

New MPR Rules

V . GEORGE STENSON MULTI-PURPOSE RANGE

A. Safety

1. Access and Access Requirements

a. While the George Stenson Multi-Purpose Range (MPR) is accessible for casual shooting as well as scheduled matches and training, current CCRP Club members are required to attend an Orientation and Familiarization Class conducted by an MPR Director or identified instructor before they will be allowed to shoot unsupervised on the Range. This class is necessary due to the MPR's unique facilities and close proximity of private land to the CCRP boundary. The class will be scheduled on published dates starting after 1 July 2019 and last for one year in order to allow all current members the opportunity to use the MPR. Following this one year period an assessment will be made to determine if the class should be continued, incorporated in the new members orientation, or ended.

b. The class will cover the MPR rules, facilities, firearm types and handling, and target array and types. The class should take about 2 hours, which includes a walk down-range and inspection of restricted firing areas. Times for the class will be published in the CCRP monthly newsletter, "*The Plinker*" by the MPR Director at regular intervals and posted on the CCRP Events Board.

c. CCRP members attending the class must bring the following:

(1) A .22 caliber rifle or pistol caliber carbine and/or a .22 caliber or center fire handgun to demonstrate firearms handling with the type(s) firearms they plan to use while shooting on the MPR.

(2) A firearm case, range bag, or box for their firearm(s).

(3) Eye and ear protection.

d. Upon successful completion of the class, a member will be issued and sign for a key to the gate of the MPR as well as a Range Pass, which must in the possession of the member while using the MPR.

2. When using the MPR, the key holding member must also use the sign-in sheet located on the range office.

3. CCRP members are reminded of the pledge to SAFE and LAWFUL conduct incorporated in the membership application.

4. The conduct of guests and/or spectators of members while participating in informal/casual range use are subject to the supervision of the host member.

5. All participants in scheduled events shall complete a liability release form for each event. Completed forms will be forwarded to the Treasurer in company with the match event report.

6. All members must have CCRP issued name tags and their MPR Range Pass in their possession while shooting on the MPR and produce them on demand of any club officer or member.

7. **MPR Range Hours:** 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM year round. However, the MPR will be closed to informal/casual shooting during scheduled events. Scheduled events will be published on the calendar and posted at the CCRP Events Board.

8. **Skills / Procedures at the MPR**

a. Members must be familiar with and practice safe gun handling procedures. These include, but are not limited to:

(1) **The Fundamental NRA Rules for Safe Firearm Handling:**

- ALWAYS keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- ALWAYS keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.

(2) **When Using or Storing a Firearm, Always Follow These NRA Rules:**

- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Be sure the firearm is safe to operate.
- Know how to use the firearm safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store firearms so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- Be aware that certain types of firearms and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

b. Shooters must check range and sign in without firearms.

c. Firearms brought to the MPR must be unloaded and transported to the line from vehicles either in a gun bag or carried muzzle up, and only when the range is HOT.

d. When “unbagging” a firearm on an MPR shooting bench, the muzzle must be vertical or pointed down range. Muzzles must always be pointed up or pointed down range when handling firearms.

e. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for EVERYONE at the MPR whenever the range is HOT.

f. Do NOT go forward of the firing line unless the range is declared COLD/SAFE.

g. Before the range is declared COLD/SAFE:

(1) All rifles and carbines must be safety checked and have their bolts/chambers open and placed muzzle up in a rifle rack behind the firing line.

(2) All handguns must be safety checked and placed on a firing line bench with chambers/cylinders open and muzzles pointed down-range toward the berm immediately in front the firing position. In addition, pistols must have an empty chamber indicator visible.

h. Do not handle firearms if anyone is forward of the firing line.

- i. Load, reload, and unload firearms only on the firing line with the muzzle pointed at the berm directly in front of the firing position, and only when the range is HOT.
- j. When an RSO is present, they have direction of the range, otherwise, coordinate with other shooters before declaring the range HOT or COLD/SAFE.
- k. During scheduled and approved matches, an RSO Match Director has the latitude to modify the MPR firearm handling and/or clearing procedures to comply with the match rules.
- l. Before declaring the range HOT: Check the impact area for stragglers, animals, and/or unsafe conditions.
- m. Anyone may call CEASE FIRE when an unsafe condition is observed or suspected or whenever wildlife enters the range. When a CEASE FIRE is called:
 - (1) Immediately remove magazines or tubes,
 - (2) Unload the firearm, leaving the bolt open, and chamber(s) clear, and
 - (3) Ground or bench firearms and, if requested, stand back from firing positions.
- m. No smoking except in the designated smoking area.

B. Terms

- 1. Range is HOT: Firearms are being handled, loaded, and/or fired.
- 2. Range is COLD/SAFE:
 - a. Firing has ceased;
 - b. Magazines and/or tubes are removed;
 - c. Firearms are cleared, safety checked, bolts open, and no longer being handled;
 - d. Rifles and carbines are placed muzzle up in one of the rifle racks behind the firing line;
 - e. Handguns are lying on a shooting bench with the cylinder or slide opened and muzzle pointed down range.
 - f. At NO time is the range COLD/CLEARED when a firearm is in someone's hand(s).
- 3. SAFETY CHECKING a firearm: The process of unloading a firearm and verifying that the chamber is empty. Muzzle control must be maintained while performing safety checks.
- 4. MUZZLE VIOLATION: Having the muzzle of a firearm pointed in any direction except:
 - a. Up for rifles and carbines, if being carried or in a rack;
 - b. Down-range toward the berm directly in front of the firing position, for handguns toward a berm;

5. **BAFFLE:** The three high-posted walls running parallel to the MPR firing line. The baffles restrict fired rounds from leaving the range and/or not striking one of the impact berms. It is a range violation to deliberately shoot at the baffles or post/hang targets from them, and a member doing so is subject to losing his/her membership at CCRP.

6. **CARBINE:** Any center fire pistol caliber legal firearm with a barrel length of 18 inches or less.

C. Firearms and Ammunition Permissions and Restrictions

1. Permitted calibers:

- a. Rim fire .22 caliber rifles and handguns
- b. Center fire, pistol caliber CARBINES
- c. Center fire handguns

2. No black powder rifles or handguns except for scheduled events.

3. No center fire rifles.

4. No shotguns except for scheduled events.

5. No necked-down cartridges.

6. Other prohibited items or actions

a. No firing of .50 caliber BMG cartridges, cannons, thunder mugs, petards, anvil cannons, fireworks, exploding targets, tracer/incendiary ammunition, or armor piercing and steel core ammunition.

b. No fully automatic firearms are allowed.

c. No technologies that allow the "simulation" of automatic fire, including but not limited to, bump-firing, slide fire stocks, trigger guard cranks, etc

7. Shooters are responsible for collecting all expended brass casings (including all .22 caliber brass) and either taking it home or depositing it in the "Brass Container" bucket located behind the firing line near the range office.

8. Any faulty or damaged live rounds of ammunition should be placed in the water-filled blue barrel outside the covered portion of the range.

D. Targets Allowed / Not Allowed, Placement, and Stands

1. Informal/Casual Shooting

a. Shooters may bring their own target stands and paper targets. However, they may use the two MPR provided rope target holders located in front of the eastern most firing positions (left firing line) in front of the 25 and 50 meter berms. Shooters may also use the steel silhouettes mounted on the bottom of the multicolored target stands in front of each of the MPR's berms.

b. Shooters may also use the wood and/or steel rebar target frames furnished at the MPR.

c. All target stands and targets must be placed to ensure that any fired round strikes an impact berm.

d. Shooters are responsible for removing their targets, target stands, and target residue before leaving the range and **TAKING ALL THESE ITEMS HOME**.

2. **Competition Shooting:** The sponsor/director of any shooting match at the MPR will coordinate with the MRP Range Director for targets and target placement. The sponsor/director of the match is responsible for removing all brass and target residue.

3. Permitted Targets

a. **ONLY** paper targets and MPR furnished metal targets are authorized as targets. Use cardboard backing for paper targets. Do not use any other materials as targets.

b. Target stands/frames should be wood or steel rebar. The base of the stands may be wood or metal.

c. Paper targets

(1) Paper targets and target backers may be hung on the ropes of the 10 or 20 yard MPR target holders or placed on user provided target stands.

(2) Targets & target stands must be placed so that the bullet impacts one of the berms.

d. Shooters must remove their target frames and residue when finished shooting.

e. Shooters must also return any portable target frames provided by the MPR from the impact area to the covered portion of the range well behind the firing line.

f. Do **NOT** place paper targets in front of any of the MPR permanent silhouette racks.

4. Prohibited Targets, Stands, and Materials

a. **NO** user provided metal targets.

b. **NO** aerial targets, such as clay pigeons, are permitted on the MPR.

c. **NO** bowling pins or other ground supported type targets.

d. **NO** cans, bottles, spray paint, or any other trash may be used as targets.

e. **NO** exploding or incendiary targets of any kind (Tannerite, propane, etc).

f. **NO** plastic targets or target stands.

g. **NO** targets or target stands that when struck by a bullet shatter or create a cleanup mess.

5. Target Placement

a. Targets must be placed directly in line with the firing position. Do **NOT** crossfire, that is, when shooting at any distance, do not shoot at targets to the left or right of your position that will point your muzzle outside the left and right limits of the impact berm in front of your firing position.

b. Targets must be placed so bullets impact in the bottom two-thirds of the berm directly behind the target.

c. Do not place or shoot at targets where bullets could impact target bases, stands or supports

d. Do not directly attach targets to or place targets on MPR provided target bases.

e. Do not place or shoot at targets on or in front of any of the MPR fixed silhouette racks.

6. Any deviations from target type, frame type or construct, or target placement may only be made with prior permission of the Multi-Purpose Range Director or MPR Match Director.

E. Administration

1. Parking

a. A parking lot south of the MPR building is available at the range. Individual parking locations should be chosen to afford maximum use.

b. When parking do not block access to the ingress/egress network from the area of the CCRP indoor range/administrative building to the MPR.

c. Do not park immediately behind the covered firing area at the two concrete ramps leading to the covered firing line. This is for loading and unloading only.

d. Do not park along side or directly in front of the storage shed at the south eastern (left) end of the range building.

2. Trash

a. This is a non-profit, volunteer organization. It is the shooters responsibility to help keep the range clean.

b. Trash of any kind is not allowed on the range. This includes cigarette butts, gum wrappers, etc. Trash receptacles are provided, please use them.

c. Shooters shall clean up after themselves and remove ALL brass or spent casings, target and target stand residue, cleaning materials, or other items of trash from the range before leaving.

(1) Pick up and dispose of all spent cases from the concrete and gravel. This includes 22's and steel cases.

(2) Before leaving, retrieve and dispose of any targets and backers you placed.

(3) Leave your firing point and area cleaner than when you started. Please dispose of targets, casings and trash that others might have missed.

(4) Duds or live rounds must be picked up and may be disposed of in rain barrels located at the end of either of the covered area entry/exit ramps. This is particularly important with .22 rim fire rounds.

d. Casual users and Match Directors are responsible to remove accumulated trash resulting from their range use to the club dumpster by the clubhouse at the end of each session of use. However, due to the limited capacity of the CCRP dumpster, **SHOOTERS MUST TAKE HOME ALL TARGETS AND TARGET STAND RESIDUE THEY BROUGHT TO THE RANGE.** Non-compliance will be considered as littering and subject to disciplinary action.

3. Personnel

a. Range Director: The Range Director is a member of the CCRP Board of Directors, who is responsible for all activities on the Multi-Purpose Range.

b. Match Director: A Range Safety Officer (RSO) who organizes and conducts matches on the MPR.

c. Range Safety Officer: An RSO is an individual who holds a current Range Safety Officer certificate as issued by the National Rifle Association.

d. Certified MPR Shooters: CCRP club members who have taken the MPR Orientation and Familiarization class and have been issued a key to the range.

e. Guests: Any shooter sponsored by a Certified MPR Shooter who has not attended the MPR Orientation and Familiarization class whose is accompanying the Certified CCRP member while using the range.

f. Spectators: Individuals sponsored by a Certified MPR shooter who are not shooting, have not been shooting, and will NOT be shooting that day.

4. Gate and Access Issues

a. The Multi-purpose Range is a controlled access range for those CCRP members who attended the MPR Orientation and Familiarization class and were issued an MPR Range Pass and key to the range gate.

b. The gate shall remain closed and locked unless a scheduled event is taking place or a Certified Shooter has accessed the range for casual use.

c. Certified range casual shooters will ensure the gate remains CLOSED and UNLOCKED while using the range. This is for the purpose of emergency response access. Certified MPR shooters must also be wearing their CCRP badge in a visible location and have their MPR Range Pass in their possession.

d. The last MPR certified shooter to depart the MPR will ensure no one else is at the range and then close and lock the gate upon leaving the range.

F. Disciplinary Actions

If any member sees a shooter on the range handling firearms contrary to range rules, that member is required to politely point out range rules. If the other shooter will not correct improper handling, the member shall notify the Range Director or a CCRP club Officer about the incident, and provide details of the incident along with the name & vehicle license number of the violator. Infractions could result in the loss of range privileges, fines, or legal action. Formal disciplinary action is governed by CCRP by-laws.