

Chapter XI. RANGE RULE VIOLATION DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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This SOP has been prepared to provide guidelines on disciplinary actions imposed for various range rule violations. It is important that our large membership feel that disciplinary actions are imposed uniformly by all of our RSOs. Range rule violations have been categorized into 4 classes, Class I, Class II, Class III and Class IV.

Class I violations will result in the offender being reminded of the range rule.

Class II violations are those considered to be a minor hazard. The short form incident report shall be prepared.

Class III violations are considered much more serious and the RSOs are authorized to order violators off the range for the day if such action is warranted. The long form incident report shall be prepared.

Class IV violations REQUIRE the RSO to impound offender's range badge and tell them that they will have to appear before the AGC Executive Committee to make their case for restoration. The long form incident report shall be prepared.

Following are the range rule violations categorized and referenced to the applicable range rule(s):

CLASS 1 VIOLATIONS

1. Range badge, guest badge, club identification visibility
2. Minor parking infraction
3. Single-fired or semi-auto shots not hitting impact area aligned with shooters position (cross-firing and target height issue)
4. Placing targets on impact area
5. Use of paper targets depicting real people
6. Failure to clean up around shooting position
7. Pet control or clean up issues
8. Badge holder and guest(s) occupying more than one shooting position
9. Firing from any position other than standing, or sitting on a stool, on the 50-yard range
10. Shooting in any position other than seated at a bench when shooting in the Bench Rest area, lanes 91 – 100, of the Barnes Range
11. Failure to initially fire caps or pans of powder on percussion or flintlock firearms before loading them
12. Failure to remain behind white stripe/off concrete pad during cease fire
13. Failure to remain behind the red zone on the Benchrest area while line is hot
14. Orange pole violation

CLASS 2 VIOLATIONS

1. Failure to install ECI in open actions during cease fire, while carrying/transporting uncased, or when left unattended by badge holder
2. Muzzle loading firearms not positioned upright during a cease fire
3. Smoking within 15 feet of anyone using black powder or black powder substitute

4. Failure of black powder shooters to empty their firearms into the impact area prior to a cease fire
5. Failure to keep bulk powder or pellet containers closed when not in use
6. Failure of black powder shooters to only apply percussion caps and pan powder on the firing line
7. Failure to keep firearms pointed down range for required time after failure to fire
8. Uncontrolled (rounds not striking impact area for shooter's position) semi or full-auto fire, FIRST WARNING
9. Handling unloaded firearms on concrete pad or firing line during cease fire
10. Uncased firearms on concrete pad not pointed down range
11. Steel target rules not followed
12. Failure to remove magazine; cartridges or empty cases in cylinder/fixed magazine
13. Sky drawing on the archery range
14. Failure to use target or field point arrows with AGC-owned targets
15. Use of improper targets or frames
16. Multiple aiming points on an AGC-owned pistol target frame
17. Firing center fire rifles or rifle caliber handguns on the pistol range
18. Walking in prohibited areas on the Trap Range
19. Violation of shooting position restrictions on the Trap Range
20. Shotgun shooters having closed actions when shooter moves from post to post or anywhere else on the trap range
21. Failure to use pistol loading stand by black powder pistol shooters
22. Firing shotshells on the pistol range
23. Bringing an uncased firearm onto, or removing it from, the concrete pad while a cease fire is in effect
24. Leaving firearms unattended and unsecured on the 200-yard range
25. Driving onto or parking on the ranges without prior permission
26. Failure to keep firearms pointed downrange while casing or uncasing them on the concrete pad
27. Failure to position oneself so that muzzle of firearm is at or beyond forward edge of concrete pad while firing
28. Failure to position shooting benches at the front edge of the concrete pad
29. Failure to obtain or return Guest Badge
30. Violation of Pellet Range rules: pellet weight, type and velocity restrictions
31. Retrieving shotshells while handling firearm
32. Parking in restricted spaces
33. Failure to unload and rack shotguns when anyone is going to/coming from the trap house
34. Firing rifles at any target closer than 200 yards on the 200-yard range

CLASS 3 VIOLATIONS

1. Discharging firearms with muzzle behind adjacent shooters or roof support poles
2. Leaving loaded firearm unattended at any time
3. Firing unauthorized loads on the Trap Range
4. Failure to place orange cone when someone is in the trap house
5. Failure to display orange flag on 200-yard range with personnel forward of firing line
6. Firing at objects placed on protective berms
7. Charging a muzzle loading firearm from a bulk powder container
8. Firing on any of the AGC ranges when they are closed
9. Firing of incendiary, tracer or explosive ammunition

10. Pointing an unloaded firearm at others at any time
11. Unauthorized storage of ammunition or ammunition components on AGC property
12. Uncontrolled (rounds not striking impact area for shooter's position) semi or full-auto fire after first warning
13. Arguing with an on-duty RSO over a rule infraction
14. Unauthorized wearing of holstered firearm
15. Aiming and/or dry firing in prohibited spaces
16. Stepping forward of firing line when line is hot
17. Unauthorized firing: any activity such as full-auto, drawing from holster or steel target use for which the shooter does not have the appropriate identification and permission; personnel in pits while shooting steel; personnel in pits with no designated Match Director and/or inadequate communication
18. Failure to remove live shell(s) from chamber(s) during cease fire (firearm not being handled)

CLASS 4 VIOLATIONS

1. Pointing a loaded (contains ammunition) firearm at others at any time
2. Bringing onto, or transporting a loaded firearm on, AGC property (other than LEO or others lawfully carrying in the performance of their duties or within the restrictions of their Maryland permit)
3. Racking a loaded (contains ammunition) firearm
4. Firing shotgun slugs on the trap or patterning ranges
5. Refusing to follow RSO directions
6. Repeated range rule violations
7. Intentionally firing at any permanent range structure or fixture
8. Drinking alcoholic beverages before or during shooting or in unauthorized spaces
9. Handling of a firearm on AGC property while impaired by drugs or alcohol
10. Automatic fire or shooting from the hip without specific Trustee approval
11. Handling a loaded (contains ammunition) firearm during a cease fire
12. Firing at wildlife
13. Loaning your range badge to, or permitting its possession or use by, another person
14. Violent, rude, disorderly, threatening, unsportsmanlike or intoxicated behavior