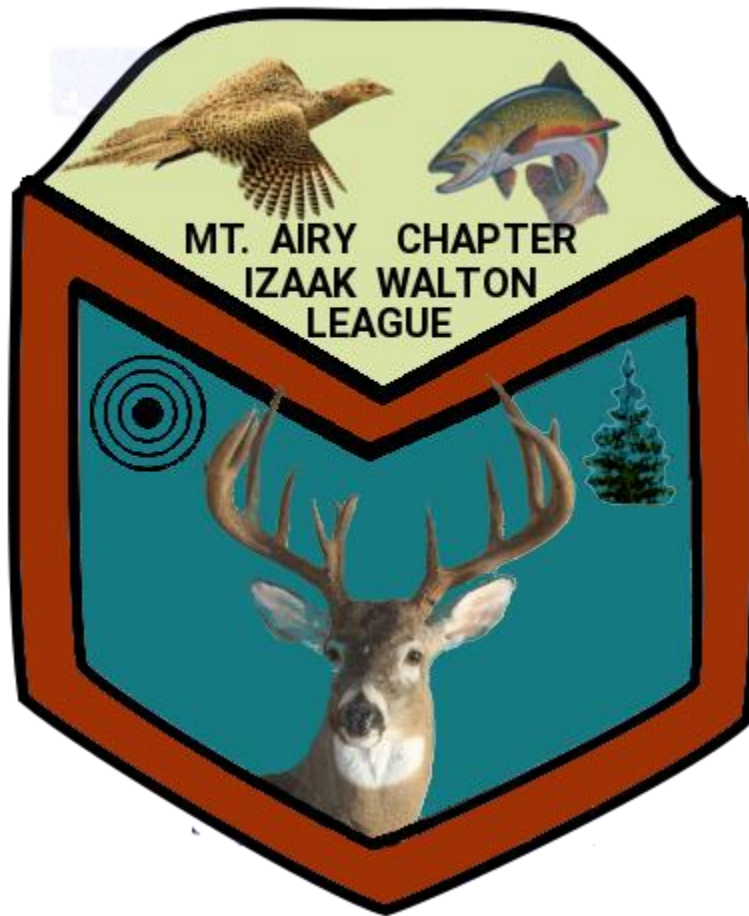


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I Hours of Operation

A. Pistol, Rifle, Archery, and Rimfire Ranges

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM or 30 minutes prior to sunset (whichever occurs first).

Note: The rimfire range is not to be used while the trap and/or skeet fields are in use.

B. Clay Target Ranges

9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

C. Range Closures

1. All ranges will be closed for deer firearms, muzzle loader and youth season, not to exceed 38 days.
2. All ranges will/may be closed for special events at the discretion of the President, the Chief Range Safety Officer, or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. A special event may be defined as, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Special DNR days
 - b. Range Maintenance

II Chief Range Safety Officer

The Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) has the overall responsibility for safety at the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA. See Article X in the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA bylaws. The CRSO is listed in the monthly newsletter and on the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA website (<http://mtairyiwla.org>).

III General Range Rules

The general range rules apply to all Mt. Airy IWLA Ranges.

A. Range Safety Officer

Any member of the Mt. Airy IWLA that wishes to be issued a Range Badge must first complete an NRA Range Safety Officer course. Therefore, no Mt. Airy IWLA range is to be used unless there is an RSO present.

RSO's have the authority/responsibility to enforce the range rules and to address/correct all violations. If escalation of a violation becomes necessary, then the Chief RSO and/or any member of the executive committee should be contacted immediately.

B. The Reasonable Persons Standard

It is not realistic to think that a set of Range Rules or SOPs could encompass all possible situations that may develop on the Mt. Airy IWLA ranges. If a person's actions could be considered as unsafe or abusive of Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property, by a "Reasonable Persons" standard, then simply stating, "It is not in the range rules" is not sufficient and that person's actions will be dealt with accordingly.

C. Emergency Procedures

Refer to the Basic Range Safety Officer Course Book.

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1. Take Charge of the Situation.
2. Render Aid.
3. Call for Help.
4. Direct medical help to the location.
5. Take Notes.

D. The Four Basic Rules of Gun Safety

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
4. Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

E. Mt. Airy IWLA Members/Range Badge Holders

1. Member/RBHs **MUST** always visibly display their Range Badge on their person when present at and/or shooting at the Pistol, Rifle, Rimfire and/or Archery Ranges; Range Badges must also be visibly displayed when shooting on the clay target ranges if the event is not open to the public.
2. Range Badges may not be loaned or transferred to another person.
3. Any member/Range Badge Holder (RBH) may request additional identification to confirm the identity of any other member/RBH (signed work card, D/L or other government issued ID).

F. Guests of Members/Range Badge Holders

1. Member/RBH's may bring up to three guests to rifle, pistol, rimfire, and/or archery ranges and shall supervise them always while on Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property.
2. A member/RBH with guests may occupy only one firing point and only one person may shoot at a time: Exception – A Member/RBH may have up to four guests on the member's designated clay target ranges and they may occupy up to 5 shooting positions at the same time.
3. The behavior of guests and their adherence to the Range Rules is the responsibility of the member/RBH. As such, the Member/RBH accepts that they will be held accountable for their guest's compliance to and/or violations of the rules herein.

G. Range Rules Enforcement

1. All RBH's/RSO's are responsible for the knowledge of, adherence to and enforcement of the Range Rules/SOPs. (Note that enforcement does not require a Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA member/RBH to confront a violator **if the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA member/RBH believes that doing so might be dangerous**; in such a case, the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA member/RBH should leave the area and immediately contact the police and/or a Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA officer).
2. Failure to abide by any of the Range Rules and/or SOPs may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA as described in Article XI (Allegations of Misconduct, Suspension, or Expulsion) of the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA bylaws.

H. Arrival, Departure, & Conduct While on the Range

1. Gate procedures for all ranges:

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- a. When arriving at the range, the gate should be closed behind you but left UNLOCKED.
 - b. At the rifle/pistol range the lock must be placed and locked into the lock holder hole with the combination lock scrambled. The lock holder hole is indicated on the top of the gate latch assembly with yellow arrows.
 - c. The last person to leave a range must close and lock the gate with the combination lock scrambled.
2. Upon arrival, RBH's must sign the log book and enter their full 6-digit range badge ID.
 3. On each visit, guests' names are to be printed in the log book by the RBH. Guests must read, complete, and sign the Guest "Release of Liability Form," for each visit to the Mt. Airy IWLA ranges. A visit on two or more different days, will require the guest to read, complete, and sign the Guest "Release of Liability Form," for each visit. The completed and signed form must be deposited in one of the designated mailboxes.
 4. If the "Range Closed" sign is displayed, then DO NOT SHOOT on that range.
 5. Range use is limited to 30 minutes if another member/RBH is waiting.
 6. Eye and ear protection are mandatory when on any Mt Airy IWLA firing line.
 7. Alcohol consumption is not permitted on an active range. Alcohol may be consumed only after shooting is completed and firearms have been secured. Anyone who appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will not be allowed to handle a firearm or participate in shooting activities.
 8. Smoking is prohibited on every Mt Airy firing line and is never permitted within 15 feet of black powder or black powder substitutes.
 9. Children and pets must be supervised always and are not to be allowed to roam freely about the premises.
 10. Shooters shall clean up their area when finished shooting. This includes removing targets from backers, picking up spent casings, and returning benches/stacking stools, etc.
 11. Fluorescent safety vests are provided at the rifle range. It is mandatory to use the safety vests while at the 200 and 300-yard target backers. It is suggested that they be worn when at the other target backers.

I. Firearm Transportation and Handling Procedures

1. All firearms being transported onto the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property shall be unloaded.
2. Pistols may be holstered while hunting on Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property and/or at the discretion of the Match Director (MD) of any Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA sanctioned event involving the use of pistols. SEE Section V.B.4 REGARDING DRAW AND SHOOT. Holstered pistols are NOT permitted in the clubhouse unless the carrier is authorized by Maryland law.
3. Always keep your firearm unloaded until ready to shoot (exception: see Section III.I.2 regarding holstered pistols). Firearms are considered loaded when:
 - a. Actions, cylinders, loading gates are closed.
 - b. Cartridges or empty cases are in the chamber, cylinder or non-detachable magazine.
 - c. Detachable magazines are attached.
 - d. Black Powder Firearms containing a cap or powder in the pan of a flintlock.
4. Full automatic fire, crank fire, or bump fire shooting is prohibited.
5. Shot strings may be fired on any range at a rate that allows the AIMING OF EACH SHOT.

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- a. The maximum rate of fire is one round every four seconds unless the member/RBH has passed qualification for increased rate of fire. See Section III.M. Also see Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
 - b. All shots fired must be controlled and strike within the designated target area for the shooter's position.
 - c. **Note: This does not mean that it is ok to perform a "Mag Dump" or shoot from the hip. ALL SHOTS MUST BE CONTROLLED AND AIMED.**
 - d. Guests MAY NOT shoot increased rate of fire.
6. If a firearm fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, the muzzle shall remain pointed at the impact berm for at least 30 seconds before remedial action is taken.

J. Emergency Cease Fire Procedures

1. ANYONE (RBH's & Guests alike) may call for an **EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE** if a dangerous situation occurs.
2. When an emergency cease fire is in effect, all firearms should be unloaded, with actions open and racked in an upright position. Exception 1: Break action shotguns may be closed provided they are racked in an upright position. Exception 2: Pistols may be holstered at the discretion of the match director at a Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA sanctioned event involving the use of pistols – see Section III.I.2.
3. During an **EMERGENCY CEASE FIRE**, stay behind the red line and **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TOUCH A FIREARM** (Exception: Trap/Skeet Fields: Shooters may stay on the line with unloaded guns and actions open during a cease fire).

K. Routine Cease Fire Procedures

1. A routine **CEASE FIRE** must be called prior to anyone moving forward of the firing line. No firearm or bow may be handled, pointed, or touched when anyone is forward of the firing line (down range).
2. When a routine cease fire is in effect, all firearms should be unloaded, with actions open and racked in an upright position.
3. Detachable magazines may be loaded during a routine **CEASE FIRE**, but only in the staging area behind the firing positions and red line.
4. A routine **CEASE FIRE** remains in effect until everyone has returned from down range, are behind the firing line, and the range is verbally called "HOT" by a member/RBH.
5. During a **ROUTINE CEASE FIRE**, stay behind the red line and **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TOUCH A FIREARM** (Exception: Trap/Skeet Fields: Shooters may stay on the line with unloaded guns and actions open during a cease fire).

L. Miscellaneous Rules & Procedures

1. No tracer, incendiary, explosive, or .50 BMG ammunition may be used at any time. No armor piercing or steel core ammunition may be fired at steel targets.
2. During sanctioned matches, the Chief Range Safety officer controls the affected range in conjunction with his/her designated RSO's.
3. Shotgun patterning may be done only at the designated patterning board.
4. The procedure to make modifications to the Range Rules/SOPs is set forth and described under Article X (Chief Range Safety Officer) of the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA bylaws. Alterations for special events are to be addressed in the same manner.
5. For added safety orange/red chamber flags are provided at the rifle and pistol ranges.

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- a. When not shooting a rifle, it will be racked in an upright position, with chamber open and an empty chamber flag should be inserted.
- b. When not shooting a pistol, it will have the chamber open and an empty chamber flag should be inserted.

M. Increased Rate of Fire

Note: Qualification for increased rate of fire must be completed before the Member/RBH can shoot increased rate of fire.

1. Increased rate of fire is not permitted unless the Member/RBH has passed qualification for the specific range, type and style of shooting.
2. Increased rate of fire is not permitted on the rimfire range.
3. Increased rate of fire is permitted on the pistol range at any distance.
 - a. Be sure no moveable backers are behind your target.
4. Increased rate of fire is permitted on the rifle range:
 - a. Offhand at the fifty-yard targets only.
 - b. Bench at the fifty and 100-yard targets.
 - c. Note: Use only the benches on the right-hand side of the pavilion as a courtesy.
5. Separate increased rate of fire qualifications must be completed for the rifle and pistol ranges.
 - a. See Appendix 1 for pistol increased rate of fire qualifications.
 - b. See Appendix 2 for rifle increased rate of fire qualifications.
 - c. After completion of the rifle or pistol increased rate of fire qualification a new range badge will be issued denoting the qualification.
 - d. Badges will be coded to denote the rifle and/or pistol qualification.
6. Guests MAY NOT shoot increased rate of fire. See Section III.I.5.d.

IV Targets

All targets, except for permanent targets, must be removed by the shooter before leaving.

A. Pistol Range

1. Paper Targets no larger than 24" x 24" may be affixed to the movable target backers
2. Executive Committee approved, Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA purchased, owned, and maintained AR 500 steel targets may only be used during Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA sanctioned events – **YOU MAY NOT BRING YOUR OWN STEEL TARGETS.**
3. No other type of target is permitted on the pistol range.

B. Rifle Ranges – 25, 50 and 100 yards

1. Paper Targets no larger than 24" x 24" may be affixed to the target backers.
2. Executive Committee approved, Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA purchased, owned, installed and maintained AR 500 steel targets – **YOU MAY NOT BRING YOUR OWN STEEL TARGETS.**
3. No other type of target is permitted on the 25, 50 and 100-yard rifle ranges.

C. Rifle Range – 200 and 300 yards

1. Paper Targets no larger than 36" x 24" may be affixed to the target backers.

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2. Executive Committee approved, Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA purchased, owned, installed and maintained AR 500 steel targets – **YOU MAY NOT BRING YOUR OWN STEEL TARGETS.**
3. No other type of target is permitted on the 200 and 300-yard rifle ranges.

V Range Specific Rules

A. Archery Range

1. Only shoot in the designated area of the bow course.
2. If you hang your target on the butts, make sure that you remove them when you leave.
3. If you are shooting from a tree stand, the use of a safety harness is strongly recommended.
4. No firearm of any type shall be discharged on the archery range **at any time.**
5. Only bow hunting is permitted on the archery range during the bow and gun seasons.
6. No broad heads are permitted when shooting at the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA targets.
7. No Sky drawing is permitted.

B. Pistol Range

1. No rifle or shotgun (shot shell) ammunition is permitted.
2. Moveable target backers are used on the pistol range. They may not be placed closer than 7 yards from the shooting pavilion.
3. All firing on the pistol range must be performed from or beside the shooting pavilion. Shooting beside the pavilion (to the left when facing the berm) is allowed if the shooter is not forward of the pavilion.
4. No draw and shoot from a holster is permitted.
5. No more than 6 persons are permitted on the pistol range firing line at a time.
6. Be sure no moveable backers are behind your target.
7. When not shooting a pistol, it will have the chamber open and an empty chamber flag should be inserted.

C. Rifle Range

1. When a **CEASE FIRE** is called, the STOP sign is lowered, and red/orange caution flags are to be placed in the holder in front of the firing line before anyone moves down range to place targets.
2. The Rifle Range is HOT whenever the STOP sign is raised, the red flags are behind the firing line and an RBH/RSO declares the line HOT. To avoid confusion, the range should be left HOT when not in use. This includes when the last person leaves the range and locks the gate.
3. No shot shell ammunition is permitted (slugs are acceptable).
4. Handguns, rifles and slug guns firing a single projectile are permitted.
5. Scopes are required on all handguns using the 200 and 300-yard ranges.
6. All shooting will be done from behind the 7 bench positions and behind the firing line in the pavilion. This rule is not intended to exclude offhand or prone shooting (benches may be moved).
7. When not shooting a rifle, it will be racked in an upright position, with the chamber open and an empty chamber flag should be inserted.

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D. Rim Fire Range

1. Only rim fire ammunition is permitted.
2. The Rim Fire range is closed when a trap or skeet event is going on.
3. You may shoot at a shorter distance than the pavilion (50/100 yards) by the following:
 - a. If someone is shooting 100 yards and you want to shoot a shorter distance, wait until they are finished (the 30-minute rule applies).
 - b. You may take a table and chair down to the position from which you wish to shoot, which must be directly between the 100-yard pavilion and the targets.
 - c. If you shoot from a prone position, be extra aware of the height of the berm and the direction your muzzle is pointing.
4. You may shoot a rim fire pistol on this range from any distance (no closer than 7 yards to the impact berm).

E. Clay Target Ranges

1. Eye and ear protection is required for everyone actively shooting on the trap and skeet ranges, and anybody scoring/pulling on the skeet ranges.
2. Firearms shall remain unloaded with actions open always until on station and ready to shoot (Exception – break action shotguns may be closed when racked). The gun is to be loaded only when the shooter is standing on the station with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
3. Only clay targets are permitted.
4. Only target loads may be used – shot size no larger than 7 ½ and no more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot may be used.
5. Firearms authorized for use on chapter ranges are restricted to those designed to be fired from the shoulder. No handguns with shot loads are permitted. Use only firearms that are known to be mechanically safe and sound. Folding stocks must be in the extended position.
6. The member's practice trap house may be used if there is not a trap or skeet event going on (the 30-minute rule applies). See the trap or skeet chairman or CRSO to purchase targets and for a demonstration on how to use the equipment.
7. Targets may be launched using an automated target thrower, seated trap thrower or may be hand thrown.
8. On the trap range, shooters may shoot from staggered positions not to exceed 2 yards.
9. To access the trap house, it is permitted to walk forward of firing line provided that the field is clear, and a **CEASE FIRE** has been called. Shooters may be on the line with unloaded guns and actions open.
10. When a person is in the trap house, an orange safety cone shall be placed on top of the house. (Exception – during tournaments, it is permitted for a person to stay in the trap house while the line is hot and with no orange cone placed on top of the house. That person may not exit the trap house until they are notified that the line is cold).
11. In the game of skeet, one should never have more live shells in a gun than he/she plans to shoot on that station and never more than two. Never have a live shell in the gun after taking the last shot on any station.
12. In skeet and doubles trap, no more than 2 shells are to be loaded. Once the shells are loaded, if the shooter is interrupted for any reason that requires they turn around or take time to discuss something, the gun's action must be opened and the shells removed.
13. When shooting the game of skeet, during the shooting of single targets, a shooter may load two shells—except at station 8 high house, or for the last single target on any station.

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When shooting station 8 (both high and low), the target must be fired upon before it reaches the center stake. Do not turn around with a loaded firearm. On station 8 all shooters must shoot the high house first. When everyone has completed shooting the high house all shooters should then, in turn, shoot the low house.

14. While a “low gun” mount is permitted, shooting with an unmounted gun (with the butt stock off the shoulder) is prohibited. Shooters must be in a stationary position when preparing to fire. Walking between stations with a loaded firearm to simulate hunting conditions is prohibited.
15. To ensure safety in skeet, shooters who are not on the station should stand (or sit) behind the shooter who is on the station. This is also as a courtesy to the shooter, as being in the shooter’s field of vision is a distraction.
16. After firing at the station’s targets, break-open guns must be opened while the muzzles continue to be pointed down-range, and empty shells must be removed before turning to step off the station. The last fired shell in a pump gun must be ejected and the action left open. In the case of a semi-auto, shooters should check that the last fired round has been ejected and the action is open with the bolt in the rear position in the receiver.

VI Hunting on Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA Property

Hunting is allowed on Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property.

A. Hunting

1. All RBH’s may hunt designated parts of the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property subject to seasonal, license and Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA restrictions.
2. See the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA handbook for a detailed description of designated area and restrictions.
3. See “Range Closures” point under “I Hours of Operation” for Special Event range closure.
4. Other hunting restrictions will be posted on the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA website as well as on the clubhouse bulletin board.
5. Minor Children (17 years old or younger) of member/RBH’s are permitted to hunt under the same conditions as the member/RBH, if they are accompanied by the RBH who is their parent or guardian.

B. Tree Stands

1. All temporary tree stands are to be labeled with the RBH’s name and phone number.
2. Permanent tree stands/structures are prohibited.

C. Hunter Sign-In Procedure

1. All hunters must sign into the log book when beginning hunting. This informs others of the hunter’s presence and location.
2. The hunter must sign out in the log book when finished hunting.
3. The log book is kept at the clubhouse.

D. No Sunday Hunting

Hunting on Sundays is NOT permitted on Mt. Airy IWLA property.

VII Black Powder – Special Rules

1. No smoking within 15 feet of black powder or black powder substitutes.

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2. No open powder cans are allowed. Loading may only be done from a powder measure containing powder for one charge. No loading from powder cans, flasks or powder horns is allowed.
3. Do not cap the nipple or prime the flint pan until the firearm is on the firing bench and pointed down range.
4. Hang fires are to be left on the firing bench pointed down range for a minimum of 5 minutes.
5. It is your responsibility to have the equipment required to safely fire your muzzle loader. A nipple wrench, flash hole pick and powder measure are required.
6. Clean up spilled powder and keep the loading bench clean. Remember – you are using a very flammable and potentially explosive material.
7. No shooter is permitted to pull the ball on a hang fire or misfire on the range.

VIII Handling Hang Fires and Misfires

A. Hang fires

A hang fire appears to be a misfire, but the gun fires after a delay. It may fire in just a few seconds or after several minutes. If the gun does not fire, always treat the shot as a hang fire. A hang fire is usually caused by oil left in the barrel, flash holes or flash passage that should have been cleaned out before loading.

1. Do not remove the firearm from the firing line.
2. Keep the muzzle pointed down range for at least 5 minutes.
3. The range shall remain hot during the 5-minute waiting period.
4. Keep faces, fingers and other body parts away from the muzzle, nipple or flash hole during that time.

B. Black Powder Firearms

Clearing a Caplock - A CO2 ball discharger is the safest method to discharge a misfire. If you do not have one, use the following procedure:

1. Remove the nipple. (If you cannot, oil the charge through the nipple, wait a while for the oil to soak in and go home and pull the ball.)
2. Use a pipe cleaner or a small soft wire to clean the flash passage to the barrel.
3. Sprinkle black powder or Pyrodex® into the flash passage. Fill up to the bottom of the nipple threads.
4. Reinstall the nipple, recap and fire. 90% of the time, the charge will fire after this procedure. If the charge still does not fire, wait another 5 minutes and then:
 - a. Remove the nipple.
 - b. Fill the flash passage with WD40® or oil and let the gun sit for a few minutes to kill the powder charge. Do not remove the gun from the firing line unless the gun has fired, or the charge has been killed with oil.
5. Once the charge has been oiled and the powder charge has been killed, remove the gun from the range. Pull the ball and clean up the mess **at home**.

C. Clearing a Flintlock

1. Use a flash hole pick or a small wire to clean the flash hole. Push the pick into the powder charge slightly.

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2. Sprinkle a small amount of priming powder into the flash hole. Keep your fingers out of powder (the oil from your skin can kill the powder).

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Appendix 1 – Increased Rate of Fire for Pistol

The increased rate of fire for pistol can be qualified using a center fire pistol or a rimfire pistol. Qualification with a rimfire pistol will qualify the member/RBH to shoot increased rate of fire for that type of pistol only. Qualification with a center fire pistol will allow the member/RBH to shoot increased rate of fire with both types of pistol.

A. Increased Rate of Fire (Pistol) Qualification Process

1. This course of fire is the approved qualification process a member/RBH will need to satisfactorily complete to shoot on the pistol range with a rate of fire faster than 1 round every 4 seconds.
2. **A passing score on the qualification test is 70% or higher.**
3. Any pistol may be used to shoot the qualification test.
4. All shooting for the qualification test will be done from the pavilion at a target placed 10 yards down range.
5. All shooting will be from the standing non-supported position.
6. The approved target for the qualification test is the National Rifle Association 50-yard Slow Fire Pistol Target (NRA B-6(P)). See Figure 1 - Approved Target.
7. Only shots hitting the 8-ring or better will count as successful hits for testing purposes.
8. Each shooter needs to bring 36 rounds of ammunition for the test.
9. The course of fire will consist of 12 rounds being fired at the qualification target that will be affixed to the wooden target backers. The specific course of fire is listed below. The shooter will repeat the same course of fire 3 times. The 2 best targets will be scored for qualification.

B. Course of fire:

1. The shooters will be positioned in the shooting pavilion with a target 10 yards down range.
2. The RSO will call start and stop times for each cycle.
3. Shooters will begin each cycle with their pistols aimed at their target.
4. When directed by the RSO:
 - a. Fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds.
 - b. 5 second pause.
 - c. Fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds.
 - d. Cease firing and reload.
 - e. Once all shooters are reloaded and prepared to shoot the RSO will call the range hot and proceed with the next cycle of fire.
 - f. Fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds.
 - g. 5 second pause.
 - h. Fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds.
 - i. RSO has all shooters clear and safe their pistols.
 - j. The course of fire is complete.
5. This same course of fire will be repeated two more times on clean targets. The best two targets will be scored. Note: If the first two targets have a passing score then a third target need not be shot. See item 7 below.
6. If a shooter wishes to fire the qualification test with a revolver that only holds 5 rounds the course of fire will be adjusted as follows:

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- a. Fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds.
 - b. Cease firing and reload.
 - c. Once all shooters are reloaded and prepared to shoot the RSO will call the range hot and proceed with the next cycle of fire.
 - d. Fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds.
 - e. Repeat this cycle until all 12 rounds are fired.
7. To pass the qualification test with a minimum score of **70%** a shooter must have at least **17 of 24** rounds fired hitting within the target's 8-ring or better.
 8. If a member/RBH fails to achieve the minimum passing score they are eligible to shoot the qualification test again 4 weeks after the date of their failed attempt.

C. Practicing for the Qualification Test:

Member/RBH's will be able to practice for the Qualification Test on the pistol range if they are accompanied by a Chapter member/RBH who has passed the Qualification Test. The Qualified member/RBH will not shoot while the practicing member/RBH is on the firing line. The Qualified member/RBH will act as an RSO on the firing line and observe and correct the practicing member/RBH if necessary.

Note: Only the course of fire as called out in paragraph B in this section may be practiced. Other increased rate of fire may not be shot.

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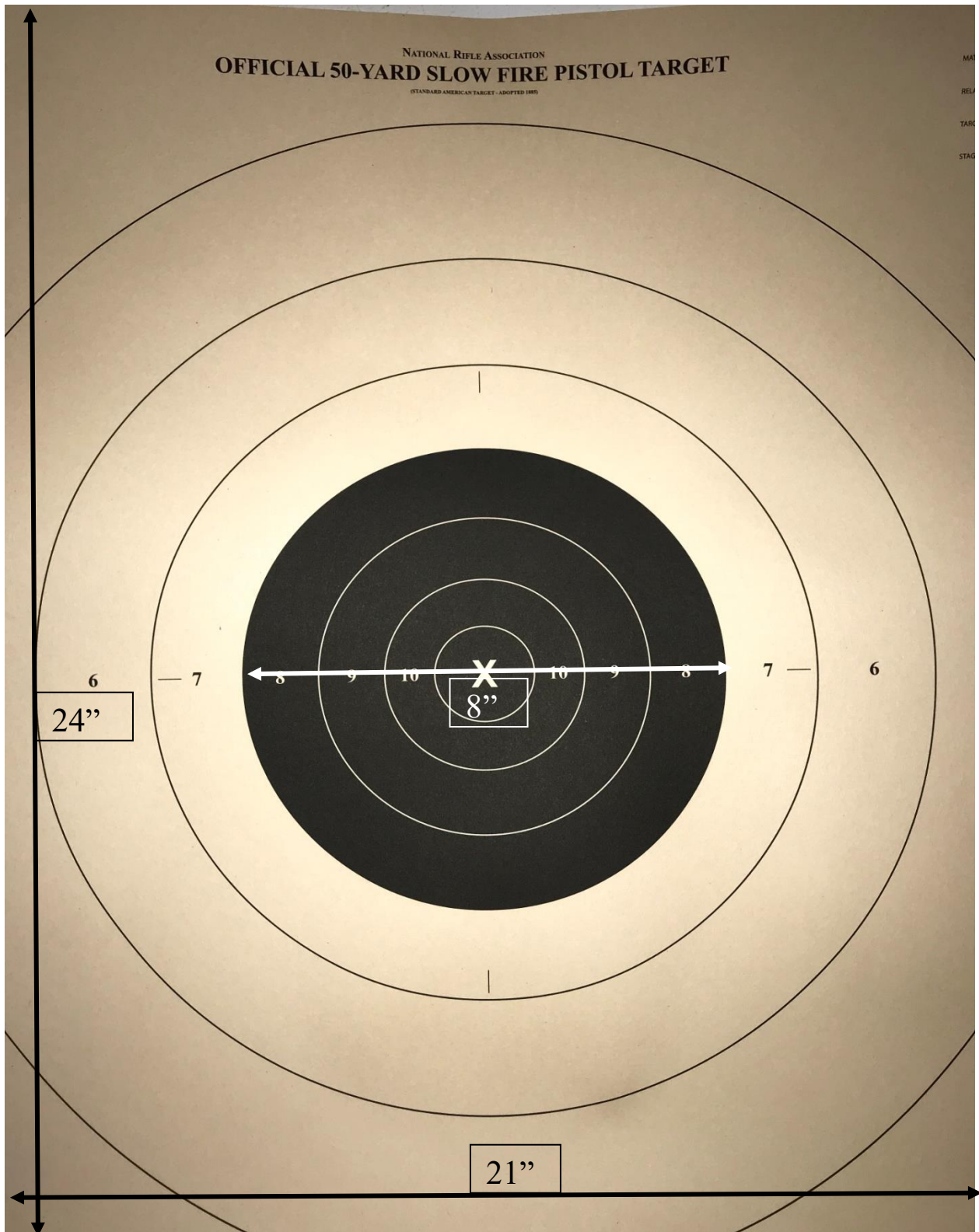


Figure 1 - Approved Target

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Appendix 2 – Increased Rate of Fire for Rifle

The increased rate of fire for rifle can be qualified using a center fire rifle or a rimfire rifle. Further, the style of qualification is divided into standing or bench style. Qualification with a rimfire rifle will qualify the member/RBH to shoot increased rate of fire for that type of rifle only and for the style of shooting. Qualification with a center fire rifle allows the member/RBH to shoot increased rate of fire with a rimfire rifle.

A. Four Qualification Regimens

There are four increased rate of fire qualifications for rifle. This allows different types of increased rate of fire for the individual shooter.

1. Seated bench rimfire rifle qualification at 100 yards. Note: Rimfire qualification does not allow the member/RBH to shoot center fire rifles at an increased rate of fire.

With this qualification the member/RBH may only shoot the following at an increased rate of fire:

- a. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 50 yards.
- b. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 100 yards.
2. Offhand rimfire rifle qualification at 50 yards. Note: Rimfire qualification does not allow the member/RBH to shoot center fire rifles at an increased rate of fire.

With this qualification the member/RBH may shoot the following at an increased rate of fire:

- a. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 50 yards.
- b. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 100 yards.
- c. Offhand rimfire rifle at 50 yards.
3. Seated bench center fire rifle qualification at 100 yards.

With this qualification the member/RBH may shoot the following at an increased rate of fire:

- a. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 50 yards.
- b. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 100 yards.
- c. Offhand rimfire rifle at 50 yards.
- d. Seated bench center fire rifle at 50 yards.
- e. Seated bench center fire rifle at 100 yards.
4. Offhand center fire rifle qualification at 50 yards.

With this qualification the member/RBH may shoot the following at an increased rate of fire:

- a. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 50 yards.
- b. Seated bench rimfire rifle at 100 yards.
- c. Offhand rimfire rifle at 50 yards.
- d. Seated bench center fire rifle at 50 yards.
- e. Seated bench center fire rifle at 100 yards.
- f. Offhand center fire rifle at 50 yards.

B. Increased Rate of Fire (Rifle) Qualification Process

1. This course of fire is the approved qualification process member/RBH will need to satisfactorily complete to shoot on the rifle range with a rate of fire faster than 1 round every 4 seconds.
2. **A passing score on the qualification test is 70% or higher.**
3. The appropriate rifle must be used to shoot the qualification test.
4. All shooting for the qualification test will be done from the pavilion at a target placed at the 50-yard or 100-yard target backer.

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5. All shooting will be from the standing non-supported position or from the bench as appropriate to the qualification.
6. The approved target for the qualification test is the National Rifle Association 50-yard Slow Fire Pistol Target (NRA B-6(P)). See Figure 1 - Approved Target.
7. Only shots hitting the 6-ring or better will count as successful hits for testing purposes.
8. Each shooter needs to bring 36 rounds of ammunition for the test.
9. The course of fire will consist of 12 rounds being fired at the qualification target that will be affixed to the wooden target backers. The specific course of fire is listed below. The shooter will repeat the same course of fire 3 times. The 2 best targets will be scored for qualification.

C. Course of fire:

1. The shooters will be positioned in the shooting pavilion with a target posted down range.
2. The RSO will call start and stop times for each cycle.
3. Shooters will begin each cycle with their rifles loaded and aimed at their target.
4. When directed by the RSO:
 - a. Fire 3 rounds in 5 seconds.
 - b. 5 second pause.
 - c. Fire 3 rounds in 5 seconds.
 - d. Cease firing and reload.
 - e. Once all shooters are reloaded and prepared to shoot the RSO will call the range hot and proceed with the next cycle of fire.
 - f. Fire 3 rounds in 5 seconds.
 - g. 5 second pause.
 - h. Fire 3 rounds in 5 seconds.
 - i. RSO has all shooters clear and safe their rifles, insert chamber flags, and place rifles in the rifle racks.
 - j. The course of fire is complete.
5. This same course of fire will be repeated two more times on clean targets. The best two targets will be scored. Note: If the first two targets have a passing score then a third target need not be shot. See item 6 below.
6. To pass the qualification test with a minimum score of **70%** a shooter must have at least **17 of 24** rounds fired hitting within the target's 6-ring or better.
7. If a member/RBH fails to achieve the minimum passing score they are eligible to shoot the qualification test again 4 weeks after the date of their failed attempt.

D. Practicing for the Qualification Test:

Member/RBH's will be able to practice for the Qualification Test on the rifle range if they are accompanied by a Chapter member/RBH who has passed the Qualification Test. The Qualified member/RBH will not shoot while the practicing member/RBH is on the firing line. The Qualified member/RBH will act as an RSO on the firing line and observe and correct the practicing member/RBH if necessary.

Note: Only the course of fire as called out in paragraph C in this section may be practiced. Other increased rate of fire may not be shot.

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Glossary of Terms

Automatic Fire – A gun that continuously fires rounds if the trigger is pressed and held and there is ammunition in the magazine/chamber.

Bump Fire – Bump fire is the act of using the recoil of a semi-automatic firearm to fire multiple shots in rapid succession, which simulates the discharge of a fully automatic firearm. This can be accomplished by use of a specially modified stock, or a modified shooting technique of placing your thumb through the trigger guard and locking it into a belt loop, then pulling forward on a semi-auto rifle while firing from the hip.

Cease Fire – Emergency – A cease fire called due to an emergency situation at the range.

Cease Fire - Routine – A cease fire called for the purpose of proceeding down range to change or retrieve targets.

Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) – Has overall responsibility for firearms safety and shooting activities on Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property.

Club Sanctioned Event – An event that takes place on Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA owned property and is approved by the President, Vice President and/or CRSO.

Controlled Shots – Shots that are aimed and strike within the designated target area.

Crank Fire – A crank device affixed to a gun designed to increase the rate of fire simulating automatic fire.

Ear Protection – Ear plugs and ear muffs designed to reduce sound levels for the shooter.

Eye Protection – Safety glasses and prescription glasses designed to protect the eye from debris.

Guest – A person that is not an approved member, but has been invited by a member onto the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property to participate in various activities.

Impact Berm – An embankment located behind the various targets designed to capture/contain projectiles fired from a gun.

Increase Rate of Fire – Firing, in a controlled manner, at a rate faster than shooters that have not passed qualification.

Mag Dump – The practice of discharging all the rounds in a magazine by uncontrolled/un-aimed rapid firing.

Match Director (MD) – A person who has the overall responsibility of ensuring that a club sanctioned event is planned properly and run in a safe/efficient manner. Each event shall have an MD appointed by the CRSO, President or Vice President.

Member – A person at least 18 years of age that has submitted a written application and has been accepted by majority vote.

Range Badge – Annual range use credentials issued to all non-life Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA members in good standing that have successfully completed the RSO course.

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Range Badge Holder – A Mt. Airy IWLA member who has taken the NRA Range Safety Officer Course.

Range Open/Closed Sign – Sign located at the gate and on the pavilions for the rifle/pistol ranges that indicate if those ranges are open or closed.

Reasonable Person Standard – Refers to a person in society who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct and who serves as a comparative standard for determining liability.

Release of Liability Form – Written consent and waiver form required for daily visit to the Mt. Airy IWLA ranges.

Shot String – A succession of shots from a firearm without reloading.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) – The range rules that govern all manners of shooting on Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA property.

Steel Target – A target consisting of steel rated at least AR500 for hardness and is supplied and installed by the Mt. Airy Chapter IWLA.