



ALDER BROOK SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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\*\*\* **INDOOR RANGE RULES** \*\*\*

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1. Members shall have a **current membership badge conspicuously displayed** on their person when on ABSA property. Guests of members will also **conspicuously display their guest nametag**.
2. All members and guests shall comply with all Range rules ( See ABSA web site and Rules posted at all range areas). Members must accompany guests and are responsible for the actions of their guests. Loaning of access card or keys to nonmembers is strictly prohibited and will lead to disciplinary action.
3. Eye and ear protection are required when on the Range.
4. ABSA has determined that the Range has been designed for shooting from the **designated shooting ports only, not within the Range room itself**. It is only safe to shoot from the shooting ports with both the exhaust and the fresh air fans turned on.
  - a. When using the Range:
    1. Ensure that the clean air fan and exhaust fan are on when shooting.
    2. Turn on the brown HEPA air scrubber units when using the heat.
    3. Shoot from the shooting ports **ONLY!**
    4. Open as few shooting ports as needed, but never more than 9 port doors. (The more ports you open, the lower the airflow protecting you.)
    5. Do not clean the range. The cleaning team will clean it for you; however, you are responsible for removing your trash.
    6. The cleaning team must wear protective gear.
    7. Never sweep the Range without protective gear.
    8. If you need to pick up brass in the Range, use either the wheely ball or the gloves provided.
    9. Go down to change your targets and return promptly. Use of target retrievers is recommended.
    10. Clean your hands before eating, drinking, or smoking, or leaving the Range.

(Explanation: Lead vaporizes from bullets when fired, so the air down-range is always contaminated with small amounts of lead dust. **We have increased the ventilation to OSHA standards** and regularly clean it to keep the exposure to you low, but you may only shoot from the shooting ports, and you must minimize the time you are in the Range room

itself.)

5. All federal, state, and local firearm laws must be obeyed. **Owners of Class III firearms and devices** must be in possession of any paperwork required by law and produce said documentation upon request.
6. **Drawing from the holster and firing is prohibited at the 50-foot firing line.** The only pistol position allowed is with the arms fully extended either in a one-hand or a two-hand stance.
7. A Range Officer may be elected by the members utilizing the Range.
8. The **CEASE FIRE** Command issued by anyone on the Range **shall** be obeyed immediately and without question.

When the command **CEASE FIRE** is given:

- **STOP shooting immediately!**
  - **Remove your finger from the trigger.**
  - **Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**
  - **Wait for further instructions!**
9. When the range is declared **CLEAR-COLD**:
    - All firearms must be holstered; or unloaded and benched or grounded, with the muzzle pointed down range, with the action open, ejection port or cylinder up, and magazine removed.
    - Everyone must step back from the firing line.
    - Handling of ammunition and firearms is prohibited when range is **CLEAR-COLD**
  10. When no one is down range, and the Range is declared **HOT**, shooting may resume.
    - The Range may be declared **HOT** after the down-range area has been checked to insure no one is down-range.
    - When the Range is declared **HOT**, shooters may handle their firearm and ammunition and continue shooting. Firearms not being used, if cleared, may be stored/encased or, if loaded, may be holstered. To case or store your firearm, the Range **MUST** be **HOT**.
    - When the Range is declared **COLD**, firearms, ammunition and magazines **MAY NOT** be handled on the firing line.
  11. All firearms not on the firing line must be holstered; or unloaded with their actions open and the magazine removed; or unloaded and encased. Placing a cleared firearm in a case when the Range is **HOT** is permitted.
  12. Pistol ammunition of **non-magnum caliber** with a **muzzle energy of less than 500 ft.-lbs.** may be fired on the Range. **Pistol Caliber Rifles** are authorized but must remain under the maximum 500 ft.-lbs. of muzzle energy. (Muzzle Energy Calculation: Velocity X velocity in fps X bullet weight in grains divided by 450,240 = Muzzle Energy in Ft.-Lbs. Those using reloads should chronograph a batch of 5 rounds to get average bullet velocity.)
  13. **Magnum, Tracer, Shot Shell, Armor Piercing, Incendiary, and Hard Cast ammunitions are prohibited.**

14. **All targets are to be hung on the target hanging wall or be mounted on non-metal target supports.** Use the appropriate size target, placed at a level to ensure that your shots strike the backstop.
15. For the safety of others and yourself, careless/unsafe firearms handling and /or failure to abide by Range Rules will result in removal from the Range.
16. Willful damage or destruction of club property shall result in disciplinary action and/or membership termination.

FAILURE TO ABIDE by the Range Rules and/or safety instructions may result in a reprimand, removal, and/or membership termination.

All Range rules are subject to review and modification without notice.