

# ***FIRING LINE GUN CLUB (1986) INC.***

## **RANGE RULES & REGULATIONS**

**REVISED JUNE 2022**

## **1.0 GENERAL**

Firing Line Gun Club Range Officers and Directors are the sole authority in the facility and their instructions shall be explicitly obeyed. Anyone found in violation of these instructions shall be subject to Disciplinary action under Club Disciplinary Rules, or civil action in the courts or criminal action through the Police Departments if necessary.

### **1.1 Membership**

1.1.1 **All shooters** shall be members of The Firing Line Gun Club or a guest of a Member in good standing of The Firing Line Gun Club. Guests may not be left unsupervised.

### **1.2 Firearms**

1.2.1 **All Firearms** that are brought into the facility shall be Legally Possessed by the Member and in compliance with all Canadian Firearm's Legislation.

1.2.2 **All shooters** shall ensure that all Firearms in their possession in the facility shall be accompanied by appropriate documentation as required by The Canadian Firearm's Legislation. (Registration for each firearm, PAL possession and acquisition license, now includes the ATT authorization to transport.

1.2.3 Handguns and rifles chambered in a pistol caliber are the only Permissible Firearms sanctioned for use in the facility. (Permission for use of other rifles must be approved by the Firingline board. The maximum caliber is 45 Colt)

2.4 **NO** Firearm chambered for ANY Rifle cartridge is allowed (EG. Contenders and other Metallic Silhouette Firearms.) 17 HMR is not permitted

1.2.5 **No Shotguns** shall be used on the facility.

1.2.6 Any other Firearms shall require the **Prior Approval** of The Board of Directors of The Firing Line Gun Club.

### **1.3 Ammunition**

Ammunition that can be chambered for Approved Firearms as disclosed in Section 1.2 can be used.

1.3.2 **Ammunition Prohibited** by The Canadian Firearm's Legislation shall not be allowed into the facility maintained by The Firing Line Gun Club, **NO steel core, tracer ammunition, incendiary.**

### **1.4 Holsters**

1.4.1 Holsters are permitted for transporting firearms within the facility with the following exceptions:

1.4.2 No holster which results in the Muzzle of the Firearm breaking the 45 degree rule when the Firearm is drawn or carried, no shoulder holsters or cross draw holsters. **(See Clause 1.6.7)**

1.4.3 No holster which leaves the **Trigger Guard** exposed and/or uncovered.

1.4.4 No holster that is incapable of retaining a firearm during a 360 degree roll like a somersault, unless it has a strap or retaining device.

1.4.5 Holsters may be used to transport firearms from the safety area dry fire station next to the coat rack into the range. You may only draw a loaded firearm from a holster if you are holster qualified. i.e IPSC Black badge, MDPL, PPC, Police force

### **1.5 Safety Equipment**

1.5.1 **Eye and Ear** protective devices shall be worn by **All Shooters** in the shooting bays at all times when other shooters are present and active in any of the bays.

1.5.2 Exceptions can be made when instruction is in progress and the instructor requires the clear attention of the students. This exception shall be activated only when no other active shooters are present to create a hazard for the students or the instructor.

## **1.6 Firearms Handling**

1.6.1 Firearms shall not be unlocked, handled, or discharged unless a second person is physically present inside the facility, for the first times attended, unless you are authorized to shoot alone.

1.6.2 Firearms shall only be **Handled in 2 designated areas 1) at the Dry Fire Station** safety area in the lounge, 2) on the **Downrange side of The Red Line** in each of the shooting stalls. At All other times Firearms must be in the shooters holster or in the shooters carrying case, or on the safety area table.

1.6.3 Firearms shall be kept **Unloaded** until such time as the shooter is physically on the **Downrange of The Red Line in the shooting stall.**

1.6.4 If a call for ceasefire is made on the line, Firearms must be placed on the shelf or table at each firing position and the shooter shall demonstrate its unloaded condition by removing magazines and locking the slide open for self loading pistols or opening the cylinder of revolvers and removing any rounds before leaving these unattended.

1.6.5 **Shooters Shall Not Exit** the facility with Firearms that have not been secured in the manner prescribed by Canadian Firearms Legislation.

1.6.6 Shooter **Shall Not** transfer Firearms from a case located at the rear of the shooting bay to the firing position . The shooter shall move the case to the shooting position to effect any transfer.

1.6.7 Shooters shall **Not Allow** the muzzle of their Firearm to move past that point that would result in the muzzle passing beyond an arc exceeding 45 degrees from the target hanging in their respective shooting lane. **KEEP MUZZLE POINTING DOWNRANGE AT ALL TIMES**

## **1.7 Shooting Protocols**

1.7.1 When directed by a Range Officer (See section 5.1) to cease fire, all shooters will **unload** their Firearms, removing magazines and locking the slide open or opening the cylinder and removing any rounds, place the Firearm on the shelf at the shooting position or in an approved holster and step away from the Firing Line, so as to allow the Range Officer to correct the deficiency which created the cease fire situation. Shooters will only resume their positions after being directed to by the Range Officer.

1.7.2 Shooters will keep their shooting positions as clear of obstructions as possible. Cases are to be stored against the back of the shooting bay. Small cases may be stored against the shooting stall dividers. The small folding tables may be placed in front of the shooter but not past the blackline on the floor. They may be used adjacent to the shooting position and all firearms must have the muzzle facing down range

1.7.3 Shooters are to clean up any debris after they are finished shooting. This is a non-for-profit club and we wish to keep membership fees at the lowest possible level. Your assistance in clean-up is therefore mandatory:

1.7.3.1 Targets to be discarded are to be placed in the garbage cans. Take your cardboard targets home.

1.7.3.2 Other debris can be placed in the covered garbage cans.

1.7.3.3 Brass, aluminum and steel casings, and unfired rounds are to be placed in the white pails for recycling.

1.7.3.4 Aluminum cans are to be discarded in the blue recycling bin in the lounge.

1.7.3.5 Sweep up the shooting bay after use. (The shooting position and downrange)

1.7.4 Except as otherwise approved by the Board of Directors, only paper targets are permissible. Targets which are controversial or of questionable taste shall **Not** be brought into the facility. Targets depicting any recognizable person or group are forbidden.

### **1.7.5 Shooting is Not permitted from the lounge side of The Red Line.**

Shooters can only actively shoot targets from the **Downrange Side of the Red Line.**

1.7.6 Suggested firing line procedures are attached as per Appendix.

## **1.8 Orientation Course**

1.8.1 All members shall complete this Safety Orientation Course prior to be provided with a security card which will provide access to the facility.

1.8.2 Members with proof of IPSC, CPCA, MDPL, CASA, SFC, SASS current membership will be allowed to practice alone.

## **1.9 Prohibitions**

1.9.1 Consumption of alcohol, recreational drugs or prescription drugs which alter the shooters perception is prohibited and all shooters shall abstain from shooting when under the influence of these substances.

1.9.2 All shooters under the influence of these substances shall remove themselves from the facility. The degree of impairment is immaterial. Such shooters are a danger to themselves and to others.

1.9.3 Range Officers shall suspend any shooter who they believe are impaired and report such events to The Board of Directors who will then convene a Board Inquiry.

1.9.4 No pets allowed in the facility.

1.9.5 No smoking is permitted in the facility. This is an amateur sporting facility and is a condition of the financing from the Manitoba Handgun Association and Sport Manitoba.

1.9.6 Members shall not conduct business in the facility. You may bring clients here as a guest as you would a golf club.

1.9.7 No shooting M-F prior to 12:00 hours or after 22:00 hours each week day. The facility is rented to corporate clients in the morning. Your security card will not unlock the doors. All shooters must vacate the range by 23:00 hours pursuant to City of Winnipeg Zoning Variance.

1.9.8 The range is not generally available during the winter months from October to April on the second Sunday of each month from 09:00- 17:00 to facilitate IPSC matches. The range will be closed on the third Saturday of every month from 09:00-NOON to facilitate the monthly range clean-up. Check the calendar if you are unsure as dates sometimes change.

## **1.10 Visitors**

1.10.1 Under no circumstances is anyone that is unknown to you is to be allowed in the facility Refer all such individuals to the club's number 233-4600 to arrange an appointment to inspect the facility.

## **1.11 Telephone**

1.11.1 The telephone shall be used only for brief personal conversations. It is available to conduct range business and for emergencies. Otherwise it is automatically answered by our answering machine.

## **1.12 Legal Issues**

1.12.1 Be aware that changing legal conditions places an additional responsibility upon each member. Should you observe a breach of any rule disclosed in this course and fail to correct the deficiency and someone comes to harm, the Courts can find you guilty of negligence and impose appropriate penalties.  
**BAD THINGS CAN HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING**

## **1.13 Appearances**

1.13.1 The Firearms sports have a public relations challenge to maintain an appropriate profile for the community at large. Your compliance with the Club's clothing standards is therefore needed.

1.13.2 All members shall avoid any clothing of controversial nature or any clothing with printing or images of a controversial nature.

## **2.0 Guests**

### **2.1 Definition**

2.1.1 A guest is an individual who is present in the facility at the invitation of a member in good standing of The Firing Line Gun Club.

2.1.2 A guest shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and not be prohibited by law from possessing or being around Firearms. If the guest has any court order against them prohibiting the possession of Firearms they may not enter the facility.

2.1.3 A guest that is under eighteen (18) years of age shall be accompanied by their parent or guardian, or obtain a permission letter from their guardian.

2.1.4 Any individual who is less than twelve (12) years old cannot shoot a restricted Firearm under any circumstances but can use air rifles, air pistols, and .22 caliber Rimfire rifles.

2.1.5 The guest must print their name and sign the guest form with the member present and insert the \$10.00 guest fee in the envelope. There is no need to seal the envelope

2.1.6 The sponsoring member shall complete a guest form **prior** to entering the range. Place the \$10.00 guest fee and signed guest form through the mail slot in the office.

### **2.2 Supervision**

2.2.1 While on the Firing Line, each guest shall be closely supervised by the sponsoring member and must maintain proper distancing. Under no circumstances should the guest be permitted to shoot alone unsupervised. **You need to be in a position close enough to stop the guest from breaking any rule**

2.2.2 Guest under eighteen (18) years of age shall also have their legal guardian present in the facility.

2.2.3 The sponsoring member shall be fully responsible for the behavior of their guests and their compliance with all range regulations.

2.2.4 The sponsoring member **shall not** shoot while their guest is shooting.

2.2.5 New member club orientation covers the ability for members to bring a guest(s).

It is now apparent that procedures and guidelines are not being followed.

2.2.6 Effective immediately the following guidelines must be followed by all members and guests. Failure to do so may result in suspension or termination of membership.

2.2.7 Our rules are clear that a guest must be closely supervised at all times while in the facility and should not be shooting in a stall unsupervised.

2.2.8 Guests **MUST** be given some instruction by the member prior to entering the range in regards to safe firearm handling practices, how to hold the firearm, how to load and unload the firearm.

2.2.9 To always point the firearm in a safe direction downrange and not to place their finger into the trigger guard or on the trigger until they are focused on target.

2.2.10 Guest must be within arm's reach of the member to permit the member to intervene when safe practices are not being followed or if something seems unsafe.

2.2.11 A guest may not shoot along-side of a member unless they are IPSC IDPA or PPC qualified. If you bring multiple guests only 1 shooter may participate at a time.

2.2.11 Guest forms must be completed, signed, paid for and inserted into the mail slot prior to shooting.

### **3.0 Security and Fire System**

#### **3.1 Card Access**

3.1.1 Each member shall be responsible for the security card issued to them. You will note that the card is unmarked so as to provide some element of security and is provided after completion of this orientation.

3.1.2 Replacement access cards for lost or damaged cards are available at a cost of \$20.00

3.1.3 Members shall not loan their cards to non-members nor permit any other club member to use their security card. Non-compliance can result in loss of membership privileges.

3.1.4 The card in conjunction with the digital video recording system provides the basis for your presence in the facility and may form part of the compliance being implemented under the new Firearms legislation.

3.1.5 Members shall retain the security card on their person in order to facilitate access to the building and the shooting bay. **Do not leave the card in your carrying case, in that you find yourself locked out of the bay or the building.**

#### **3.2 Fire System / Burglar Alarm & Cameras**

3.2.1. The facility is fully monitored for Fire events and with a burglar alarm. The burglar alarm is automatically deactivated with the use of your range access card and reactivated after there is no motion within the building for more than 30 minutes. The security cameras continuously record all events in the facility for safety and security.

3.2.2. Each bay has a Fire pull station at the **Downrange End**. This will activate and unlock the doors allowing access to the Fire exit through the rear of the building.

3.2.3 In the event of a Fire, members shall exit the building, wait for the Fire Department to respond and provide the firefighters with access into the building, in order to avoid unnecessary damage to the doors or windows.

3.2.4 Fire extinguishers are located in front of the range entry door and in the hallway of the rear exit to the building.

#### **3.3 Medical Emergencies**

3.3.1 A **Panic Alarm** in the **Pistol Bay Vestibule and downrange in each bay** will release the door lock into the shooting bays and front door and summon an ambulance and fire department personnel.

### **3.4 Air Make up System**

3.4.1 The air make up system shall be activated prior to any shooter commencing activities in the shooting bays.

3.4.2 Heating and fresh air is controlled independently for all 3 bays by the timer switches mounted on the wall in each bay. Heat is turned on in October and turned off in April. If you believe the heat is not working let us know. You will not be able to control the heat using the switches on the controls they are disabled.

3.4.3 The system is activated by rotating the timer control located above the power and heat switches to the timed setting that the shooter estimates they will be on the range.

3.4.4 If the shooter is finished before the timer turns the system off, please turn the power switch off. This will conserve energy and minimize our operating costs.

## **4.0 Hygiene**

### **4.1 Personal Hygiene**

Lead is a cumulative and persistent toxic substance that poses a serious health risk. Basic personal hygiene practices will minimize exposure at the range and at home. The most basic of these practices is to wash your hands immediately after coming out of the shooting bays, before doing anything else. That is, before going to the bathroom, or getting a drink or packing up your Firearms.

### **4.2 Clean Up**

When sweeping up paper debris, leave the air make up system running to keep the fine/microscopic contamination moving away from you as you sweep. Take the garbage can to the debris at the downrange end and do not carry open dust pans of material back up range with you. Use the mechanical sweeper located in each bay to pick up the shredded target debris and be sure to change the garbage bags if they are full. Do not place used cardboard targets or backer boards in the garbage. Garbage bags and cardboard should be placed in the BFI bins located outside on the east side of the building.

### **4.3 Smoking**

There is evidence that indicates smokers are more prone to lead ingestion because of the close proximity of the hands to the mouth and nose during smoking. This is why smoking is prohibited in the facility.

### **4.4 Major Range Clean Up**

4.4.1 During major clean ups, the club provides bio-hazard suits and HEPA filtration respirators. Such clean-ups will always be performed under the supervision of a Board Member.

4.4.2 Such maintenance activities are documented in The Firing Line Gun Club Preventive Maintenance Manual.

## **5.0 Range Officers**

### **5.1 Requirements**

5.1.1 All members by taking this orientation course are provided with sufficient skills and knowledge to act as a Range Officer for The Firing Line Gun Club.

5.1.2 All members acting as Range Officers shall be members in good standing.

### **5.2 Authority**

5.2.1 The Range Officer is the sole authority on the Firing Line and operates under a mandate extended to them through these Range Rules by The Board of the Firing Line.

5.2.2 If conditions warrant, a member may assume the duties of a Range Officer in order to ensure the safe and efficient operation of activities on the Firing Line.

5.2.3 The Range Officer may appoint Line Officers to facilitate the smooth operation of The Firing Line.

5.2.4 Failure to observe the direction of a Range Officer will result in the immediate suspension of a member, until such time as a hearing can be convened under the terms of the disciplinary process.

5.2.5 All members should remember the implications of Legal Liability and where the issue of Range Officers authority resides in relation to that responsibility.

### **5.3 Responsibility**

5.3.1 The Range Officer (and by extension all members) is responsible for the safe operation of the Range including:

- ensuring that the facility is clean and in safe condition to shoot
- confirming that all persons on the Firing Line are valid members or guests
- enforcing the Range Rules as defined here in this manual
- enforcing any other rules that are reasonable and prudent under the circumstances

5.3.2 The Range Officer shall interrupt at any time, should an unsafe practice or condition be observed and shall request that the shooter render the Firearm into a safe condition before correcting the observed practice or condition.

5.3.3 The Range Officer shall command a cease fire in the event of any problem, incident, disturbance, or distraction which constitutes a hazard.

5.3.4 See below for suggested commands that can be used.

5.3.5 Alternate Firing Line Commands that can be used in the course of a competition by a recognized shooting discipline may be used on the Firing Line, provided all persons on The Firing Line are aware of the commands and consent.

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#### **Required Action**

**Is the range clear?**

Scan the area to ensure the area is clear,  
Alert the Range Officer if there is a problem

**The range is clear**

Confirm previous impression and alert the  
Range Officer if a problem has occurred

**Firing Line is Hot/Active**

Ensure eye and ear protection is in place

**Load and fire on your own time** Load firearm and commence Firing

During shooting, alert the Range Officer to any problem, incident, disturbance, or distraction in the most appropriate fashion.

If you finish before a cease fire command is given, unload your Firearm, holster it or place it on the shelf with the slide or cylinder open and the muzzle pointing Down Range. Step back from The Firing Line.



**Cease Fire**                      Immediately stop shooting and unload Firearm.  
Holster it or place it on the shelf with the  
Slide or cylinder open and the muzzle  
Pointed Down Range.  
Step back form The Firing Line.

**Range is Clear**                Ensure that the Range is Clear or notify the  
Range Officer that it is not clear.

Wait for additional direction from The Range Officer, who may require assistance to remove hazards, repair equipment and so on. At no time should anyone handle Firearms or Ammunition in the proximity of The Firing Line until such time as the problem has been corrected.

#### **SUMMARY OF TOP 10 RULES**

**1-This is your facility and there is no one to clean up after you. Please clean up after you are finished shooting with used targets in the trash and trash bins emptied into the BFI bin outside if they are full. Spare garbage bags are in the right hand drawer of the kitchen cabinets.**

**2-If you have damaged a target return line, please leave a note and place it in the mail slot.**

**3-You may NOT handle a firearm anywhere other than at the safety area (next to the office and coat rack) DO NOT handle a firearm other than on the firing line past the red line or safety area.**

**4-Muzzle direction must always be facing down range (Safety area blank wall no exceptions)**

**5-You may not use a firearm in the facility other than a handgun or a pistol caliber rifle.**

**6-You may not carry (move) a firearm anywhere in the facility unless it is in a case or holster. If you have not been qualified to shoot using a holster you may only use the holster to move your firearm from one area to another and may not draw a loaded firearms from the holster.**

**7-There may only be 1 shooter and a coach if necessary in any shooting position (booth)**

**8-If you have registered a guest they may not shoot along side you in a separate booth. (exception, if they are a current member of ipsc, cpca, idpa, certified and no member is waiting for a spot.**

**9-Stop the target-return before it hits either end of the travel to avoid damage.**

**10-If you have a loaded malfunctioning firearm it may not be removed from the firing line unless under the direction of a range officer.**

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**Acknowledgement of Completion of Orientation  
&  
Safety Course**

With my acceptance to become a member of The Firing Gun Club (1986) Inc. I hereby agree to release and hold harmless The Firing Line Gun Club (1986) Inc. its Board Members and its Board of Directors and it's Executive from all liability which may arise out of any loss, damage, injuries, health issues or deaths during the period of membership with The Firing Line Gun Club (1986) Inc. while on the premises of the said facility. I also fully acknowledge the right of The Board of Directors of The Firing Line Gun Club (1986) Inc. to terminate my membership, without refund, for any failure to comply with the rules of The Firing Line Gun Club (1986) Inc. and the rules and regulations of the range. I further state that I have read, understood, and accept the Range Rules and this release and enter into it freely on behalf of myself, heirs next to kin, executors and administrators.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and understood the information related to safe operation of the range facility, health information, responsibility for informing my guests of the range rules and safe handling of firearms, including close supervision of any guest(s) and my obligations as a member of The Firing Line Gun Club (1986) Inc.

I further acknowledge receipt of one (1) electronic access card, which will allow me access to the range during designated hours.

Access Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_