

FALLS TOWNSHIP RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC.
RANGE RULES

General Rules - All Club Property and Ranges

- GR 1.** Alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and people under the influence thereof, are prohibited on the premises.
- GR 2.** Eye and ear protection are mandatory on all shooting ranges where firearms are permitted and being fired.
- GR 3.** Firearms to be used on the premises should be properly cased: this means in a case, box, or wrapping, unloaded, and with magazines removed. Firearms may be brought onto a range properly cased, or if uncased, unloaded, with magazine removed, action open, and empty chamber indicator inserted.
- GR 4.** Firearms being handled must at all times be pointed in a safe direction. A safe direction is either downrange or pointed up and not at any person. Firearms should be uncased at the line while pointing downrange.
- GR 5.** All firearms not being used, or being moved on and off the line must be unloaded, with magazine removed, action open, and empty chamber indicator inserted.
- GR 6.** Firearms may only be loaded on the firing line with the firearm pointed down range. For muzzleloaders, flash pans may only be filled or percussion caps affixed at the firing line.
- GR 7.** Shooters are responsible for ensuring that any projectiles launched will safely impact the berm, backstop, or shot fall area after passing through or impacting the target and will not cause damage or leave the premises.
- GR 8.** Shooters must obey all range commands immediately. If the command "CEASE FIRE" is given by anyone, everyone on the firing line must immediately open the action unload the firearm, and insert an empty chamber indicator. A cease fire condition shall be indicated by sounding the horn ONCE and turning on the flashing red light. After determining downrange is clear, the range is to be made ready for shooting again by sounding the horn TWICE and turning the flashing red light off.
- GR 9.** There shall be no contact with firearms whatsoever while the range is in cease fire condition. Anyone not going down range or collecting brass should remain behind the yellow line.
- GR 10.** No one is permitted ahead of the shooting line unless a cease fire condition exists.
- GR 11.** No firearms may be discharged in front of, or behind, the established firing line for each range, or discharged anywhere on the property that is not an established range for shooting firearms.
- GR 12.** Firearms carried in compliance with Pennsylvania law regarding concealed or open carry may not be drawn or fired except in case of an emergency.
- GR 13.** Fully automatic fire is prohibited on the property.
- GR 14.** No trick shooting, hip shooting, drawing and firing from a holster, or bump firing on any range.
- GR 15.** No armor-piercing, tracer or incendiary ammunition may be fired on the premises.
- GR 16.** Shooting by any guest is permitted only when supervised one-on-one by a qualified club member (e.g. members must supervise their guest not shoot while their guest is shooting).
- GR 17.** Other than club-provided, permanently set steel targets, only paper targets are permitted (except the Plinking Range, see specific rules).
- GR 18.** Archery equipment may only be used on archery ranges. No firearms may be used on the archery or air gun ranges.
- GR 19.** Any firearm that malfunctions in a manner that creates an unsafe condition must be cleared and removed from the firing line immediately and may not be returned to the range until it has been inspected, repaired, and determined to be safe.
- GR 20.** The use of any range in use by an organized match shall be at the discretion and supervision of the match director.
- GR 21.** Targets should be a minimum of six inches from any point on the target frame. Shooters may use their own target frames if made of wooden material provided the design is similar to the standard Club-provided frame.
- GR 22.** Members and guests are required to sign-in upon arrival and sign-out before departing using the log located inside the front door. Members must sign in each of their guests and pay any guest fees required.
- GR 23.** While on the premises, members must display their membership badge in plain view and non-members must wear the guest nametags available at the sign-in desk. All guests and children must be supervised at all times while on the premises.
- GR 24.** Members and guests must obey all posted signage.
- GR 25.** The Board of Directors may approve exceptions to these rules for matches and recognized competitors published in Appendix B of these rules.

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SR 1. Specific Range Rules - Indoor Range

- SR 1.1. Only pistol caliber cartridges listed in Appendix A of these rules, rimfire cartridges of at least .22 caliber, and lead air gun pellets are permitted on the Indoor Range.
- SR 1.2. Shot shells of any gauge/caliber, steel shot and BBs fired from air guns, and black powder ammunition are prohibited.
- SR 1.3. Shotguns or other firearms using shot shells are prohibited.
- SR 1.4. Black powder firearms are prohibited.

SR 2. Specific Range Rules - 25/50-yard Range

- SR 2.1. Shotguns or other shot shell firing arms may only be fired at positions 1 and 2. Shotguns firing rifled slugs and sabots may be fired from any position at 25 or 50 yards only.
- SR 2.2. Club-provided steel targets may be fired at using cartridges listed in Appendix A of these rules with either a handgun or rifle.
- SR 2.3. Steel targets are to be fired at from positions 29 or 30 only and may not be moved.

SR 3. Specific Range Rules – 100/200yd Range

- SR 3.1. No shot shells of any gauge/caliber.
- SR 3.2. Shotguns firing single projectiles (e.g. slugs or sabots), handguns with 6” or longer barrels, and black powder firearms may be fired at targets set at 75 and 100-yard distances only. Black powder firearms may not be used on the 200-yard range without prior qualification. Handguns with barrels under 6” are prohibited.
- SR 3.3. Target frames may be placed at the designated 75, 100 or 200-yard distances only. No targets may be placed at any intermediate distances.
- SR 3.4. The club-provided reactive metal target at the 100-yard position may be fired on from positions 1 or 2 only. The 200-yard reactive metal target may be fired on from positions 17 or 18 only. Targets may not be moved.

SR 4. Specific Range Rules – Plinking Range

- SR 4.1. Appropriate footwear is required to protect against neglected target fragments. No open-toed or soft, thin-soled shoes are permitted.
- SR 4.2. No shot shells or shotguns of any gauge/caliber.
- SR 4.3. Authorized targets include:
- Paper targets on approved frames
 - Clay, plaster, or chalk targets.
 - Plastic or thin metal containers, lids or similar items
 - Balloons, cans or plastic bottles; empty or filled with non-polluting liquids
 - Club provided steel targets fired on only by pistol calibers as defined in Appendix A.
- SR 4.4. Prohibited targets include:
- Bowling pins or other thick or hardwood lumber
 - Glass or ceramic objects of any kind
 - Any item that may cause a ricochet or other hazardous condition such as pots and pans, hubcaps. When in doubt, ask an RSO or Board Member.
- SR 4.5. Shooters must clean up and remove any items that were used as targets during their shooting session.

SR 5. Specific Range Rules – Air Gun Range

- SR 5.1. Eye protection is required on this range when air guns are in use.
- SR 5.2. Only .177 and .22 caliber lead or lead-core pellets may be shot. No BBs or steel pellets of any kind are permitted.

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SR 5.3. Only air rifles and air pistols powered by means of pre-charged pneumatic, CO₂, break-barrel, or pump-action are permitted.

SR 5.4. Allowed Targets:

- Club-provided metal targets are permanently placed in the shooting area.
- All paper targets.
- Member-provided vertically hanging reactive metal swingers. No horizontally mounted targets (e.g. spinners) are permitted.

SR 6. Specific Range Rules – Archery

SR 6.1. Crossbows are permitted only on the practice range.

SR 6.2. Only field points may be fired at range butts.

SR 6.3. Broad heads may only be used only on the targets labeled as specifically for that purpose.

SR 7. Specific Rules – Curtis Lake

SR 7.1. The only activity allowed on the lake is fishing, which may be done from a boat or from the shoreline, and boating. No ice fishing, skating, swimming, or diving.

SR 7.2. Any non-swimmer fishing from the shore must wear an approved life vest.

SR 7.3. Fishing from the shoreline is not permitted in the archery range area when the archery course is in use.

SR 7.4. Persons using the lake must comply with all PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations.

SR 7.5. No littering, dumping, or discharging firearms is permitted in the lake.

SR 7.6. Boating rules

- Everyone on board must wear an approved life vest.
- No hunting or carrying, or discharging of firearms is permitted while in a boat.
- The maximum boat length is 16 feet.
- Boats may be launched from the designated launch ramps only.
- Only electric motors may be used to power any boat on the lake. “Slow Speed, No Wake” applies.
- No boats may be left on the premises unattended.

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Appendix A:

Cartridges Approved for use on the Indoor Range and club provided steel targets outdoors¹

All Rimfire Cartridges (.22 or larger)	9mm Steyr
5.7x28mm	9x23 Winchester
.22 Remington Jet	.380 ACP (9mm Kurz) (9x17mm)
.25 ACP	.38 Special
.25 NAA	.357 Magnum
.25 WCF (.25-20)	.357 SIG
7mm Nambu	.38 ACP
7.62 Nagant Revolver	.38 Super Automatic
7.62x25 Tokarev	.38 S&W (Colt New Police)
.30 Luger	.38 WCF (.38-40)
.30 Mauser	9x18mm Makarov
.32 H&R Magnum	.380 Short & Long Revolver
.32 S&W	.41 Long Colt
.32 S&W Long (Colt New Police)	.40 S&W
.32 NAA	10mm Automatic
.327 Federal Magnum	.41 Short Colt
.32 WCF (.32-20)	.41 Remington Magnum
.32 Automatic (7.65mm Browning)	.41 Action Express
.32 Short Colt	10.4mm Italian Revolver
.32 Long Colt	.44 Russian
.32 S&W Gallery	.44 Special (not Magnum ²)
.32 Colt	.44 Bull Dog
.320 Revolver	.44 WCF (.44-40)
7.5mm Swiss Army Revolver	.460 Rowland
.35 Automatic	.45 Webley
.35 S&W Auto	.45 Auto Rim
8mm Rast-Gasser	.45 GAP
8mm Nambu	.45 Automatic Short/.45 HP
8mm Lebel Revolver	.45 Automatic Match
7.5mm Nagant Revolver	.45 ACP
9mm Ultra (Police)	.45 Long Colt
9mm Mauser	.455 Webley Mk I and Mk II
9mm Winchester Magnum	.455 Colt (Enfield)
.356 TSW	.45 S&W (Schofield)
9mm Glisenti	.455 Webley Automatic
9x19mm Luger (Parabellum)	.450 Revolver (Adams, Colt)
9x21mm	

Strictly Prohibited:

- Any cartridge not on the approved list
- Shot shells, shotguns and other firearms using shot shells
- Black Powder cartridges and firearms
- Steel shot and BBs

¹ This list may be amended from time to time in response to suggestions by club members, either via email to admin@ftrpa.com or in-person at a General Meeting, after consideration and approval by the Board.

² .44 Magnum is prohibited on the indoor range. It may be used on club provided steel targets placed outdoors.

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Appendix B:

Exceptions for Matches and Match Competitors. Match directors may add the names of recognized competitors or qualified competitors without board approval. Match directors may not add additional exceptions without board approval.

Metallic Silhouette:

- The use of approved metallic silhouette targets is permitted during Club-sanctioned indoor and outdoor silhouette matches. Targets must be placed in the designated silhouette target positions or against the berm/backstop. This exception applies to the Indoor, Outdoor 50yd, Outdoor 100/200 yard, and Plinking Ranges.
- These targets may also be used for practice by shooters recognized by the Club as qualified silhouette shooters in the same manner as is permitted during a match.
- Recognized silhouette shooters may use a handguns on the 100/200 yard ranges as they would during matches.

Falling Plates:

- The use of shielded plate racks are permitted on the indoor range during matches and during practices where a Board member or match director is present.
- The match directors are permitted to hold the match ahead of the normal shooting line.

Outdoor Action Steel:

- The match directors are permitted to hold the match ahead of the normal shooting line.

AAFTA Field Target:

- The use of AAFTA approved field targets and air guns are permitted on the 3D Archery Course during sanctioned matches.