



Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc.
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www.associatedgunclubs.org

Range Rules and Regulations

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Hours of operation:

- Weekdays, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm or Sunset.
- Weekends, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm or Sunset.
- Ranges will be open every day except:
 - Thanksgiving Day, CLOSED AT 2:00 pm
 - Christmas Day, CLOSED ALL DAY
 - New Year's Day, CLOSED ALL DAY
- The trap range may remain open until 9:00 pm on Wednesdays.
- The 50-yard range may remain open until 9:00 pm on Tuesdays for league events.
- Use of any range is prohibited if weather or other conditions prevents full visibility.
- Officers and staff RSOs may close the range if lightning or other conditions pose a danger.
- Any range may be closed to non-competitors during an AGC sanctioned event. Scheduled range closures are posted on the AGC website.

Contact Information:

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Web-Site: www.associatedgunclubs.org

AGC Range Descriptions:

In addition to the Facility-wide rules and regulations, each of these Ranges have unique rules that are addressed in their respective section as follows:

- 50 Yard, 58-lane Handgun Range. **Section IV.A.**
 - a. 2 sections: lanes 1 through 47 and lanes 48 through 58.
 - b. Target frame holders at 25 and 50 yards.
- 100 Yard, 100-lane, Multi-Purpose Range. **Section IV.B.**
 - a. Target frame holders at 25, 50 and 100 yards, positions 1 – 90.
 - b. Positions 91 – 100 reserved for benchrest position shooting with target frame holders at 50 and 100 yards.
- 200 Yard, 10-lane Multi-Purpose Range. **Section IV.C.**
- Trap Range, four Trap Fields. **Section IV.D.**

- Shotgun Patterning Range. **Section IV.E.**
- Archery Range, four lanes. **Section IV.F.**
- Indoor Pellet Range (Memorial Hall), six lanes. **Section IV.G.**

I. Facility-Wide Rules

Safety first, safety last, safety always!

A. Cardinal Rules of Gun Safety

1. **Assume every gun is always loaded.**
2. **Never allow the gun to point at anything you do not intend to shoot.**
3. **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and you are ready to shoot.**
4. **Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.**

B. Administrative Rules

1. The decisions of the Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are not subject to dispute during range operations. Arguing with (C3), or refusing to follow the directions of (C4), a RSO may result in the offender being sent home and having their range badge impounded.
 - a. Any action or decision of a RSO may be brought to the attention of your Club Officers for disposition or appeal.
2. Range badges shall be in the possession of the named badge holder and readily visible at all times while on AGC property. (C1) Range badges may not be loaned or transferred to, or in the possession of, any other person. (C4) The AGC reserves the right to request additional photo identification to confirm identity. Non-shooting club members shall wear their range badge or current AGC club membership card, readily visible, while on AGC property. (C1)
3. Persons prohibited by any Federal, state or local law from owning firearms are specifically ***prohibited*** from entering AGC property. **EXCEPTION:** Minors accompanied by a responsible adult.
4. **Adult** badge holders may bring guests to the range. Badge holders shall accompany their guest(s) to the Barnes Range House or the Trap Range as appropriate, where the guest(s) will present government-issued photo ID, sign in on the log provided and be issued a Guest badge. (C2) Guest badges shall be in the possession of the person it was issued to and readily visible at all times while on AGC property. (C1) Guest badges may not be loaned or transferred to, or in the possession of, any other person. (C4) The AGC reserves the right to request additional photo identification to confirm identity. The badge holder is responsible for returning the Guest Badge to AGC when leaving the property. (C2)
5. Badge holders are responsible for and shall supervise their guest(s) at **ALL TIMES.** (C1, C2, C3, C4))
6. A badge holder with guests may only occupy one firing point and **ONLY ONE PERSON** in your party may fire at a time. (C1) **EXCEPTION: Trap Range;** badge holder may have up to 4 guests on firing line firing sequentially. Standard trap rules and procedures must be followed. **See IV.D.**
7. Badge holders are responsible for ensuring that their guests are conversant with and obey all range rules. (C1, C2, C3, C4)
8. Guests shall park in the outer parking lot when using the 50 or 100 yard ranges. (C1)
9. Loaded firearms are ***prohibited*** in any AGC building. (C4) **See I.C.9. a. – d. EXCEPTION: See Rule I.C.29.**
10. Consumption of alcohol is permitted in the Barnes Range House and Memorial Hall **ONLY;** no alcoholic beverages are permitted on or near any AGC range firing area. (C4) Alcohol may be consumed only after shooting is completed and firearms have been secured. (C4) Anyone who appears to be intoxicated, impaired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol is not permitted on AGC property. (C4)
11. Pets shall be accompanied by their owner, leashed and under control at all times. You are responsible for collecting and disposing of your pet's waste. (C1)
12. AGC reserves the right to remove and permanently ban any member, non-member, guest or student without refund for violent, inappropriate, rude, disorderly, threatening, unsportsmanlike or intoxicated behavior. (C4)
13. Parking is permitted in designated areas as posted. (C2)

14. Driving onto or parking on any of the ranges is **prohibited** unless prior permission is granted by the RSO or Executive VP. (C2)
15. Instruction or demonstration involving drawing from holster, or aiming, or aiming and dry firing is **prohibited**. (C3)
EXCEPTIONS: Barnes lower classroom facing front of building or on any firing line where authorized.
16. Range Rules and Policies & Procedures affecting range operation will change from time to time. Current Range Rules and Policies & Procedures will be available in the Barnes Range House and on AGC's website. www.associatedgunclubs.org It is the **Club Instructor and individual members'** responsibility to occasionally review the Range Rules and Policy & Procedures manual for changes.

C. General Range Safety Rules

1. Safety is everyone's responsibility. All of us have an obligation to police their shooting neighbors and help them follow the safety rules. If a polite reminder does not have the desired effect or is poorly received, please report the violation to a RSO.
2. **Eye and Ear Protection**
 - a. Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended everywhere on or near the ranges.
 - b. **Individuals assume responsibility for any injury that occurs due to INADEQUATE eye or hearing protection.**
3. **Cease Fires**
 - a. **Do not touch firearms during a Cease Fire!** (C2, C4)
 - b. **A Cease Fire is in effect from when it is called at the end of the day until the range is called HOT the following morning.**
 - c. **Cease Fires** normally occur on the hour and half hour. When multiple shooters are self-governing on the line, they shall follow the same cease fire commands and procedures as staff RSOs. Upon mutual agreement, they may call for more, or less, frequent **Cease Fires** when an RSO is not present.
 - d. During a **Cease Fire**, all uncased firearms shall remain **unloaded** and pointed downrange or racked in an upright position with actions open, magazines removed and **ECI's** in place. (C2, C4) **EXCEPTION: ECI use is optional for muzzle-loaded firearms and the Trap Range.**
 - e. During a **Cease Fire**, you shall remain behind the **White Stripe** when not pulling or posting targets. (C1)
4. Shooters shall, if they leave the firing line for **any reason**, safe their firearms per **I.C.3.d., Cease Fires**, and instruct their guest(s), if any, to remain behind the **White Stripe** (C1, C2)
5. Firearms containing ammunition in any manner shall **NOT** be brought onto AGC property. **EXCEPTION: See Rule I.C.29.** (C4)
6. All firearms transported on AGC property shall be **UNLOADED**. (C2, C3, C4) **See I.C.9. a. – d. EXCEPTION: See Rule I.C.28.**
7. Racked firearms shall be **UNLOADED**. (C2, C3, C4) **See I.C.9.a. – d.**
8. Firearms shall be **UNLOADED** until ready to shoot.
9. On AGC property, firearms are considered **LOADED** if:
 - a. An Empty Chamber Indicator (**ECI**) is not in place. (C2) **EXCEPTIONS:** muzzle-loaded firearms, cased firearms.
 - b. Actions, cylinders or loading gates are closed. **EXCEPTION:** cap and ball revolvers. (C2, C3)
 - c. Cartridges (C4) or empty cases are in the chamber/cylinder/fixed magazine, or if a removable magazine is inserted. (C2)
 - d. Black Powder Firearms containing: propellant, projectile or cap; powder in the pan of a flintlock. (C2, C3)
10. Uncased firearms shall **NOT** be brought onto or taken from the **Concrete Pad** when a **Cease Fire** is in effect. (C2)
11. Cased firearms may be brought onto the **Concrete Pad** and placed on the ground or shooting bench at any time. You shall **NOT** open the case or otherwise handle the firearm until the line is called **HOT**. (C2)
12. When on the **Concrete Pad**, firearms shall remain pointed downrange while being cased or uncased. (C2)
13. Containers of propellant shall be kept closed when not being used. (C2)

14. Cleaning of firearms on the **Concrete Pad** is permitted with muzzles pointed downrange or upright. (C2)
15. Cleaning of firearms off of the **Concrete Pad** is permitted only if the firearm action is clearly disabled; firearm disassembled, bolt removed, etc., **and ammunition is NOT present**.
16. No one shall fire at any target not in their lane. (C1)
17. No one shall fire at any wildlife. (C4)
18. No one shall fire at any permanent structure or fixture. (C4)
19. Semi-automatic strings may be fired on any range at a rate that allows the aiming and control of each shot. All shots fired must strike within the designated **Impact Area** for the shooter's position. (C2, C3)
20. The **Firing Line** on the 50, 100 and 200 yard ranges is the forward edge of the **Concrete Pad**.
21. Shooters shall position themselves so the muzzle of their firearm is at or beyond the forward edge of the **Concrete Pad**. (C2) Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will a firearm be discharged if the muzzle is behind any person or behind a roof support pole on the **Concrete Pad**. (C3)
22. No one shall go forward of the **Firing Line** (See I.C.20) while the line is **hot**. (C3) Anyone observing an unsafe condition, such as a person in front of the firing line or down range, shall **immediately** call a **Cease Fire**.
23. If a firearm fails to fire, the muzzle shall remain pointed at the **Impact Area** for a minimum of 30 seconds before remedial action is taken. (C2)
24. Firearms, ammunition and ammunition components shall not be stored on AGC property. (C3)
25. **Tracer, incendiary and explosive ammunition is prohibited**. (C3)
26. Targets and target frames must not be capable of deflecting a projectile in an unsafe direction. (C2)
27. **Fully automatic fire is only** permitted as detailed in Chapter XII of the Policy and Procedures manual found here: www.associatedgunclubs.org (C3)
28. Holstered firearms may be worn **only** under applicable Maryland law, within the constraints and conditions of your carry permit. AGC reserves the right to inspect your permit for compliance. (C3)
29. Drawing from holsters is **only** permitted as detailed in Chapter XXI of the Policy and Procedures manual found here: www.associatedgunclubs.org (C3)
30. Shooters shall clean up their area and police their brass and shotshell hulls when finished shooting and firearms are not being handled. (C1)

II. Targets

Range-specific target and frame dimensions are posted here: www.associatedgunclubs.org

A. General Requirements

1. **It is the shooters responsibility that regardless of the target frame origin (AGC or shooter furnished), the shooter's firing position or the shooter's height, the shooter must ensure proper target height such that fired rounds do not strike the ground anywhere between the firing line and the Impact Area.** (C2)
2. On the 50, 100 and 200 yard ranges, other than paper targets may be used provided that all fired rounds easily pass through them and strike the **Impact Area**. Examples: tennis balls, ping pong balls, golf balls, plastic bottles, charcoal briquettes, chalk, etc., **hung from/mounted on YOUR frame**. **You** are responsible for cleaning up and properly disposing of any debris that is not biodegradable. (C1)
3. Pictures, caricatures or illustrations depicting real people are **prohibited**. (C1)
4. Exploding targets are **prohibited**. (C3)
5. Glass targets or those containing glass are **prohibited**. (C2)
6. Targets shall **NOT** be placed on the **Impact Areas**. (C1)
7. Targets shall **NOT** be placed on the **Protective Berms**. (C3)
8. Targets shall be placed in the location that matches the shooter's lane number. (C1)

B. Steel Targets

1. Member owned steel targets may be employed in accordance with Chapter XX of the Policy and Procedures manual found here: www.associatedgunclubs.org

2. You are required to pass the steel target rules quiz with a score of 100% prior to firing on any steel target. (C2)
3. You must display your named yellow badge with certification sticker in addition to your range badge when shooting at steel targets. (C2)
4. Steel targets and their mounts shall be submitted for inspection and approval by the Executive VP or his/her designee before initial use and are subject to inspection at any time. (C2)
 - a. You may be required to show proof, such as a receipt from the manufacturer, that your target meets AGC requirements for material type and hardness.
 - b. Pitted, cratered, holed, bent, warped or otherwise damaged targets are **prohibited**. (C2)
5. **Prohibited** ammunition.
 - a. Rifle rounds exceeding 3000 fps muzzle velocity. (C2)
 - b. Pistol rounds exceeding 1500 fps muzzle velocity. (C2)
 - c. Any round with a muzzle velocity less than 750 fps. (C2)
 - d. Any round labelled "Magnum". (C2)
 - e. Armor piercing, steel core or 'penetrator'; any bullet that attracts a magnet. (C2)
 - f. 50 BMG and all long-range tactical rounds.(C2)
 - g. Shotgun slugs. (C2)

III. Black Powder Rules

1. Smoking is **prohibited** within 15 feet of black powder or black powder substitutes. (C2)
2. Prior to loading, shooters using muzzle loading rifles or pistols shall fire caps on all nipples of percussion firearms, or a pan full of powder in a flintlock, while pointing the firearm downrange. (C1)
3. Muzzle loading firearms using granulated propellant shall have the propellant poured into the muzzle from a powder measure. (C3)
4. Containers of propellant shall be kept closed when not being used. (C2)
5. Shooters using muzzle loading rifles shall place their rifle **UPRIGHT** in a v-notch in the loading bench or some other device during a **Cease Fire** or during loading. (C2) Hand-formed cartridges, propellants and sabots may be loaded at the firing line with the firearm held in the upright position.
6. Percussion and flintlock firearms shall be positioned with the muzzle forward of the **Firing Line** and pointed downrange when a percussion cap is affixed or when the pan is charged. (C2)
7. Muzzle loading handguns shall be placed muzzle up in a loading stand or similar device during a **Cease Fire**. (C2)

IV. Range-Specific Rules

A. 50 Yard (Pistol) Range

1. This range is designated for the shooting of **pistol-caliber** handguns.
 - a. Handgun cartridges with ballistics between .22 rimfire and .500 S&W are permitted.
2. Rifle-caliber handguns are **prohibited**. (C2)
3. Shot shells shall **NOT** be fired on this range. (C2)
4. Firing from a position other than standing, or sitting on a stool, is **prohibited**. (C1)
5. When AGC-owned frames are used, only **one target** with a **single, centered aiming point** is permitted. (C2)

B. 100 Yard (Barnes) Range

1. Rifles, handguns and shotguns permitted.
2. Positions to the left of the orange roof support pole (at lane 57) are normally closed to use. They may be opened at the discretion of the Range Safety Officer. Ask for lane assignment **BEFORE** setting up. (C1)

3. The 10 fixed benches on the far right of the Barnes range are for **Benchrest Position** shooting only. (C1)
4. In the Benchrest area, everyone must be behind the **Red Zone** while the line is **hot**. (C1)
5. Portable shooting benches shall be positioned so that the front legs are at the forward edge of the **Concrete Pad**. (C2)

C. 200 Yard Range

1. Rifles, handguns and shotguns permitted.
2. Portable shooting benches shall be positioned so that the front legs are at the forward edge of the **Concrete Pad**. (C2, C3)
3. An orange flag shall be displayed forward of the firing line when anyone is downrange. (C3)
4. The target carriages shall **NOT** be used for firing at anything other than paper targets. (C3)
5. Shotguns shall not be fired on any target mounted on the AGC target carriages. (C3)
6. When using the AGC target carriages:
 - a. A conventional bullseye target shall be centered in the target frame. (C2)
 - b. Multiple aiming point targets, or any target other than a conventional bullseye target, shall be mounted with the aiming point(s) no closer than 12" from the frame side members and all your shots must strike on the target paper. (C2)
7. Silhouettes, gongs, and spinners may be used for **silhouette** or **hunting HANDGUN** practice **ONLY** and shall be positioned directly in front of the 50, 100 or 150 meter berms or 200-meter **Impact Area**. (C2)
8. Firing a rifle at any target placed anywhere closer than 200 yards is **prohibited**. (C2) Portable target frames shall be placed **BEHIND** the 200 yard pits or atop the protective berm immediately forward of the pits. An AGC-style portable wooden frame may be placed in the receptacles on the back side of the protective berm bulkhead above the pit roof.
9. Firing at objects placed on the protective berms is **prohibited**. (C3)
10. People may remain in the pits between ceasefires only during organized shoots/practices under the control of a designated **Match Director**. People in the pits must be able to communicate by voice (electronically) with the **Match Director** from within the pits. Cell phones are **NOT** an acceptable means of communication under these circumstances; they are too slow in an emergency. (C3)
11. No personnel are permitted in the 200-yard target pits when shooting steel targets. (C3)
12. Firearms shall **NOT** be left unattended. Lockers with locks are provided for your use. (C2)
13. Initial sighting in of firearms/scopes/sights is **prohibited**. Use the 100-yard range to 'get on paper'. (C2)

D. Trap Range

1. Trap fields are run independently of each other.
2. Shooting forward of the 16-yard line is **prohibited**. (C2)
3. Only shotguns firing a maximum powder load of 3 drams equivalent, shot size 7 1/2, 8 or 9, and a maximum muzzle velocity of 1200 fps are permitted. (C3)
4. Firing slugs is **prohibited**. (C4)
5. Shotguns shall remain unloaded with actions open at all times until on station and ready to shoot. **ECIs are optional on this range only**. (C2)
6. When shooting handicaps, shooters may shoot from a staggered position not to exceed 2 yards. (C2)
7. Portable traps and other throwing devices may be used when positioned on or behind the 16-yard line. (C2)
8. No one shall proceed beyond a trap house when any other fields are in use. (C2)
9. Spent and/or unspent shot shells shall not be picked up until shooters have **unloaded and racked** their shotguns. (C2)
10. It is permitted to walk **to the trap house** as long as the field is 'clear'. Shooters shall **unload and rack** their shotguns prior to anyone going to the trap house. (C2)
11. When a person is in a trap house, an **orange safety cone** shall be placed on top of the trap house. (C3)

12. All firearms used on the Trap Range shall be fired from the shoulder. (C2)

13. Folding stocks shall be in the extended position. (C2)

E. Shotgun Patterning Range

1. This facility is intended for PATTERNING of shotguns ONLY. Shotgun "practice" shall be conducted on the 100-yard range. (C3)

2. SLUGS are **prohibited**, (C4)

3. LEAD shot sizes larger than #2 are **prohibited**, (C4)

4. STEEL shot sizes larger than BBB are **prohibited**, (C4)

5. Placing of, or shooting at, objects on top of patterning frame is **prohibited**, (C4)

F. Archery Range

1. Sky drawing is **prohibited**. (C2)

2. Only field point or target arrows may be shot at the AGC targets. (C2)

3. Broad head arrows shall **NOT** be shot at AGC targets. (C2)

4. All relevant range rules are applicable by substituting archery terminology.

5. Archers shall designate a common **Firing Line**. (C2)

G. Indoor Pellet Range

1. All firearm safety rules apply.

2. The Pellet range is available for Club use from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM on any day the range is open.

3. Only compressed air, carbon dioxide, and spring-powered guns firing .177 or .22 caliber blunt-nosed lead pellets weighing less than 25 grains may be fired on this range. (C2)

4. The maximum allowable velocity is 1000 fps for .177 pellets and 800 fps for .22 pellets. (C2)

5. Only paper targets or AGC-approved metal or metal-clad targets may be used. (C2))

6. Shooters shall be aligned properly with their pellet traps. (C1)

UNIFORM RANGE RULE VIOLATION DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Range rule violations have been categorized into 4 classes, Class I, Class II, Class III and Class IV. They are annotated throughout this range rule document as (C1), (C2), (C3), and (C4).

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 him that he will have to appear before the AGC Executive Committee to make his case for restoration. The long form incident report shall be prepared.

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