

# **LIVINGSTON GUN CLUB SHOOTING FACILITIES POLICY**



# REVISIONS

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## **1 Purpose and scope**

Define policies and procedures governing the use of shooting facilities at Livingston Gun Club.

## **2 Authority**

Executive Committee.

## **3 Safety**

Safety is the highest priority at Livingston Gun Club. Unsafe use will result in loss of range privileges.

## **4 Range officials**

Shooting activities at LGC may only be conducted under the supervision of qualified range officials. LGC recognizes four categories of range official: member, certified range officer, brevet range officer, and instructor.

### **4.1 Members**

LGC members in good standing who have successfully completed the LGC safety orientation may supervise informal shooting activities at LGC for themselves and not more than three guests per member.

### **4.2 Certified range officers**

Certified range officers are credentialed by nationally recognized entities like the National Rifle Association and National Range Officer Institute. Certified range officers supervise shooting activities at informal and sanctioned events.

### **4.3 Brevet range officers**

Brevet range officers possess the necessary skills to supervise shooting activities but are not credentialed by a nationally recognized entity. Brevets are appointed by the senior range official at a sanctioned event and perform the duties of certified range officers at that event.

### **4.4 Instructors**

Instructors supervise shooting activities integral to the training they provide.

### **4.5 Credentials**

Acceptance of range officer and instructor credentials is at the sole discretion of the executive committee. Event organizers shall ensure range official credentials are current.

## **5 General range rules**

### **5.1 Availability**

LGC bays are open every day except as noted on the official event calendar. Bay closures typically occur during business meetings and sanctioned events.

Bays not used as part of an event may be opened for informal use at the discretion of the event manager.

When Daylight Savings Time is not in effect shooting hours are from 09:00 to sunset.

When Daylight Savings Time is in effect shooting hours are from 09:00 to 1/2 hour before sunset.

### **5.2 Authorized users**

LGC shooting facilities are open to members, guests of members, and registered participants at sanctioned events.

### **5.3 Protective equipment**

Everyone present during shooting activities will use appropriate vision and hearing protection. The senior range official will determine appropriate protection levels.

### **5.4 Firearms**

Before using a firearm the user must ensure it:

- Complies with applicable laws.
- Is lawfully possessed.
- Is in good working order.

Experimental firearms may not be used.

Select fire ('full auto') firearms may be used in single shot mode only.

### **5.5 Ammunition**

Ammunition used at LGC must conform to SAAMI or NATO guidelines regarding safety. Ammunition designated as armor piercing, armor defeating, pyrotechnic, explosive, or incendiary may not be used.

Projectiles containing pyrotechnic or incendiary substances may not be used.

### **5.6 Berms**

Berms and impact faces are off limits except for inspection and maintenance.

### **5.7 Baffles/'Blue Sky' rule**

Several bays are equipped with overhead baffle systems designed to keep stray rounds from leaving the range. It is the user's responsibility to select a shooting position/location such that rounds fired intentionally or unintentionally can not pass between the baffle system and the berm. This is commonly referred to as the 'Blue Sky' rule.

### **5.8 Concealed carry**

Lawful carry of loaded, concealed firearms is permitted.

### **5.9 Clearing stations ("Hot Zone")**

Clearing stations are available for individuals in possession of a loaded firearm that must be cleared upon arrival or for loading a firearm prior to leaving. Clearing stations are 'self serve' and do not require range officer supervision. Firearms must be pointed at the backstop while in clearing stations.

The following are examples of activities permitted in clearing stations:

- Clear a firearm prior to using it in a match.
- Load a firearm prior to leaving the facility after a match.

Clearing stations should be clearly marked to avoid misuse.

### **5.10 Safe areas**

Safe areas are available for handling unloaded firearms and magazines. Each safe area includes a bench or table and impact safe backstop. Firearms must be pointed at the backstop while in safe areas.

The following are examples of activities permitted in safe areas:

- Case/uncase firearms.
- Make minor repairs/adjustments.
- Practice mounting/drawing from a holster.

Safe areas should be clearly marked to avoid misuse.

***DO NOT HANDLE AMMUNITION, LOADED MAGAZINES OR LOADED FIREARMS IN SAFE AREAS.***

### **5.11 Handling of firearms**

Maintain muzzle and trigger discipline at all times.

When moving to or from a live fire or training area, firearms must be:

- Unloaded
- Cased, flagged, or holstered.

### **5.12 Preparation**

Ensure the impact area is clear of rocks and other objects that could cause ricochets.

Inspect props, stands, benches, and other equipment. Report missing/damaged items to the executive committee.

Post/activate signaling devices before handling firearms.

### **5.13 Targets**

Mount targets on stands designed for the purpose.

Locate targets so that rounds passing through or around them will strike near the center of the impact area.

Anthropomorphic and illustrated 'cartoon' targets are permitted.

Targets bearing the likeness of an identifiable person may not be used.

Targets that burn or react violently when hit with inert projectiles may not be used.

Use of metallic targets is allowed under the following conditions:

- Minimum distance to target is 8 meters (26 feet).
- Standard handgun calibers only (no magnums).
- Shotguns may use #6 or smaller lead shot only. No steel or Bismuth. No slugs.
- No center fire rifle except for specially designated targets on bay 3. See bay 3 specific rules for details.

### **5.14 Range briefings**

Individuals in charge of sanctioned events will deliver a range safety briefing before start of shooting activities. Briefing will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Emergency Action Plan.
- Weather conditions and warnings.
- Range conditions.
- Event-specific rules and announcements.

Briefing may be delivered in written or verbal form. A sample safety briefing is included in the attachments.

### **5.15 Communication**

Event organizer shall arrange communication (radio, phone, runner...) for event staff.

### **5.16 Cleanup**

Before leaving a shooting area:

- Secure firearms.
- Remove / deactivate signaling devices.
- Secure club property and police the area.

Report missing / damaged equipment to the executive committee.

## **6 Area specific rules**

### **6.1 Bay 1**

All shooting positions except prone are allowed. Users are reminded to observe the 'Blue Sky' rule.

Rifles and shotguns may only be used during sanctioned events conducted under the supervision of designated range officials.

Metallic targets may only be used during sanctioned events conducted under the supervision of designated range officials.

## **6.2 Bay 2**

All shooting positions except prone are allowed. Users are reminded to observe the 'Blue Sky' rule.

## **6.3 Bay 3**

Bay 3 is designed for long gun use. The ballistics and accuracy of typical handgun rounds present an increased risk of rounds leaving the bay. Extra care must be taken when using handguns on this range.

All shooting positions are allowed. Users are reminded to observe the 'Blue Sky' rule.

The opening in the right side berm must be closed and signaling devices set for 'Range Hot' before uncasing or handling firearms.

The opening in the right side berm must be opened and signaling devices set for 'Range Clear' when live fire has ceased and all firearms are secured/cased.

Bay 3 may be equipped with specially marked 'rifle rated' steel targets. These targets may be engaged with large caliber handguns, shotgun slugs, and rifles of all calibers. Shooting at these targets from less than 90 yards is not permitted.

Except for sanctioned events conducted under the supervision of designated range officials:

- The firing line is the downrange edge of the concrete platform. Live fire is not permitted downrange of this line.
- Firing across lanes and toward side berms is not permitted.
- Targets may only be placed between the 25/50/75 yard pickets or directly in front of the backstop.
- Shooting from the prone or kneeling position is restricted to lane 1. Muzzle and target height must be between yellow markers.
- Shooting while seated or standing may be done in lanes 2 through 5. Muzzle and target height must be between blue markers.
- Target height in front of the backstop shall be between four and eight feet above ground level regardless of shooting position or muzzle height.

## **6.4 Bay 4**

All shooting positions except prone are allowed. Users are reminded to observe the 'Blue Sky' rule.

## **6.5 Bay 5**

All shooting positions except prone are allowed. Users are reminded to observe the 'Blue Sky' rule.

## **6.6 Bay 6**

Bay 6 may only be used during sanctioned events conducted under the supervision of designated range officials.

## **6.7 Bay 7**

All shooting positions except prone are allowed. Users are reminded to observe the 'Blue Sky' rule.

## **6.8 Bay 8**

Bay 8 may only be used during sanctioned events conducted under the supervision of designated range officials.

Bay 8 is shotgun only. Handguns and rifles may not be used.

Slugs and shot larger than #6 may not be used.

Bay 8 is closed whenever the 3-D archery course is in use.

## **6.9 Archery practice range**

Shooting on practice range must take place from a common line / distance.



Bows remain clear (no arrows) until everyone is behind the firing line.

#### **6.10 3-D archery course**

The 3-D archery course is closed whenever bay 8 is in use.

### **7 Event specific rules**

Event specific rules may be used provided they do not conflict with this policy.

### **8 Attachments**

The following should be included in any distribution of this policy:

- Facility layout diagram
- Range inspection checklist
- Sample safety briefing
- Incident report form
- Bay 3 diagram