



WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL SHOOTING FACILITY  
RULES AND INFORMATION FOR GROUP RANGE USE

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This document has been produced to assist groups through the reservation and use practices for the Regional Shooting Facility as set forth by Washoe County.

#### Phone numbers

Reservations—775-328-6501  
Regional Shooting Facility—775-475-2991

#### Range Purpose

The Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility provides an area for shooters of numerous disciplines and skill levels to practice and train in a safe environment.

#### General

##### Hours

-8am-4pm summer (Daylight saving time), Friday through Monday  
-8:30am-3:30pm winter (Standard time), Friday through Monday

##### Alcohol/drugs

-Alcohol is not permitted at the Regional Shooting Facility unless specifically permitted during a Special Event  
-Illegal drugs are not allowed at the Regional Shooting Facility

##### Youth Shooters

-Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a competent adult over the age of 18. One adult may not supervise more than 5 youths.

##### Overnight

-Overnight stay is not permitted unless authorized during a Special Event or for security. The Washoe County Rangemaster will determine a permissible number of people for security purposes.  
-Shooting is not permitted after regular range hours during overnight stays.

##### Special Event

-If a group wishes to use a range for a Special Event (large events, overnight, etc.) they will be required to fill out a Special Event Questionnaire. SEQ's can be obtained from the reservations office. The SEQ will be reviewed by staff for appropriateness and a confirmation or denial will be given to the group. Different fees and requirements may apply to Special Events.

##### Cleanup

-All user groups are responsible for the cleanup of the area used.  
-Trash cans are provided and should be emptied by groups when they are full. The dumpster in the main parking lot is available for this use.  
-Groups that do not clean the area used will be billed at the rate of \$30 per hour of time taken for staff to clean the area. There will be a one hour minimum.

#### Not permitted

- Odd targets (fruit, vegetables, golf balls, etc.) If in doubt, contact the Washoe County Rangemaster.
- Clay pigeons
- Explosives including tannerite and similar exploding targets
- Liquid targets
- Archery
- Pets (service animals and LE animals permitted)
- CS, OC, other gasses and canisters
- Aerial targets
- Steel core, steel jacket, bi-metal, incendiary, tracer, armor piercing, and Dragon's Breath-type ammunition is not permitted. Steel and aluminum cases are permitted.
- This list is not all-inclusive as all possible targets cannot be listed. If a group wishes to use a specific target contact the Washoe County Rangemaster for approval.

#### Course of fire required

- All groups shall provide a course of fire when making a reservation. Course of fire shall include:
  - Type of training/class (CCW, Tactical, SWAT, Academy, etc.)
  - Target type(s)
  - Firearm(s) type
  - Ammunition type
  - Distance(s) shooting
  - Moving or stationary engagement
  - Example course of fire can be found here: <http://tpc.nra.org/past-courses-of-fire.aspx>
  - It is understood that some military and law enforcement COF's may be sensitive or confidential in nature. For those trainings, please provide the basic information to include direction of fire and location of firing points. Detailed information will not be required. However, all other rules must be followed no matter what the COF is.
  - At no time may any group fire from areas that are not designated as a firing line or bay.
  - At no time may any group fire in a direction other than south to north.

#### Certifications/range safety officer required

- All groups using ranges other than the public line during public hours must provide, at the time of the first reservation, the following certification:
  - Range Safety Officer
  - Firearms instructor
- All groups using ranges during non-public hours must provide, at the time of the first reservation, the following certification:
  - Rangemaster designated by agency
  - Range Safety Officer
  - Firearms instructor
- The group's certified instructor/range officer MUST check in with Washoe County Rangemaster if shooting during public hours, Friday through Monday.
- The group's certified instructor MUST be present before firing commences

- Red flags MUST be flown on all hot ranges
- Before a firing line goes hot, the red flag must be raised on the range being used
- All injuries/accidents MUST be reported to WC Rangemaster as soon as possible
- Any injury or accident causing damage to WC or private property must be reported to the Washoe County Rangemaster. If the Washoe County Rangemaster is not available, report to the Parks reservation office.
- One RSO per 5 shooters is required.
- Members of the group may not enter the reserved range until the RSO is on site. Group members should stage in the main public parking area until the RSO arrives.
- The RSO will not shoot while acting as the RSO.
- The RSO will operate the line. Qualified instructors will provide training/instruction. The same person cannot do both.

#### Washoe County Rangemaster has final authority

- When on site at the facility, the Washoe County Rangemaster or designee has authority at the Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility. Commands must be followed immediately. Discussion can be held later. This is for everyone's safety.

#### Reservations

- Groups wishing to use a specialty range will call the Parks Reservations office.
- Proper certification will be provided. After the first time, the certification will be kept on file. It is the responsibility of the certification holder to provide updated documentation.
- Range request (date, times) will be made. If the desired range cannot accommodate the course of fire, another range that can must be chosen.
- Payment will be made either via credit card (on the phone) or cash/check in person.
- New law enforcement or military agencies must provide a letter of intent from the head of the department or division OR commander. Law enforcement or military personnel may not conduct private training on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.
- Non LE and military groups may only use the ranges on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.
- Law enforcement or military personnel who operate a business (CCW, training, etc.) may only use the range Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday to conduct their business.

#### Refund/alternate days

- Full refunds will be made only if a cancellation is made more than 30 days in advance.
- At the Washoe County Rangemaster's discretion, a group may cancel the day of a reservation due to safety concerns. The reservation fee will be applied to another date.

#### First Right of Refusal

- Current user groups have First Right of Refusal privileges for corresponding dates the following year. Each fall the reservations office will send notice that the following year's reservation cycle is open. Groups will have a period of time to give notice of their intention to keep or discard corresponding dates.
- If a group cancels a date during the year (not including safety cancellations), that date becomes open; it is no longer eligible for a corresponding date the following year.



#### Business/Law Enforcement/Military

- Businesses (CCW etc.) can reserve ranges only during regular public hours.
- Law enforcement and military can reserve ranges only during non-public hours.

#### Range/building specific rules

##### Public line

- Non reservable except with permission by Rangemaster
  - The public range is a non-reservable range. The only exception is if the Washoe County Rangemaster grants permission to a group that has the proper certifications.

##### Silhouette

- Rifle only
- Silhouette use only
- Coordinate with users on the Smallbore Range for safe target change.
- Southwest-Northeast shooting only.

##### Smallbore

- Rifle/handgun
- Must fire from points under roof
- South-North only
- Coordinate with users on the Silhouette Range for safe target change.
- Targets must be set so bullet impact is between the 50 and 100 yard target lines for handgun shooting. Center of Mass should be set at approximate 6' to allow for bullet drop on handgun calibers. If the RSO or other shooters witness impacts closer than the 50 yard line, targets must be reconfigured to mitigate the situation.

##### PPC E/W

- 50 yards and closer only
- Muzzle-target-impact
- No steel
- South-North only

##### High Power

- 1000, 600, 300, 200 only
- Impact area is at the pit ONLY, no short shooting into other berms.
- Cannot be used if IPSC has been reserved first.
- South-North shooting only.

##### IPSC

- All impacts must be contained in the bay
- Steel permitted, must be approved by WC Rangemaster
  - All steel targets must be approved by the Washoe County Range Master.
  - Steel that is pitted, cracked, or otherwise damaged will not be permitted.
  - A minimum of AR400 is required for pistol targets
  - A minimum of AR500 is required for rifle targets
  - See below for steel engagement distances.
- Cannot be used if High Power has been reserved first.

## Classroom

- No ammo
  - No ammunition is permitted in the classroom
- Trash removal
  - All trash MUST be removed by the group at the end of training and be placed in the dumpster located at the east end of the public parking area.

## Steel targets

- Steel should not be engaged with rounds travelling less than 750 feet per second.
- Minimum suggested distances of engagement and target design
  - Pistol 25 yards
  - Shotgun (shot) 40 yards
  - Shotgun (slugs) 100 yards
  - .223, 5.56 and similar 100 Yards
  - .308, 6.5, 7.62X39 and similar 200 yards
  - .338 to .50 cal. and other large bore 600 yards
  - Targets that are bent, pitted, deformed or not at proper angle will not be used.
  - The angle should be of design allowing the bullet to travel at least 20 degrees to safely deflect down and away. If targets are used on hard, rocky, or compacted ground plywood or carpet must be placed in the ricochet area.
- Plate rack systems: the front deflection plate must be angled downwards at 20 degrees to safely deflect missed shots towards the ground, yet protecting all the components from bullet splatter. Plinkers and globeshotters will not be used.
- Targets built with tire rim bases will not be used.
- Homemade steel targets must be inspected and approved by the Washoe County Rangemaster. Steel engagement must be kept in IPSC Bays 1-12.
- Any other distances should be covered in the Course of Fire and approved by the Washoe County Rangemaster.

## Miscellaneous

### Range etiquette

- Safety first. Period.
- In case of a medical emergency, contact 911 FIRST, then contact the Washoe County Rangemaster.
- All groups reserving the facility shall have a first aid kit and fire extinguisher available when using any of the ranges at the Regional Shooting Facility.
- Any injuries, other medical issues, or property damage must be reported to the Washoe County Rangemaster.
- All user groups are expected to be respectful of other users and the resource.
- If a shooter or group is being unsafe or belligerent, the Washoe County Rangemaster has the authority to ask them to leave the facility. Noncompliance will constitute trespass and will be addressed by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.
- If a shooter or spectator feels unsafe they may call a cease fire. The concern will be brought to the attention of the RSO of the range and, if necessary, to the County Rangemaster. Shooting will not continue until the concern has been addressed.
- If there is a conflict between user groups due to course of fire or safety concerns it is

responsibility of the RSO of each group to call a cease fire and discuss the concern. If a resolution cannot be achieved, the Washoe County Rangemaster will be contacted.

- The speed limit on the main road into the range is 25mph. It is 15mph at the split. Please remind shooters to heed that limit. Travel slower on service access roads and parking areas.
- In the case of an emergency where the main road to Pyramid Highway is blocked, egress will be through the bomb squad area east of the IPSC bays.