



PUBLIC USE RANGE RULES

BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY:

1. Always assume every firearm is loaded.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you've made the decision to fire.
3. Know your target and what is beyond and around it.
4. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

All users are required to enforce the range rules and point out any violations to the shooter/violator. Anyone observing violations are to report the violation to the DCLETC staff as soon as possible.

WEAPON CLEARING TECHNIQUE:

1. Point the weapon in a safe direction with the finger off the trigger
2. Put the safety on
3. Pull the magazine from the weapon
4. Pull the slide to the rear and lock the slide back
5. Physically and visually inspect the chamber for live ammunition

RANGE RULES:

1. Shooters must be 18 years of age to utilize the DCLETC Range. Children age 10 – 12 must have completed a hunters safety course and be accompanied by a parent or guardian age 18 or older, the guardian can only be responsible for 1-2 children at one time.
2. All shooters must sign a Release, Waiver of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk Agreement prior to shooting. Children age 10 – 17 must have a parent or guardian sign a release, waiver of liability and express assumption of risk agreement on their behalf.
3. All shooters must complete the sign in sheet on arrival and fill in the number of rounds fired on which range prior to leaving the facility.
4. Know and obey all range rules. Follow all range commands as instructed by Range Officers.
5. Anyone who observes a potentially unsafe act shall immediately call a "CEASE FIRE." When the "Cease Fire" command is given, all participants on that range shall:

- a. Immediately stop shooting
 - b. Remove their finger from the trigger
 - c. Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
 - d. Wait for further instructions from the Range Officer
6. In the event of an unintentional discharge which causes injury or property damage, a Range Officer and the Facility Administrator or their designee, must be notified immediately.
 7. Due to safety concerns of lack of control of the firearm and our concern of projectiles leaving the range the use of any fully automatic firearm (in fully automatic mode) is prohibited. Additionally the practice of "bump firing" to simulate fully automatic weapons is also prohibited. "Bump firing" is prohibited in any form whether with a stock firearm or ones with additional parts to ease the shooter's ability to make the firearm "bump fire."
 8. Absolutely no horseplay will be tolerated on the ranges or in the facility. Persons engaging in inappropriate conduct may be ordered to leave the facility by a Range Officer or any DCLETC staff member.
 9. No person having Breath Alcohol content of greater than .00 or under the influence of a narcotic, or any other intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance may possess or fire a weapon of any kind at the DCLETC.
 10. When entering the facility grounds, all firearms will remain holstered or cased until the user is at the firing range and prepared to proceed to the firing line.
 11. No loading or unloading of any firearm will take place in the parking lot or building. Loading and unloading will take place in the designated firing lines, or loading and unloading barrels. Magazines and speed loaders may be loaded at the shooting tables and transported to the firing line to be loaded into the weapon.
 12. No armor piercing ammunition is to be fired on any of the ranges unless authorized by the DCLETC Facility Administrator. Weapons that fire ammunition which is 50 caliber or larger, are not permitted.
 13. Users are responsible for the security of their weapons and personal items while at the Training Facility.

PERSONAL SAFETY/EQUIPMENT:

1. Eye and ear protection shall be worn on all ranges during live fire. Safety prescription glasses do not qualify as eye protection unless they have wrap around, top and side, protection. Sunglasses do not qualify as eye protection unless they are ballistic rated and have top and side protection.
2. Shooters are strongly encouraged to wear baseball style caps for additional eye protection.

3. No food of any kind (including things such as sunflower seeds) or open beverages are permitted on the ranges due to the possibility of lead exposure. Beverages in a closed container are permitted.
4. The DCLETC is a tobacco free facility. No smoking, e-cigarettes or smokeless chewing tobacco is permitted at entrances, in the building or on the ranges. There is a designated smoking area at the west entrance; smokers must remain 15' from the building when smoking in that area. Chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes are also permitted in the designated smoking area.

SPECIFIC RANGE RESTRICTIONS:

1. Firearms that are benched or grounded shall have the safeties on, actions open, chamber empty, magazines removed and muzzle pointed down range with the ejection port up.
2. Know where others are on the range at all times. No person is allowed to handle a firearm when any person is down range
3. All shooters must shoot from the same firing line when shooting simultaneously. If shooters are shooting from different distances, they must take turns and the shooter at a yard line ahead of another shooter must be behind the furthest line of fire prior to anyone commencing fire. In these cases the shooter should announce in a loud, clear voice, "range is going hot" prior to picking up or unholstering the weapon.
4. No person is permitted to move any portion of his or her body in front of the firing line until all weapons are benched, grounded or holstered. Users should then announce in a loud, clear voice, "down range" signaling to others that you are moving in front of the firing line.
5. A rope up in front of the firing line indicates that the range is closed. Shooters shall not proceed onto a firing range or shoot without permission of a Range Officer.
6. Shoot only at authorized targets. Authorized targets are those targets either provided or pre-approved by DCLETC staff prior to use. No deliberate firing of target frames, marker signs, vertical supports, block walls or overhead baffles is allowed.
7. Ranges 1, 3 and 4, the targets remain fixed in front of the berm. The shooter can advance forward to shoot. No diagonal firing is allowed.

VEHICLES AND ANIMALS:

1. Absolutely no personal vehicles are permitted on the Range or beyond the parking lot without prior approval from the Facility Administrator on a case by case basis. Shooters are expected to carry or wear their necessary equipment to the range.
2. Canine Officers (K-9's) are permitted anywhere their human handler is permitted so long as the handler has direct control of their K-9 at all times. The K-9 is not to be beyond the firing line during live fire exercises.

3. Personal pets are not permitted in the building or on the facility grounds.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE:

1. When finished shooting, shooters are required to remove used targets from the target stands, place target nails on the top of the target foam and pick up all spent ammunition casings. Trash cans are provided for the disposal of used items.
2. Shooters must pick up any spent brass casings and place them in the recycling buckets provided on each range. Steel and aluminum casings and shot gun shells should be separated from the brass casings and disposed of in the trash.
3. Shooting benches/picnic tables with sandbags and/or gun rests are provided on each range. Shooters shall not remove any dura blocks or other equipment from the ranges to used as a bench or rest.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office reserves the right to deny access to the DCLETC or its ranges for any conduct deemed detrimental to the safe operation of the facility regardless of whether the conduct was specifically mentioned above.