



# Range Manual

Eugene, Oregon Chapter

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# Range Basics

The Eugene Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America operates a shooting range at 30930 Izaak Walton Road. The range is at the far east end of the road and through a sliding electronic activated gate. The gate may be opened with the electronic fob you are given when joining as a member. You must be a Eugene Chapter member with a current gate fob, or a guest in the company of a Eugene Chapter member with current access, to enter the range.

The range is open daily from 8:00AM to 7:00PM or sundown, whichever is earlier. Note that any shooting outside of these hours will result in an immediate suspension of membership until review by the board of directors.

The range may be closed for scheduled events, maintenance and construction projects, and safety closures.

Before traveling to the range, always check the club's home page at <http://www.izaakwaltoneugene.org> for the latest updates on range events and closures.

**Regularly scheduled closures and events are:**

- Range clean-up days on the 4th Saturday of each month.
- **Sighting-In Days** before Western Oregon deer season.
  - This is a yearly club tradition and a fundraiser for the club

- The range is open to the public every day during this event.
- A use fee of \$5.00 applies to all shooters.
- Matches are held on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays, and 1st Sunday of the month after the first Saturday.
- Special Matches on 5th Saturday
- Youth Firearm Safety Education events.

Note that not all ranges may be affected by match closures. Check the club calendar on the website for details.

# Membership Rules

This is a private shooting range for members of the Eugene Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America.

All persons entering this range do so at their own risk.

People entering this range must be legally able to possess firearms under existing state and federal statutes.

Members must visibly wear membership cards when on range property. Any member may ask any person to show their membership card if none is visible. Non-members participating in matches and club events are exempt from this requirement. You must NOT loan your membership card or gate fob to anyone.

Guest Policy: As a member of the Eugene Chapter, you represent the range and shooting sports to guests and other individuals. This is your opportunity to demonstrate safe firearms procedures and serve as an example, especially to new shooters, as they learn the sport. Guests must be accompanied by a member who is responsible for guest safety and compliance with all range rules. All guests must remain with the member. Any guest must be under the immediate supervision of the member when shooting. Do not bring more guests than you can supervise and monitor closely. Our rule of thumb is no more than 5 guests maximum per member, preferably no more than 2. Young and young at heart guests may require closer supervision while shooting. Members are responsible for explaining range rules and firearm

safety principles to their guests and making sure they understand and abide by them. A Eugene Chapter member with guests is the de facto range officer in control of and responsible for the safety of their guests.



# Range Safety

The safe operation of the range depends upon each person who uses the range to understand and follow range rules and procedures. By entering the property you agree to follow all rules and procedures. Safety rules are strictly enforced.

All IWLA board members are Senior Range Safety Officers and have total discretion over all range activities. All members are required to abide by the decisions of Senior RSOs. Failure to do so will result in automatic loss of membership privileges without reimbursement. In the event of disagreement with a SRSO decision, the member is invited to the

next board meeting (4th Tuesday of the month (except December); check the website for location) to plead their case. The decision of the board is final.

# **The 4 Rules of Firearm Safety**

- 1. Always assume a firearm is loaded.**
- 2. Never point a firearm at anything you don't wish to destroy.**
- 3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you have made the conscious decision to fire.**
- 4. Know your target and what is behind and in front of it.**

# General Range Rules

Eye and ear protection must be worn by all persons in firing areas of the property.

All firearms are to be pointed downrange unloaded with actions open or holstered except when on the firing line.

Never go forward of a firing line without first informing all other shooters.

When someone is down range, all firearms shall be unloaded and either cased or laid down with the action open. All firearms shall remain untouched until the “All Clear” is given.

**Zero tolerance** for possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, cannabis or cannabis derivatives, and being under the influence of them on range property.

**All Ranges and Bays are Cold Ranges.** Carrying loaded firearms is not allowed except for legal concealed carry and LEO personnel . If you wish to shoot with your carry firearm, you may during any live fire period at designated firing points.

**Instruction policy:** All formal training (classes, workshops, or events) that require a fee for participation must be approved by the board of directors. Instruction of up to 2 persons for informal instruction with no fee by members is allowed. Contact [board@izaakwaltoneugene.org](mailto:board@izaakwaltoneugene.org) for details.

**Wildlife and Pet Policies:** There is no hunting allowed on IWLA property. Shooters **MUST** cease fire when wildlife enters the range area, and may only resume fire when wildlife has left the range area. Pets must be kept controlled. They must be either on a 15 foot leash or secured in a kennel or within a vehicle.

The speed limit for all vehicles is 15 miles per hour, and all vehicles must stay on designated roads.

Clean up your trash and targets and pick up your brass when finished shooting. There are separate disposal cans for trash, brass, and live cartridges (duds). Do not place shell casings, live cartridges or duds in trash.

Range operation and maintenance are volunteer efforts. Please do your part: pick up after yourself and your guests and volunteer for range activities. There is a work bond program where 1 hour of volunteering on board approved projects or range workdays earns a \$10 credit towards range use fee. However, there is a minimum membership fee of \$70 for an individual membership or \$105 for a family membership. You cannot apply workbond toward this fee. There are sign up sheets in the range areas. You may also email: [workbond@izaakwaltoneugene.org](mailto:workbond@izaakwaltoneugene.org) with your work bond hours

The use of full automatic firearms requires prior board approval.

No tracer, flare, incendiary, explosive, or steel core penetrator ammunition or Tannerite type targets at any time

Firing shotshells of any size or type from a shotgun is not permitted at any time or at any location on range property except as specifically permitted by the board. Slug and sabot ammunition for shotguns is permitted on the rifle range.

Western Oregon is extremely prone to fire during the dry months. Please use caution with open fire and while smoking at all times. Be aware of the location of fire fighting equipment. Black powder shooters are encouraged to wet down the area in front of their shooting position with water to suppress embers from muzzle blast.

# Pistol Bay Rules and Procedures

The five pistol bays allow for live-fire pistol drills and timed movement through staged scenarios, as well as basic target shooting. Each bay has a covered area and benches for staging firearms and gear. There are 2 portable toilets in the area. One is reserved for women shooters and ADA access. Please use the parking lot above the pistol bays whenever possible. When parking near the pistol bays, do not block the entrance to other bays or other vehicles. Do not climb on the bays as this may expose you to fire or ricochets from adjoining bays.

There is also a red painted safe area with a table between Bay 3 and Bay 4. This area is used by shooters



during matches to uncase their firearms to be holstered, practice dry fire, and to verify operation and repair their firearms during a competition. It's a good practice to use this area when you are shooting with a group to allow downrange activity on the bay. That way, firearms are not being handled on the benches while someone is downrange.

The design of the bays allow for great flexibility of their use. Accordingly, there are critical safety precautions which must be taken when using the pistol bays.

**The 180 rule:** When using the pistol bays you must understand this concept to shoot safely.

Whenever you are holding a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, it is imperative that you keep it facing a safe direction. More specifically, you must obey the 180 Degree Rule. The muzzle of your gun may NEVER break the 180-degree plane — the imaginary line that extends to your left and right on the shooting line. If you pivot your body, the line doesn't move with you. It stays anchored to the targets and parallel with the back of the berm.

If you break the 180 Rule you may be ejected from the range. In a competitive match, it results in an immediate disqualification (DQ). If you are ever unsure where the 180 lies at a range or particular stage, ask your Facilitator or

Range Safety Officer before unbagging or unholstering your firearm.

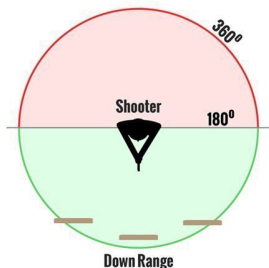


## The 180 Rule

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Take care to observe this rule at all times and while doing any of the following:

When moving in any direction;

When loading or unloading a firearm;

When opening the action to clear the chamber;

When casing or uncasing a firearm; or  
When holstering a firearm.

## **Safe Holster Technique**

It's important to pay close attention to the use of holsters with loaded firearms. There are specific techniques which minimize the risks of using holsters. If you are unfamiliar with using holsters, taking a class from a qualified instructor is highly recommended. The use of SERPA type holsters or any others that use index finger operated retention devices are expressly prohibited.

### **Holster technique review:**

You are not on the clock while doing this unless you are competing! Take the time to develop safe holster technique. Your efficiency and speed will improve with practice.

**Unholster deliberately.** Place the support hand on the front of the torso. Ensure that the muzzle does not sweep any part of your body. Remove the firearm from the holster taking care that your trigger finger is up and out of the trigger guard. Bring the firearm straight upwards, rotating the muzzle toward the target to the retention position and acquire grip with the support hand. Present

the firearm by extending your arms away from the torso and towards the target. When the target has been verified and the aim has been confirmed, deliberately move the finger into the trigger guard and fire. After firing, remove the trigger finger from the trigger and place it above the trigger guard.

**Holster reluctantly.** Place the support hand on the front of the torso. Ensure that the muzzle does not sweep any part of your body. Bring the firearm to the retention position. Look at the holster opening and pay attention to the position of fingers or anything that can enter the trigger guard and accidentally press the trigger. Watching the holster opening, slowly and reluctantly holster the firearm. You are never on the clock for this part of the draw except in certain scenarios.

# Approved Targets and Placement

No targets are to be placed on or above the berms. Paper and cardboard targets should be placed at least shoulder height to prevent ricochets off the bay's deck. There are wooden target stands located in each bay, place uprights provided into the openings in the target stands. Bring a stapler or large binder clips to attach targets and/or cardboard backers to uprights.

A properly placed target in a pistol bay: the target is stapled to the stand at shoulder height.



Barrels, bianchi barricades, or other range equipment are not target stands and shouldn't be used as such.



The plastic storage drums in each bay are not to be used as targets. They are used to simulate barriers or cover and to provide a place to stage firearms or gear when down range of benches.

No Steel targets other than the board approved targets are allowed. Board approved steel targets are allowed in the pistol bays at 10 yards minimum distance. See resources section for information on purchasing them. The dueling trees located in the Pistol Bays must remain in the pistol bays and should not be moved.

Due to the EXTREME hazard to both shooters and bystanders from bullet fragments bouncing off steel targets, users of any steel target should be AT LEAST 10

yards from the target when engaging. Further is better, but this should be considered an absolute MINIMUM!

Handguns, and long guns chambered in handgun calibers, may be fired in the pistol bays. However, firing rifle calibers in any barrel length is NOT allowed.

Examples of permitted calibers: 22LR, .38 Special, .45 Colt, and .44 magnum. Examples of NOT PERMITTED calibers: .223 Remington, 7.6x39, and .308 Winchester.

### **Procedure for going downrange to check or change targets.**

- If with other shooters, make sure all persons are ready for a target break.
- Firearms have actions open, magazines and all cartridges removed.
- Firearms are placed facing downrange on the shooting benches or safely holstered.
- No handling of firearms or ammo when someone is down-range.
- Bring all trash back with you and dispose of it in the waste cans.

- Pick up your brass and place in containers provided.
- Target recycling.
  - **Reusable targets bin.** For lightly used or patched targets.
  - **Recycle Targets.** For well used cardboard backers only. Remove printed material from the cardboard backer and dispose of in trash.



# Rifle Range Rules and Procedures

The rifle range has two covered areas with bench rests. There are also firing points for off hand and barrier supports in the upper and lower area, and in the defined area between them.

Target stands are set at 25, 50, 100, and 200 yards. Steel Target Plates are located at the 200 yard line. Another set of steel plates are located above and to the left side of the 200 yard Target stand. They are 280 yards from the firing line and only visible from the first three bays of the Lower Rifle Shed.. Under no circumstances is anyone allowed to access this target for any reason except during cleanup and maintenance days.

**Transport all firearms to/from the firing line in a case.**

- Do not remove firearms from a case in vehicles.
- There is no safe direction when uncasing a firearm in a vehicle.

**The safe direction for transporting uncased firearms or placing them in rifle racks is straight up. Magazines and/or all cartridges must be removed, chamber empty, action open.**

**Firing is only permitted from the designated firing areas:**

- Shooting benches in both houses
- Off hand shooting areas
  - Far right of Upper house
  - Far left of lower house with A-frame
  - Far right of lower house, 25 yard line, pistol, rifle
  - Designated firing positions between firing line houses.

Use caution when shooting in this area to prevent being downrange during firing periods.

### **Caliber restrictions.**

Only rifles chambered in cartridges with standard powder capacities of LESS than 130 grains are permitted at the rifle range. This is to preserve the steel targets at 200 yards. You may find the standard capacities in loading manuals of reputable firms. See resources for suggestions. Handguns and shotguns firing slugs are permitted.

### **Approved Targets and placement.**

Other than board approved steel targets, only paper and cardboard targets are allowed. All rifle shooters may use the 200 yard gongs or their own approved steel targets. See resources for information on board approved steel targets. Steel targets must be placed between 100 yards and 200 yards from the firing lines. Do not place targets beyond the 200 yard target stand or on any berm, backstop, barrel, or structure. Do not go beyond the 200 yard Target Line.

Exploding or incendiary targets are expressly prohibited.

Paper and cardboard targets should be placed as below. Bring a stapler to attach your targets to the target stands. Remove targets at the end of your firing session and place in the trash barrels.



A properly placed target on the rifle range: the target is centered vertically, then stapled to the backboard.

### **Procedure for going downrange.**

- Ask other shooters in both upper and lower range to verify cease fire.
- Remind them to move any items needed for the target break from their bench to an area behind the yellow safety line.
- Check that all firearms are unloaded, no magazine inserted or empty, clear chamber, and actions open.

- All persons must be away from benches and behind the yellow safety line.
- Loudly announce: “Range Clear” command, confirmed with thumbs up signal from shooters.
- Turn on the red safety lights. *Note that red lights must be turned off from the same switch used to turn them on.*
- Persons may go downrange to hang, check, or change targets and pick up brass provided they do not approach or touch any object on the benches.
- Bring all trash back with you and dispose of it in the garbage cans.
- Absolutely no touching or moving of uncased firearms or ammo while red lights are on or someone is downrange. Cased firearms may be moved to vehicles if they are set behind the yellow safety line.
- Once all persons are accounted for, all persons should look closely to make certain no one is downrange

- Loudly announce: “Range is going hot” confirmed with thumbs up signal from shooters.
- Turn off red lights from the same switch used to turn them on to resume live fire.

## **Archery Range Rules and Procedure**

- Standard longbows, re-curve bows, and compound bows are acceptable on the range.
- No broadheads, broached or expandable arrows.
- Always draw the bow pointed toward the target, with or without arrows, never into the air.
- Family members under 16 must be accompanied by an adult member.
- Wait behind shooting line until all archers are finished shooting and the signal to collect (clear) is given.
- Before shooting, check to make sure your equipment is safe, and wear eye and ear protection at the range.
- Most importantly, vary your targets on club archery targets to extend their lifespan.

# Resources and Contact Information

- Website, calendar, and contact info for questions/concerns:  
[board@izaakwaltoneugene.org](mailto:board@izaakwaltoneugene.org)
- Monthly board meeting: Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. (check website for location)
- IWLA National Quarterly magazine, *Outdoor America*.
- Board approved targets: Thor Targets,  
[www.thor-targets.com](http://www.thor-targets.com)

## **Suicide awareness**

**If you or someone you know is experiencing a medical or mental health emergency Dial 911.**

- Veterans and Military Crisis Line
  - Call: 1-800-273-8255
  - Text: 838255
  - Online Chat: [Veteranscrisisline.net](http://Veteranscrisisline.net)
  
- Walk The Talk America.
  - Pro-2A non-profit bridging the gap between mental health and responsible firearm ownership.
  - Dial 988 Suicide and Crisis line.
  - <https://988lifeline.org/>
  - <https://walkthetalkamerica.org/>
    - Mental health resources.
  
- Lane County Crisis line
  - (541) 682-1001
  - Child Crisis Response Team
  - 1-888-989-9990



## **Cartridge capacity resources.**

- [Hodgdonreloading.com](http://Hodgdonreloading.com)
- [Wikipedia.com](http://Wikipedia.com)
- Paper reloading manuals
  - Hornady
  - Sierra
  - Lyman
  - Lee

# **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION AND PROCEDURE**

**If there is a life threatening emergency  
or a fire call 911.**

- Tell the operator: “There has been an accident/fire.”
- Your location is: 30930 Izaak Walton Road.
- Answer the questions calmly and as accurately as possible.

- Do NOT say: “There has been a shooting” as Law enforcement must clear area before EMS can enter the area, delaying critical care.

**Stop massive hemorrhage immediately using bleeding control kits in bays.**

- Put 911 on speakerphone.

**If you are alone, DO NOT LEAVE THE PATIENT ALONE UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.**

- Call for help from nearby shooters.
  - Ask if anyone has advanced medical training to assist with care.
  - Ask someone to have all shooters safely secure all firearms in their vehicles and wait with their vehicles for further instructions.
  - Ask someone to meet first responders at the gate to the range. Make sure they have a gate fob.

- Ask a person to write down what happened and help document the accident.
- Call Izaak Walton Board Members:
  - Leave voicemail with urgent delivery.
  - Call all members on the list until you get a person on the line.

### **Izaak Walton Eugene Board Members:**

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  - (514) 870-6367-Home
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- Eugene Rural Fire Protection District #1:  
(541) 343-1610





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**IWLA Member**

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



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