

Eustis Gun Club Range Rule Book

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Introduction to the Eustis Gun Club Range Rules

The Eustis Gun Club (EGC) is a family-oriented, private sportsman's club.

This booklet contains rules, policies, and procedures designed to help keep all members, families, and guests safe while enjoying the facilities and participating in club activities.

The rules and policies published in this document may be revised, updated, and possibly changed occasionally. Any changes to this booklet will be posted on the EGC website. It is the member's responsibility to review the rules and stay current with the published changes.

Additional Range Safety Rules are posted on each range. These posted rules provide specific details and safety practices for that particular range. Please read and understand these rules before setting up to shoot.

Great effort has been expended to develop this safety rule book. Please exercise common sense in cooperation with this rule book.

Safety is everyone's responsibility! All questions concerning range safety while at the range must be directed to the Range Safety Officer (RSO) on duty.

Our award-winning and highly trained RSOs are here to make your range visit enjoyable and to assist members in all range-related matters. Please introduce yourself and get to know each of them!

The Eustis Gun Club is a fun facility, but remember, live ammunition is used on all ranges. While ALL safety precautions are followed, there are still the occasional shrapnel and debris hazards. For this reason, EYE & EAR protection MUST be worn at all times by all persons while shooting or observing the firing range activities.

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Section 1 - Procedures for Arriving at the Eustis Gun Club

Firearms safety begins at home. Be sure to unload and case all firearms before leaving your residence. Double-check that you have hearing protection, eye protection, ammunition, shooting stands, targets, etc.

Safety at EGC begins at the main gate; observe the five (5) mph speed limits on all roads and park only in designated areas. Do not park within the pistol berm walls.

All members, guests, and visitors must sign in upon arrival. The RSO will assist with this or direct you to the sign-in location.

A Member is always responsible for their guest and must not allow the guest to shoot alone. The "arms-length distance" is our policy.

Members bringing young family members to shoot must take extra precautions. Do not allow young persons to shoot alone or leave the shooting areas. Inform the RSO on duty that you will be allowing minors to shoot. Children must wear eye and ear protection at all times and remain under supervision at all times. Minor age dependents (under 18 years of age) must possess the level of maturity and be physically capable of operating the particular firearm they will be using. Parents and guardians must be within "arm's length" of minors while shooting. Minors are not permitted to be alone with a firearm at any time.

- All Minors MUST be accompanied by an adult who will complete a waiver form for the minor, and the minor will be given a guest badge to wear. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All members MUST wear or display their EGC ID Badge while on property.

Section 2 - Members Bringing Guests to the Eustis Gun Club

- Members may bring up to four (4) guests and are responsible for them while at EGC.
- Any guest is limited to four(4) visits per year at EGC.
- Any member bringing a guest must ensure that all the paperwork and liability waiver are completed and all fees paid before proceeding to any ranges.
- Guest will receive and must wear a guest badge at all times.
- Guest must always remain with the member and be properly supervised while shooting.
- Probationary members are not allowed to bring guests.
- Member is responsible for ensuring their guest is aware of all applicable EGC rules while using the club facilities.

- Guests and spectators attending special shooting events or monthly matches MUST wear and display an "EVENT GUEST" badge issued by the event coordinator.

Section 3 - General Range Rules and Guidelines

- ALWAYS Keep The Gun Pointed In A Safe Direction. This is the primary rule of gun safety. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.
- ALWAYS Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Ready To Shoot. When holding a gun, rest your finger alongside the frame and outside the trigger guard. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.
- ALWAYS Keep The Gun Unloaded Until Ready To Use. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.
- Always be aware of your target and what is beyond.
- Never point or move your firearm in a direction that would cause harm, damage, or injury if discharged. This rule applies to loaded and unloaded firearms.
- It is highly recommended that expectant mothers not shoot or, if possible, attend any shooting activities as the lead in the air could be inhaled and introduced into the bloodstream, and excessive noise could cause hearing defects for the unborn baby.
- No sandals, Crocs, flip-flops, or other backless or open-toe shoes are permitted. Fully enclosed shoes or boots are required.

All ranges are posted with signs that display the rules for that range! If there is any doubt concerning the posted rules, please contact the Range Safety Officer prior to setting up and firing on that range.

All shooters must shoot within their specific firing line to the backboard lane. There will be no cross-lane shooting for any reason.

Hot Range/Cold Range: Understanding this procedure is mandatory and applies to all EGC ranges.

Hot Range: A range is called hot when firing is in process. A hot range is the only time a firearm is allowed to be in the hands of the shooter.

Cold Range: A range where no one is shooting, loading or handling a firearm.

All firearms must be in a case, sock, or bag before they can leave your vehicle and before moving them back to your vehicle. When setting up to shoot, uncase firearms on the range table or bench to keep the muzzle down range toward berm areas.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When moving any firearm from one bench, table, or stand, the firearm must be unloaded, cleared chamber, and muzzle pointed down range, held vertical, or held in the best possible safe direction. All firearms must be cased When moving from one range to another. Do not move uncased firearms between ranges.

This rule applies to rifles, pistols, and shotguns. Movement of shotguns on the shotgun fields will follow shotgun protocols and safety rules posted on those ranges.

Empty brass and shotshell policies: Empty brass and shotshell cases belong to the shooter. These cases must be removed periodically during shooting as they create a trip or fall hazard if stepped on. All shooters are responsible for removing spent brass or shotshells from their areas. Shooters may pick up their brass during a cold range. Members must sweep all hard surfaces on covered ranges, 7, 8, and 9. Remove all target debris from the shooting area backer boards when finished.

The following FIREARMS and AMMUNITION are prohibited from use at the Eustis Gun Club:

- NFA (National Firearms Act) full automatic weapons or select fire with burst option.
- Firearms larger than 50 caliber BMG.
- Bump stocks, double release, binary triggers, electronic triggers, or other devices that create rapid firing.
- The safe rate of fire at the Eustis Gun Club is at the discretion of the RSO on duty. All fired rounds must impact the berm.
- Any cartridge derived from 50 BMG or any center fire cartridge that generates more than 6,000 foot-pounds of muzzle energy. Example: 408 CheyTac, 416 Barrett, or similar high velocity, high muzzle energy, long-range cartridges.
- The RSO on duty has the discretion to possibly allow limited firing of certain unlisted calibers that they determine can be fired safely and under RSO supervision.
- Certain large-caliber Black Powder may be allowed with RSO approval.

Suppressors, legally owned and properly installed on the allowed firearms may be used. BATF or NFA approval paperwork MUST accompany each item and be presented to the RSO upon request.

Section 4 - Specific Range Rules

Range 1-6, Pistol Berms, Rifle, Shotgun & Archery

PARKING – Park vehicles outside of the berm walls, not within the 20-25 yard shooting area. Leave enough space to allow the RSO cart and emergency access to the shooting area.

The following are NOT ALLOWED in the PISTOL BERMS

- Shotgun slugs
- High-powered bottleneck rifle cartridges (refer to posted sign for details)
- Large black powder rifles (refer to posted sign for details)

The following ARE allowed in the PISTOL BERMS

- Straight-walled rim and centerfire pistol calibers not exceeding 50 calibers

- Bottleneck pistol calibers
 - Rim fire rifles and pistols
 - Shotguns with field, trap/skeet loads, and buckshot.
 - Archery is allowed within berm wall limits.
 - Air rifles or pistols – pneumatic or Co2
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- You may not handle firearms during a COLD range.
 - All available firearms will have actions open, magazines removed, and a chamber flag placed in the breech before anyone can go down range.
 - Magazines may be loaded or unloaded during a COLD range.
 - Never handle a firearm on a HOT range if another shooter or member is in front of your position.
 - All shots must impact the front face of the berm target area.
 - Never position targets in a manner that will allow bullets to impact safety walls or wood barriers protecting trees.
 - Do not place targets in front of or on any wall, safety barrier, or tree. These actions will result in immediate suspension of range privileges.

The person calling for a cold range is ultimately responsible for ensuring all firearms on that line are empty, magazines out, and chamber flags are installed. All shooters are advised to double-check each other's firearms for the same safe conditions.

Firearms may NOT be pointed beyond 180 degrees lateral or vertical relevant to the shooter's position facing down range. Firearms must never be pointed or aimed directly at or over any dividing wall, safety wall, or berm. These actions will result in disciplinary action.

Chamber flags must be used on all ranges when COLD range is in effect. Uncased firearms not being used while the range is HOT must have chamber flags installed

Please share pistol berms with others. Do NOT bring food, snacks, or meals to be consumed in the berm shooting areas. Utilize the picnic tables located in other places for eating. Berms are limited to active shooting practice.

When going cold, ensure the firearm is unloaded, magazine removed, action open, and a chamber flag is installed, or the firearm has been encased.

Members sharing pistol perms must coordinate hot and cold ranges between each other. The first person to arrive and set up in a berm must ensure a second shooter sets up safely and at the same shooting distance.

Do not leave firearms unattended! No member shall leave a firearm uncased or in the presence of a day guest or juvenile. If you must leave the area briefly, ask another member to supervise your firearm or case and secure the firearm in your vehicle.

Concealed Carry - Open Carry Policy

Open carry of handguns is not permitted on EGC property unless the member is participating in an organized shooting event. Example: IDPA or SASS. During these events, the participant may travel between stages and ranges with an unloaded firearm cleared, made safe, and holstered. This policy does not apply to EGC RSOs or uniformed, on-duty Law Enforcement personnel.

Concealed Carry with a recognized Florida permit or license is allowed; however, all concealed and cover garment rules apply at all times. Practicing concealed carry techniques is permitted only within the boundaries of the individual pistol berm being used. Constitutional Carry may be permitted after July 1, 2023, with proof of approved safety training; all concealed and cover garment rules apply at all times.

Approved and Allowable Targets, Target Stands and Firearms.

Pistol berms require all shooters to provide their own target stands. Stands may be constructed of wood, small-diameter PVC tubing, small-diameter wire, or similar material that will not deflect bullets.

Target stand bases or holders may be constructed of appropriate gauge metal. Maximum height 12 inches. Ground stakes or sandbags are suitable to prevent movement.

Targets must be placed in a height zone from approximately "knee-high to head high" or from 24 inches above the surface up to a maximum height of roughly 6 feet.

To allow safe shooting, target materials, and backer boards must be paper, cardboard, foam board, clay, rubber, soft wood, or similar material.

Targets are not allowed to be placed on the ground for plinking. Targets must be attached to backer boards only! DO NOT attach to the wooden top or side framing.

The following items may NOT be used for targets: Cans, bottles, glass, plastic containers, electronics, exploding targets, i.e., Tannerrite or homemade exploding targets designed to explode when impacted by a bullet, Big Bang targets, fruits or vegetables! Steel targets are not allowed in the pocket berms. Please exercise common sense; the Eustis Gun Club is a shooting range, not a public trash dump. Clay pigeons and similar biodegradable targets ARE permitted.

STEEL TARGET SHOOTING is permitted during organized events conducted by the Lake County Pistoleros, Lake County IDPA, and Small Bore Steel Silhouette group. These groups follow recognized safety guidelines and use approved steel targets

Members will shoot steel targets only in the designated area. Special steel shooting rules will apply. Inspection and approval of steel targets will be required. Please see the EGC website section: "Shooting Approved Steel Targets at Eustis Gun Club."

Shotgun use is not allowed in Steel Berms.

The steel target range is located to the right of the sporting clay area (Range 10). The RSO and CRSO MUST inspect and approve all member-provided steel targets BEFORE use. Further information on the EGC website or you can reference section 11 in this range book.

RIFLE & PISTOL RANGES

Ranges 7, 8, and 9 all use a Blue light to indicate a COLD range, as described earlier. Additionally, a RED LINE is painted on the floor of these ranges, and all shooters must move behind that line before a COLD RANGE can be called. All shooters must remain behind that red line unless they are posting targets or removing brass. They may return to their shooting positions once down range is clear of all personnel, and a hot range is called. The person turning on or off the blue light is responsible for verbally calling cold or hot range, whichever is appropriate. The person calling for a cold range is ultimately responsible to make sure that all firearms on that line are empty, magazines out, and chamber flags are installed. It is advised that all shooters double-check each other's firearms for the same safe conditions.

The shelf area behind the shooting benches on each rifle range is to be used for shooting equipment storage while shooting. With the exception of black powder firearms, do not case or uncasing any rifle on this bench. This area is not a cleaning area and is intended for accessories only.

Range 7 - Small bore .22 caliber range.

Follow all rules as posted on this range.

Range 7 is intended for rimfire firearms. This range uses a BLUE light to be turned ON when calling a COLD range. Turn BLUE lights off when the range is called hot.

Steel targets (for .22 use only) are available from the RSO on duty. The member must place these steel targets at the bottom of the berm and the wood backing board removed and placed off to the side. When finished, members must return steel targets to RSO and replace the backing board.

The Board of Directors may open Range 7 to centerfire pistol calibers at designated times and when the pistol berms are unavailable. Additional rules may apply, and members should check with the RSO for range guidance. The RSO may direct some members to use Range 7 instead of the pistol berms at their discretion. This guidance will likely occur for members arriving late in the day towards closing time.

Range 8 - 100 yard rifle range

Range 8 is a 100-yard rifle range and includes 25, 50, and 75-yard shooting positions. The 25 and 50 yard positions may be used for Center Fire pistol shooting. A BLUE light is used on this range to indicate a COLD range.

Range 9 - 200-meter rifle range

Range 9 is a designated 200-meter rifle range. Rifles must be sighted in on Range 8 or a similar range before use on Range 9. An access road, protected by a gate on the western boundary, may be used by vehicles to travel to and from the target boards. The BLUE "COLD" range light must be turned on prior to opening the gate! Please leave the gate open when down range and secure it prior to going hot.

Range 9 may contain several AR 500 steel targets for members' use at varied distances. These steel targets may only be shot in the lane that corresponds with the shooting table. No cross lane shooting will be tolerated. Do not fire metal penetrating, tracers, solid core, or other specialty ammunition at these targets. Doing so will create a safety hazard and cause damage. Violations of this rule will result in the shooter's dismissal from the range.

Range 10 - Shotgun shooting sports

This area is dedicated to Shotgun shooting sports. Skeet, Trap, 5 Stand, and Sporting Clay are all allowed in this area. Skeet and Trap fields also offer an automated opportunity which allows one member or several members to practice shooting a complete round without having a full squad. The automated opportunity is open when there is no other scheduled shotgun event taking place. ATM type cards may be purchased to use these ranges during non-organized events.

Members cannot bring or use their personal clay target machines or hand devices.

Archery

The pistol berms may be used for Archery practice. Members desiring to set up longer-range archery targets should contact the RSO on duty. Optional archery areas are sometimes shared with shotgun sports, and the RSO will determine the appropriate safe archery area.

Swampwater Range – Cowboy Town

This range is intended to be used by the SASS, Lake County Pistoleros. The EGC general membership is not permitted to utilize this range without approval. Approved EGC events may use this range, if necessary, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, CRSO, or on-duty RSO. Certain restrictions may apply.

Section 5 - Range Safety Officers

One or more Range Safety Officers will be on duty during all club operating hours. The primary responsibility of the RSO is to assist members with range safety.

The RSO should be contacted anytime the member is uncertain about any range-related issue. The goal of the RSO is to ensure all members enjoy a safe visit.

Occasionally, the RSO may need to remind members of policies and procedures. Please follow the directions and commands from the RSO. The RSO on duty has total authority to ensure all Safety rules are followed and that any shooting-related activities are conducted in the safest manner possible. Their verbal direction is a final decision.

Feel free to ask the RSO any EGC-related questions and inform the RSO of any unsafe practices you may observe.

Range Safety Officers are to be contacted in all emergencies or anytime an injury or accident occurs.

Section 6 - Instruction and Firearms Safety Training at EGC

The Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) may approve a limited number of certified NRA instructor members to use EGC facilities for safety training.

Due to liability reasons, NO MEMBER MAY CONDUCT COMMERCIAL OR FOR PROFIT TRAINING at EGC without specific approval from the Chief Range Safety Officer. Conducting these activities without written permission will result in immediate suspension and removal from the club membership.

Approval to use EGC for safety training is a revocable privilege. To learn details and determine if vacancies exist, please contact the CRSO.

Section 7 - Emergencies, Accidents, and Injuries

Any member may call a "CEASE FIRE" at any time, on any range, if they observe a serious safety violation or witness any accident or emergency!

Emergencies that involve ambulance, medical, and EMT activity automatically require a CEASE FIRE on ALL RANGES. Additionally, all FIREARMS must be unloaded and cased during a CEASE FIRE. EMTs and medical personnel will not enter the EGC property until these actions are taken.

In any emergency event, immediately contact the RSO on duty. The RSO cart contains an AED (emergency defibrillator), Trauma Kit, and First Aid Kit. The RSO will manage the 911 calls and coordinate other emergency-related activities.

An additional AED is located on the northwest corner of the large shotgun building. Additional First Aid Cabinets are located in the Trap/Skeet setup area, on the building next to pistol berm 6 and the main RSO office building next to the bulletin boards.

Members involved with minor accidents on EGC property must notify the RSO on duty. An incident report is required to document all such events.

Section 8 - Standards of Conduct

Physical or verbal altercation or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited on EGC property. Anyone smelling of alcohol or acting as if they may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave the EGC property. The Eustis Gun Club will not tolerate sexual harassment by any employee, staff, member or day guest. Sexual harassment means unwelcome or unwanted sexual advances, verbal or physical conduct, or a sexual nature. We will not tolerate discrimination, in any form, by or from any member, guest or employee.

Section 9 - Disciplinary Actions & Member Recourse

Certain violations of SAFETY RULES, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, or other acts that endanger and affect other members, may result in disciplinary actions. Possible actions include a written warning, a one-day or longer suspension, an extended probationary period, or total loss of membership.

The RSO on duty has the authority to issue a written warning and order the member to leave EGC for the remainder of the day. This immediate dismissal action is at the sole discretion of the RSO. Members can contact the President, EGC Board of Directors if they believe the actions against them were unfair.

The CRSO will review such actions. After review, serious incidents may result in further action against the member.

Any member affected by disciplinary action may email the President of the EGC Board of Directors and request a hearing in front of the Board of Directors. Any such hearing, convened by the Board or at the member's request, shall be conducted privately.

Section 10 - Special Events

EGC has scheduled events such as Quarterly Swap Meets currently held on the 2nd Sunday at the beginning of each calendar quarter: March, June, September, and December. Please consult the EGC website for specific details.

Local community groups, law enforcement, and charity events in the interests of club members are possible ancillary events that the EGC Board may approve of Directors. These events, if approved, will have details published in advance and posted to the EGC website and on the Monthly Calendar.

Section 11 – Steel Target Rules & Policies

RSO/CRSO must inspect & approve all member-provided steel targets before use. Steel targets are only allowed to be used in these areas:

- Dedicated steel pocket berm next to the shotgun fields
- Range 9 (200M)
- Range 7 (Rimfire Range)

Types of Steel/Steel Targets that are allowed:

- AR500: 3/8" thick - (for Centerfire pistol calibers, muzzleloaders, .22 mag, and any .17 rimfire)
- Mild Smooth Steel; AR400 or better; greater than (>) =3/16" thick - (for .22lr, .22l, .22short)
- Commercially produced targets (i.e., dueling trees & forward-falling pepper poppers)
- Steel targets must be placed at the back of the berm (unless otherwise directed)
- Permanently mounted targets (that do not swing/pivot backward when hit) must be angled downward 20-45 degrees from the vertical
- Two attachment points must be used on steel targets that swing/pivot backward when hit. When hung, the target should be angled slightly downward.

Minimum steel target distances are as follows:

- Rimfire & Pistol calibers: 10yds
- Centerfire Rifle calibers with a muzzle velocity greater than (>) 3300 fps: 200M, Range 9 only
- Centerfire Rifle calibers with a muzzle velocity less than (<) 3000 fps: Range 9 at distances other than 200M when installed by EGC staff.
- Club-owned and installed steel on Range 9 (200M) can be shot per the ammo restrictions below.

The following ammunition may not be used to shoot steel targets:

- Jacketed bullets with a muzzle velocity less than (<) 700fps
- Non-Jacketed bullets/pellets with a muzzle velocity less than (<) 400fps
- Armor-piercing ammo
- Solid Bullet not made of lead (i.e., solid copper, brass, etc.)
- Rifle ammo containing any steel inside the projectile or in the jacket
- Partition-style bullets with substantial jacket material between lead for/aft cores
- Shotgun shells with non-lead shot
- BBs (i.e., from air guns)
- Centerfire rifle calibers with unknown muzzle velocity greater than (>)3300fps

The following steel targets are not allowed:

- Rearward falling (bottom-hinged) steel exceptions determined for EGC sanctioned matches & target systems with overhead shields to catch/redirect splatter.
- Walking/Jumping targets intended to be shot on the ground.

- Targets that are damaged in any way, including, but not limited to dimpling, cratering, cracks, or holes not part of the target's original design
- Non-flat-faced targets (excluding mounting hardware)

RSOs have the authority to declare any steel target or mounting method unsafe to shoot.

- Targets determined unsafe cannot be used.

If you have questions or need clarification on the Eustis Gun Club steel rules, always speak to a Range Safety Officer or the Chief Range Safety Officer before shooting.