rules apply.
- PCC, AR, AK: USPSA Safety rules for PCC will apply.
- Follow general safety and range rules

Trap Range

- The primary rule is to **always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.** Never point the muzzle at any person, animal or object you don't intend to shoot. The safest directions are upward or toward the ground (but not toward your foot or anybody else's).
- All guns must have the action opened and contain no live or empty shells at any time, except while the shooter is on the firing line. A break open gun's action may be closed when it is in a gun rack, but it shallnot contain a live or empty shell.
- All persons including competitors, referee/scorers, and trap personnel must wear appropriate eye and hearing protection while on the trap field

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

That I am fully aware and understand

the hazards of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates. 2. Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly choose to participate in Activities. 3. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness or death related to COVID-19 arising from my being on the premises and participating in the Activities

I understand that engaging in these activities may be hazardous, with accompanying risks of personal injury, death, and/or loss or damage to my property. In consideration of my participation in such shooting activities, I, on my own behalf and that of my heirs, successors, representatives, administrators, and assigns, hereby:

1. Waive and completely release any and all, past, present or future claims, causes of action, suits, rights, damages, costs, expenses or obligations or demands of any kind whatsoever, I, or anyone on my behalf might have against Wickenburg Sportsman's Club Inc or the Town of Wickenburg., its subsidiaries and their respective officers, directors, volunteers, members, employees, agents, representatives and contractors (together "WSC"), for any loss, damage, personal injury, death and/or loss or damage to my property resulting from my participation in such shooting activities;
2. Agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless WSC, from any and all claims by any person, firm, corporation or others, for any damages, loss or claims, of any nature, arising in any way out of my participation in such shooting activities; and
3. Assume all risks associated with such activities and all responsibility for medical expenses, costs and/or other obligations and other losses or injuries to me or in which I may become involved, by reason of my participation in such shooting activities at the afore mentioned facility or event.

MY COMMITMENT TO SAFE GUN HANDLING

Anyone who uses a firearm has a responsibility to themselves and others to use the firearm safely.

I acknowledge that I am familiar with the basic rules of firearm safety and that those basic rules have been explained to me. I agree to always follow all the basic rules of firearm safety during my use and handling of any firearms.

The safe use of firearms dictates that I understand and agree to follow all of these instructions:

- I WILL TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED.
- I WILL ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
- I WILL NOT PLACE MY FINGER ON THE TRIGGER OR IN THE TRIGGER GUARD UNLESS AND UNTIL I AM READY TO FIRE.
- I WILL ALWAYS WEAR APPROPRIATE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.
- I WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE COMMANDS OF THE RANGE OFFICER.

I understand these basic rules of firearms safety and I agree to follow them at all times. I further certify that I am over eighteen [18] years of age and have read and understand this Waiver of Liability and have executed this instrument voluntarily on this date.

NOTE: If under 18, a legal guardian will need to accompany you and sign a waiver in person.