

# MANHATTAN WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

## LOGAN RANGE RULES

Safety will be of primary concern throughout all aspects and activities of this shooting range. It is each person's responsibility to conduct him or herself in a safe manner at all times, and not endanger anyone else. This includes shooters, workers, and spectators; and covers gun handling, driving, equipment use, and maintenance, and any other dangerous activity. Safe operation of our shooting ranges requires strict adherence to the following rules and signs as posted at range. **These are rules, not just suggestions. Violations of these rules may lead to your membership being revoked.**

1. **We will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law:** Trespassers, deliberate acts of vandalism, destruction of range property, threats, or any other violation of Montana State Statutes.
2. **Safety**
  - (a) Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
  - (b) Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
  - (c) Always keep firearms unloaded until ready to use.
  - (d) Know your target and beyond.
  - (e) Know how to operate the firearm.
  - (f) Ensure firearm is safe to operate.
  - (g) Ensure use of correct ammunition in the firearm.
  - (h) Eye and ear protection is **STRONGLY** recommended.
  - (i) Be aware that certain types of firearms and many shooting activities required additional safety precautions.
  - (j) If you see an unsafe condition take it upon yourself to correct it immediately.
3. Ranges are for use by members and escorted guests **ONLY**, except in events open to the general public. An individual may be a guest only once per year. Members are responsible for the actions and close control of family and friends.
4. Proof of membership must be shown to any member or agent of the MWA upon demand.
5. Except during sanctioned events open to the Public, the entrance gate must be closed and locked after entry to or exit from the range.
6. **All guns are to be unloaded, completely clear of ammo at all times except when on the firing line ready to be fired.**
  - (a) There is no "Concealed Carry", either loaded or unloaded, allowed on MWA property.
  - (b) At all times, except when on the firing line ready to be fired, all firearms shall comply with one of the following:
    - (1) Action open with magazine empty. If the firearm is equipped with detachable magazine the action shall be open and the magazine shall be removed.
    - (2) Be holstered with magazine removed.
    - (3) Be unloaded and cased.
    - (4) Firearms with break-open type actions may have their actions closed if in a gun rack or cased.
  - (c) Exemptions to rule #6 above:
    - 1) On duty authorized security personnel or on duty law enforcement officers.
    - 2) Firearms safely stored that remain in a vehicle.
    - 3) Shooting activities on the firing line under the direct control of a trained range officer.

7. No cross shooting, your bench must be in line with your target. Shoot only proper targets set directly in front of berm. Bullets should not hit the steel target supports. Bullets must impact the BERM. Do not shoot glass or items set on ground.
8. Be aware of the fact that bullets striking the ground in front of a berm may ricochet over the top of the berm creating an unsafe condition for anyone behind a berm (such as in the easternmost pistol bay when people are downrange changing targets on the rifle range). Always set your targets directly in front of the berms and ensure that your bullets impact the berm and not the ground.
9. **Cease-fires**, Before going down Range:
  - (a) Verify the calling of a cease-fire with every shooter on the firing line, be cognizant of all people and their locations on the range at all times.
  - (b) Make all firearms safe with actions open, magazines removed, and completely clear of ammunition.
  - (c) Do not handle firearms on the firing line while anyone is down range.
  - (d) When more than one person is on the range, those present may appoint a Range Officer to give "Cease-fire" and "Commence-fire" commands.
  - (e) Shooters on the range must ensure that everyone is back from down range before the "Commence-fire" command is given.
  - (f) Please be courteous when you ask other shooters for a cease-fire.
  - (g) Ask for cease-fires at appropriate times and frequencies.
  - (h) Always give the other shooter the opportunity to complete his string of fire before commencing the cease-fire.
  - (i) All people using the range are always responsible for safe facility use and must take action to stop an unsafe situation.
10. NO tracer ammunition may be used during high fire danger.
11. **Gongs**:
  - (a) Use of gongs may be suspended during high fire danger.
  - (b) If you shoot a gong down, re-hang it as soon as possible.
  - (c) Armor-piercing or 50 BMG ammunition is not permitted for use on the gongs.
  - (d) Very high-velocity ammunition use at the gongs that could cause damage to the gongs is PROHIBITED.
  - (e) Use common sense.
12. Alcohol and Gunpowder don't mix. No alcohol is permitted on the firing lines. No one visibly impaired by alcohol or drugs will be allowed to shoot. Let's help each other keep shooting sports safe by correcting any unsafe condition that may arise due to alcohol or drug use. Do it now. Later may be too late!
13. Always control your muzzle. Point your gun down range and into a berm during loading, unloading, or when making adjustments or repairs. Dryfiring is to be in a down range direction and only from the firing line.
14. Damage to club property or unsafe use of guns is never permitted. Members must correct any unsafe situation.
15. Clean up after yourself. Pull your targets after use and police your brass. Put all dud ammunitions in specially marked containers

16. Use of eye and ear protection is strongly recommended for all persons on the firing line beyond the signed point.
17. In all instances not covered by established rules, the decision and direction of the Range Master or Shoot Management will be final.
18. Anyone making threats of violence, verbal or physical towards another person or persons on the range will be told to leave and escorted to the entrance gate. That person's name will be given to an officer for disciplinary action. That person may be banned from participating in any activity at the MWA for a minimum of one year or as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.

#### **Additional Skeet and Trap Field Rules**

1. Action of gun is to remain open while at the facility except when in a shooting position on the firing line.
2. Gun MUST NOT be loaded until you are in a shooting position. Chambers must be empty when changing stations.
3. Gun MUST be pointed down range while loading.
4. Skeet loads to be a maximum of 7 ½ shot, 3 dram.
5. Load no more the 2 shells at skeet stations 1-7 or trap doubles. Load no more than 1 shell at skeet station high 8 or trap singles.
6. In case of gun or ammunition malfunction, the gun MUST be pointed down range until cleared.
7. No hulls are to be PICKED UP during a skeet or trap round.
8. Do not walk in FRONT of the low house or the trap house while the release mechanism is in the hands of the puller.
9. Alcohol and Gunpowder don't mix. No alcohol is permitted on the firing lines. No one visibly impaired by alcohol or drug will be allowed to shoot. Let's help each other keep shooting sports safe by correcting any unsafe conditions that may arise due to alcohol or drug use. Do it now. Later may be too late!
10. No one is permitted in skeet or trap houses without permission of the Range Master or shoot management.
11. In all instances not covered by established safety rules, the decision and direction of the Range Master or Shoot Management will be final.
12. Proper eye and ear protection is strongly recommended while shooting on Trap and Skeet fields. It is required for Registered Skeet Shoots.
13. All firearms that are in the Club Houses will have actions open, be free of ammo at all times and if so equipped have magazines removed. Firearms that have break-open type actions may have their actions closed if in a gun rack or cased.