

# Izaak Walton Rifle/Pistol Range Rules

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## OVERVIEW

The Izaak Walton League (IKES) rules and procedures were created to operate and manage the rifle and pistol ranges in a safe manner, and are for the benefit of the shooting members and residential neighborhoods near the Izaak Walton League. Sections of these range rules and procedures may be deleted, added to or amended at any time as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Change notices will be published in the Chapter Newsletter and on range bulletin boards.

An on-site orientation will be required for all new members prior to any range use. The signature of the member appearing on the rifle/pistol card indicates acceptance of, and compliance with, all range rules and procedures.

Updates to these range rules may occur at any time. A current copy of these rules can be found on the Izaak Walton League of Lincoln Nebraska, website: [www.lincolnikes.com](http://www.lincolnikes.com)

Always check the website's **CLUB CALENDAR** or newsletter for Calendar of Events and range availability information.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board of Directors would like to thank the Rifle & Pistol Committee as well as the Safety Committee for their efforts in assembling these rules and developing a format that is both easy to use and informative. Please take the time to review this copy as some changes have been made. This revised version (September 2017) supersedes all older versions.

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## RANGE ENTRY

### MEMBERS

Entry to the range is through the electronically controlled gate by the clubhouse. Your gate card, when activated, will open the gate when the card is placed near the card reader. Card readers are located on both sides of the gate on the left side of the roadway.

*Tip: you can leave your card inside your wallet. Just hold your wallet near the card reader.*

Your card will work as long as your Lincoln Izaak Walton League membership dues are paid up to date. If your dues become delinquent, your gate card will be deactivated. When payment is received your gate card will be reactivated.

### GUESTS

Sponsoring members are responsible for assuring that their guests follow all range rules and procedures, and **MUST** remain on the firing line with their guests at all times. Adults purchasing a guest pass are invited to use our ranges when accompanied by a member with a valid range card. Guest passes cost \$10 for each guest and are valid for the date of purchase only. ***Please purchase on arrival at the range.***

Student members are allowed to sponsor one guest only per visit.

#### **A Guest Pass is required for:**

- Shooters 19 years old or older. Passes are in the sign-in box near the gate on the Southeast corner of the club house.
- Parents of youth guests if they will be shooting.

#### **No Guest Pass is required for:**

- Card holder's spouse.
- Card holder's children under 19 years of age.
- Observers of any age.
- Up to two non-family guests under 19 years of age.
- Parents of the youth guest if they will not be shooting (Parents of youth guests are always encouraged to come to the range).

NOTE: A guest who becomes a member within 30 days of purchasing a guest pass may apply the cost of the pass, not to exceed \$40 toward the purchase of a current year's Rifle/Pistol Card upon presentation of the used passes.

## RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE CARDS

A Rifle/Pistol card may be purchased by an adult, 19 years of age or older, with a current chapter membership. The signature of the member appearing on the rifle/pistol card indicates acceptance of the all Izaak Walton League range rules and procedures. *A member may NOT loan their range card and gate key to anyone*  
*Violation is grounds for dismissal.*

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## DISPLAY OF RANGE CARD

A shooter's Rifle/Pistol Card must be displayed openly while on the firing line via one of the following:

- in a clear card holder attached to a lanyard around the card holder's neck
- at the firing station using the clip provided
- pinned on the outside of coat
- pinned on a hat
- pinned on a range bag

Any member or Range Safety Officer can request to see a range card from anyone shooting on the line. All members are required to present their card for inspection when requested.

## LOST OR ABANDONED RANGE CARDS

If a Range Card is discovered to be left or found on the range, please place it in the Guest Pass box at the clubhouse.

## RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

The Range Safety Officer (RSO) is the chapter official on the firing line. Their primary purpose is to ensure that all range safety rules and procedures are followed so shooters can enjoy using their firearms in a safe and friendly environment. An RSO has the responsibility to take action when circumstances require it. Therefore, commands issued by a RSO must be obeyed *immediately* and *without question*. Failure to comply with an RSO command may result in a reprimand or dismissal from the range.

A Range Safety Officer is normally only on the line during scheduled matches or other shooting events involving non- members.

### Definitions

Range Officer—any member who is on the firing line.

Range Safety Officer—any member who has been certified by taking the NRA Range Safety Officer course or appointed by the Board of Directors.

## CORRECTING RANGE RULES VIOLATIONS

When a Range Safety Officer is not on duty, every IKES member using the range has a responsibility to monitor shooting activities of others and also has the authority to call a "CEASE FIRE" to correct an unsafe situation. If you observe activity contrary to the rules, please (tactfully) inform the offending person and request that they correct the situation. If the member is unwilling to correct behavior or if you suspect a non-member has come onto the property, do not be confrontational, but do advise a member of the Board of Directors or the manager "Who, What, When, and Where" the problem occurred. If the person's name is unknown please get a license plate number and report it.

Any member who is unable or unwilling to follow the rules and procedures will be asked to appear before the Board of Directors to explain their actions and may be subject to the revocation of their range privileges.

*While your right to own a firearm may be protected by the Bill of Rights, the privilege of having a safe place to shoot is not. Do not take either one for granted, and please do your part to protect both.*

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## BASIC RANGE COMMANDS

### Basic range commands

Below are the basic commands you will hear and how you should respond to them. These are the same commands all members should know and use when an RSO is not present on the firing line:

#### When the command "CEASE FIRE" is given:

- Stop shooting IMMEDIATELY.
- Remove your finger from the trigger.
- Keep the gun pointed down range in a safe direction.
- Wait for further instructions from the Range Officer who called for a cease fire.

#### When the command "CLEAR" is given:

- All firearms must be unloaded and benched or grounded, with the muzzle pointed down range, with the action open, ejection port or cylinder up, and magazine removed or placed on vertical rack.
- Everyone must step back from the firing line.
- No firearms may be brought to the firing line or handled while the line is under a "CEASE FIRE" or "CLEAR"

#### When the command "IS THE LINE READY?" is given:

- Any shooter who is not ready, or whose target is not ready, should raise their arm and call "Not ready on target number." A Range Officer will investigate and either assist the shooter to correct the cause of the delay, or remove the shooter from the firing line so as not to delay the start of firing.
- Before "commence Fire" or declaring the line hot determine if everyone has eye and ear protection on.

#### When the command "COMMENCE FIRING" or "THE LINE IS HOT" is given:

It is now safe to start firing. You may fire until you are finished or a "CEASE FIRE" command is issued.

## GENERAL RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES

### Hours of Operation

For all recreational shooting, the hours of operation are:

- Open at Sunrise, no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
- Close at Sunset.

### Range Availability

Some ranges will be shut down periodically for scheduled competitions or maintenance. Most of these events are scheduled well in advance, but unanticipated events may occur on short notice. Check the calendar posted on the website [www.lincolnikes.com](http://www.lincolnikes.com). If unable to access the internet, call the Manager at 402.474.6555.

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## Personal Protection

- Eye and hearing protection on the firing line is required at all times. Prescription glasses are adequate.
- When firing line is active put on eye and hearing protection before leaving your car.
- Every shooter is encouraged to learn and use all basic range commands. See "Basic Range Commands", section page 4.

## Targets

### Club Backer Boards:

- All targets attached to the backer board must be 18" or less in height.
- All targets must be placed so that all shots impact the backstop between the wooden 2x4 frames holding the backers.
- Do not intentionally shoot at the target frames or posts.
- Staple targets onto the target backers, not on the posts or frames.
- Targets are to be removed from the target frame upon completion of shooting.

### Member Backer Boards:

- Members may use the target backers provided by the club or bring their own. If a member desires to use their own target frame, they must remove the club provided frame and lay it flat on the ground. The shooter provided frame must be set up on the same target line. The shooter must ensure that the bullet impacts the berm and does not skip off the ground or leave the range. When the shooter is done, they must reinstall the club provided target frame.
- Member target frames **are not allowed at intermediate distances** on any range.
- Pendulum targets are allowed for .22 caliber rim-fire cartridges only. These targets must be placed immediately in front of the berm. The metal targets must be of a design that directs the bullet into the ground and not upwards or sideways, and they must be top mounted. The target must be set high enough that low misses will not skip off the ground.
- All target stands must be approved by a Board Member or the manager prior to use.

### Controlled fire:

All shots must be fired in a controlled manner and must impact the target backer in a location that does not damage the frame. Extended rapid fire is not allowed, however short rapid fire strings such as double taps are allowed provided the shooter maintains control of the gun and all the shots impact the target backer as described above. Shooters taking part in organized competitions may engage in extended rapid fire under the supervision of a Range Safety Officer. Damage to League equipment due to uncontrolled fire may result in the shooter being assessed repair fees and/or any other disciplinary actions at the discretion of the Safety Committee and the Board of Directors.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- No exploding or incendiary targets allowed.
- No tracer rounds or any other ammo which involves fire or flames allowed.
- No fully automatic firearms of any kind.
- No .50 cal. BMG.
- No cans, bottles or non-paper items allowed as targets.
- No metal swinging targets that direct the bullet up or away from the berm (only swingers that hang down).

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## Firearms

All firearms:

- Loaded firearms cannot be carried on any range or travel areas, with the following exceptions.
- Concealed Carry Permit holders may carry on the property, but the gun must be concealed at all times.
- Firearms are loaded ONLY when they are on the line. They must be cleared and unloaded before they are removed from the line.
- The use of holstered firearms is only permitted when at the firing line when ready to practice draw and fire techniques. Only forward draw holsters may be used for this. Behind the back and cross draw requires drawing across the firing line on either side of the shooter and is unsafe.

Shotguns & Black Powder:

- Shotgun slugs (no shot shells) and black powder muzzle loading rifles may be used on either Range 1 (25-50-75 yard range) or Range 2 (100-yard range) & Range 3 (25-yard).
- Shotgun shot shells may only be patterned on the shotgun pattern board located at the East end of the trap line. Only shot sizes smaller than No. 3 are allowed.

## Shooting

- Shoot only from the firing line, not in front of or behind.
- Shooters must use proper shooting etiquette at all times.
- **Do not** dig bullets out of the berms because it creates erosion & excessive damage to the berm.
- Shooters are accountable for every bullet fired downrange. Bullets absolutely must never leave the range under any circumstances. Remember, it takes only one errant shot landing in the wrong place to close down this entire club.
- Shooting with artificial light is prohibited on the rifle and pistol ranges.

## Station Cleanup

Shooters must remove all of their brass from the range prior to leaving. If a shooter does not want their brass, it should be deposited into the Brass Bucket on each range. Brooms and dustpans are provided to clean up rim fire ammo, please place in garbage barrels. Please respect this rule.

## AMMUNITION

All factory, factory remanufactured and hand loaded ammunition may be used on IKES shooting ranges provided:

- All ammunition is within SAAMI or manufacturer's pressure specifications for the cartridge being used.
- Uses a bullet of the correct type and caliber for the barrel as recommended by the firearms manufacturer.
- Does not exceed the firearm manufacturer's maximum load recommendation.
- Subject to any range specific limitations.

Hand loaders whose rounds exceed manufacturer or SAAMI recommendations and that results in a serious malfunction that injures others may be held accountable for those injuries.

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## RIFLE RANGE RULES – RANGE 1

### 25, 50 & 75 YARD TARGETS

Open year round for open shooting by members and guests unless closed for an event or maintenance. Shooting times are from Sunrise to Sunset.

- Only rifles, muzzle loaders, pistols and shot gun slugs only (no shot shells) may be fired on this range. Refer to list of Prohibited Items listed at the top of page 6.
- All targets must be posted at the target frame line and at the same height to assure all projectiles land in the berm.
- Targets must be placed directly in line with each firing point. Firing at an angle across the range (cross firing) is not allowed. **Benches and their respective targets are numbered, use only the target number that matches your bench number.**

## RIFLE RANGE RULES – RANGE 2

### 100 YARD RIFLE RANGE

Open year round for open shooting by members and guests unless closed for an event or maintenance. Shooting times are from Sunup to Sunset.

- Only rifles, muzzle loaders, pistols & shot gun slugs only (no shot shells) may be fired on this range. Refer to list of Prohibited Items listed at the top of page 6.
- Intermediate targets are not allowed. All targets must be posted at the target frame line near the berm.
- Targets must be placed directly in line with each firing point. Firing at an angle across the range (cross firing) is not allowed. **Benches and their respective targets are numbered, use only the target number that matches your bench number.**
- Pendulum targets are allowed only if the target is placed directly in front of the berm and only for .22 rim-fire cartridges. Only top mounted targets are allowed.

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## **PISTOL/HANDGUN RANGE RULES – RANGE 3**

Open year round for open shooting by members and guests unless closed for an event or maintenance. Shooting times are from Sunrise to Sunset.

### **Approved Firearms**

Pistols or revolvers firing approved cartridges (500 Smith & Wesson or less only) are allowed on this range. Rim-fire rifles are allowed on this range. Shotgun (slugs only) and muzzle loading rifles may also be used on this range at 25 yards only. No shot shells are allowed on the pistol range!! This include any revolver, single shot pistol, or other handgun firing a shot shell.

### **7 YARD PISTOL SNAIL TRAP**

- **Permanently closed**
- **The Rifle/Pistol Committee is working on a replacement for the 7-yard range.** When a replacement at 7-yards is made, appropriate rules will be completed and made a part of these rules.

### **15 & 25 YARD PISTOL RANGE**

- Only pistols, revolvers and rim-fire rifles, muzzle loading rifles or slug shotguns may be used on this range.
- Entire handgun range(includes snail bullet trap) is to be treated as one single firing line
- All shooting must be conducted from a safe shooting position.
- Intermediate targets may be placed on the handgun range for air guns only.

Approved cartridges and new cartridges may change from time to time. If you come across a cartridge not listed, please contact the Manager for a clarification.

## **RIFLE/HANDGUN – RANGE 4**

Only open for scheduled shooting events and practices supervised by an IKES Range Safety Officer.

- Only open during supervised shooting events under direction of a Range Safety Officer or match director.
- Shooters must take extra care to ensure that every round goes into the berms.
- Do not shoot the short range steel targets with center fire rifles this will damage targets designed for handguns.

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## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, contact 911.**

Property address: 10801 South 134<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bennet, NE 68317

When emergency vehicles are requested, ask another person on the range to go to the main gate to meet responders and guide them to the scene of the incident.

Once emergency help has been contacted, contact the Manager.

Craig / Natalie Keaschall 402.499.9767 / 402.560.7750

If unable to reach the Manager, notify:

Wes Sheets 402.466.9040 or 402.440.7264  
Brad Philson 402.416.3018

In case of minor injuries, there is a First Aid kit located at each range in the bulletin board boxes.