

RIFLE RANGE RULES and REQUIREMENTS

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- NRLHF rules apply.
- Encourage SAFETY at all times.

Rifle & Pistol:

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- Direct questions about the range or equipment to the range officers.
- Categories for men, women, juniors and sub-juniors.
- Juniors and sub-juniors must be supervised by an adult at the competitions.
- No smoking, alcohol or drugs on the range.
- No blowing down the barrel.
- No firearm shall be used if ruled unsafe by the Range officer.
- Firearms will be carried with muzzle up for safety.
- When ranges are closed, NO firearms will be handled.
- No loaded firearm shall be taken from the firing line unless approved by the Range Officer.
- Load from Pouch and Horn.
- A separate powder measure will be used to load firearms.
- Matches are conducted using traditional style firearms.
- Extreme caution must be used when clearing misfires.
- Round ball only.
- Shot and Wads used in specified matches.
- Black Powder or approved Black Powder substitute only.
- Front and rear sights must be open and fixed.
- The "sealing" of adjustable sights with substances such as wax, lead, or tape to render them "fixed" is permitted.
- Sites must be black, white, natural, or a metallic color.
- Safety glasses and hearing protection are strongly recommended.
- No sighting aids may be worn or added to eyeglasses.
- No "in-line" firearms.
- If the firearm malfunctions, you may leave the range, fix the firearm, and return to finish from where the firearm malfunctioned, with Range officer approval and directions.
- No competitor will change firearms during the firing of a match.
- Use of a Range Rod is permitted on all rifle ranges for Safety. Rods should be made of period correct materials to keep in the period. Brass, Bone, Steel or Wood.

Standing Ranges:

Use one (1) Ramrod that fits ramrod pipes.

Recommend a Range Rod for Safety.

Three falls of the hammer constitutes a shot. Clear firearm and go to the next shot.

Woods Walk Ranges:

ONE fall of the hammer constitutes a shot. Clear firearm and go to the next shot/station.

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Smoothbores:

No rear sight above the plane of the barrel, no set triggers.

Recommend a Range Rod for Safety

- The Rendezvous must provide a shooting program with a safe, well marked, and well-managed shooting range on site. The most current issue of NMLRA Primitive Range Rules and regulations will govern shooting events.
- Shooting, knife, and tomahawk programs must include divisions for men, women, juniors (12-15) and sub-juniors.
 - Juniors- Any competitor who has not reached their sixteenth (16th) birthday by the start of the event. Juniors may also compete in adult matches and all open matches. Junior girls may also compete in Ladies matches.
 - Sub-Juniors - Any competitor who has not reached their twelfth (12th) birthday by the start of the event. Sub-Juniors may also compete in Junior, and all open matches. Sub-Junior girls may also compete in Ladies matches.
- Prizes for the men's & women's events must be comparable in both quality and value.
- Any decision by the Range Officer regarding any aspect of the range including scoring, conduct and safety is final.
- Eye & hearing protection is encouraged on the firing line.
- If there are to be artillery matches, a person deemed qualified by the Chief range officer must be in charge of these events. The owner of the artillery must abide by NMLRA artillery rules as set down by the Foundation.
- Any duly registered participant or staff member, at any NRLHF sanctioned Rendezvous, may compete in any event and may claim any prize(s) won as a result of that competition with the following exception:
 - ▶ If any participant and or staff member directly involved in an event, and where that involvement may provide an unfair advantage from knowledge of the scenario or situational plan for that event, then that participant may compete but shall HAVE NO SCORE and may not claim any prize(s) from that competition.

In the case where there is a score not based on a scenario or situational plan, there is no advantage to anyone being allowed to compete.

NRLHF Rifle Range shooting suggestions (revised 2017)

Shoot on the Range on Saturday and Sunday as the visitors love to watch the guns going off. Keep them at least 10 feet behind shooters loading. If the range is not safe for visitors, it is not safe for participants.

Shoots should include the following:

- (2 days) Woods walk shoots of 10 -12 shots each for Rifle and Smoothbore – Men, women, juniors and sub-juniors (Use different color scorecards for smoothbores**).
- (3 days) Range shoots of 10-15 shots each for Rifle and Smoothbore – men, women, Juniors and sub-juniors. (Use different color scorecards for smoothbores***).
- One day for the Blue Jacket/ 3 shots. (No money awarded)
- Scribe's Match – at least 5 shots rifle, smoothbore or pistol (no revolvers).
- Optional shoots, try including at least one. More shots if possible.
- Pistols shoot any of the shoots, just a different category.
- Clay Birds of 10 shots. If a tie, longest string takes tie.
- Try running an Aggregate for Rifle or Smoothbore, Archery and Hawk & Knife,

The number of days – Should have five days of shooting, if that is not possible then shoot on the range. If time permits allow shooters to shoot both rifle & smoothbore.

** The issue was raised that they couldn't have rifles and smoothbores shooting at the same time because someone might say they were shooting smoothbore then sneak a rifle in to shoot instead. Range officers check, if it has a rear sight, it is considered a rifle period.

For informational purposes, see Rule # 9050 in the NMLRA Rules and Regulations for equipment description of a smoothbore.

Check local states when traveling with a black powder pistol, some require it on your permit if you have two (2) out of three (3) things needed to fire it.

Suggestion:

Saturday; Range (visitors love to see the black powder guns shoot.)

Sunday; Range after 11:00 (give the church service some quiet time)

Monday; Woods walk

Tuesday; Range

Wednesday; Blue Jacket Match, Clay Birds, Scribes Match, and later if possible, plinking.

Thursday Woods walk

Friday morning; any makeup days.

If possible have a BB gun match Sat., Sun & another day for the little ones.