



Los Lunas Gun Club Range Orientation April 2024

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1. There is an electronic gate used when visiting the range. You will be issued your own key pad access code. You must attend a Range Orientation Class where you will have your ID photo taken. Download a copy of the Gun Safety Rules brochure. Keep a copy of this brochure in your range bag for future reference. Your ID Badge must be prominently displayed when using the range. NRA Certified Range Safety Officers' Badges will say "NRA Range Safety Officer" printed on an orange field.
2. When turning off Highway 6 into the driveway, proceed to the code box and enter your individual code. The gate will open automatically. Proceed through the gate and it will close automatically behind you. If another vehicle enters behind you and if you do not recognize them as a member, you may ask to see his/her range pass. If a guest follows you in another vehicle, YOU are responsible for escorting them on to and from the range.
3. There is a flagpole at the top of the driveway and also at each range. Flags flown from these poles are used to communicate important messages. If a RED flag is displayed, the range is HOT! This means that there are other people at the range who are engaged in live fire activities. You may use your firearm when the red flag is displayed. If no flag is displayed, DO NOT fire until you have made absolutely sure, beyond a doubt, that no one else is at the range. There may be times when maintenance, construction, or repair work is going on, but these are typically scheduled in advance and the membership alerted via the calendar. A black flag means that the range is closed. A red and black flag indicates an event is in progress. When you are satisfied that no one is on the property, it is your responsibility to remove the red flag from the box at the base of the flagpole and hoist it up the pole. If you are the last person to leave the range at day's end, lower the red flag and leave it attached to the pole.
4. The first person to arrive at the range on any given day of general shooting automatically becomes the **range officer** unless a certified range safety officer (RSO) is already present. The range officer ensures that all safety procedures are always followed. The range officer coordinates shooting sessions and target retrieval. DO NOT approach the firing line with a LOADED firearm! Do not load your firearm until you are at the firing line with your firearm pointed downrange and are ready to fire. This is important! It is for your safety and for the safety of others around you.
5. Concealed carry licensees and law enforcement officers who wish to fire their carry weapons at the range must first proceed directly to the clearing area. Their firearms must be unloaded inside the clearing area before taking it to the firing line. This is not required if you intend to leave it holstered while at the range.

6. After a specified amount of shooting time, the range officer issues a verbal "CEASE FIRE" command. Each shooter then removes the magazine from his or her firearm, opens and locks back the slide on semi autos or the cylinder on revolvers. The shooter then makes sure the chamber is empty, lays the firearm on the shooting bench, and steps back from the firing line. When the range officer is satisfied that everyone has complied, he issues a verbal "Range is Safe" or "Range is Cold" command and shooters may proceed to the target area for retrieval and replacement of targets. **NO ONE MAY TOUCH A FIREARM WHILE SHOOTERS ARE DOWN- RANGE!** Violation of this critical safety rule is cause for expulsion from the club! When the range officer observes that all shooters have returned to their places behind the firing line, he issues a verbal "Range is hot" command. Shooters may then approach the firing line, load their firearms, and fire at will. The range officer and the other shooters should agree on a specified amount of firing time.
7. When the designated range officer leaves the range, he will appoint another person to act as the range officer. If you are asked, you must verbally accept or decline. If you are not comfortable in the role of range officer, you may ask someone else who is more experienced to act in your place. As range officer, you must be tactful but firm. Do not be offended if the range officer points out an infraction of the safety rules to you. It is for your own safety and the safety of those around you. Each range must have a range officer when 2 or more shooters are present.
8. During organized matches and competitions, a certified range safety officer will be officiating. He or she may be wearing a vest or hat which is highly visible so they can be easily identified. There are an entirely different set of commands and procedures used during matches which will be explained at the beginning of the match or competition. Los Lunas Gun Club membership includes several certified range safety officers.
9. The **pistol range** is for pistol shooting. There are twenty (20) shooting stations and benches which are numbered from one (1) through (20). The maximum distance for target placement is fifty (50) yards. There are options for target placement at 7, 15, and 25 yards. Do not shoot at anything closer than 7 yards. **NO** high-power rifles or muzzleloaders are to be used at this range. Thompson Center Contenders or other pistols firing rifle ammunition are prohibited at the pistol range. Shotguns are prohibited at the pistol range. Air rifles and rimfire rifles **ARE** permitted at the pistol range. This range may be used for scheduled air rifle and rim fire (.22) matches, as well as pistol matches.
10. The **GUBs** (General Use Berms) are located between the pistol range and the rifle range. These areas are for use with defensive shotguns, rifles, pistols, and reactive or specialty targets. **Rifle range.** Due to space limitations, the maximum distance for target placement is 200 yards. There are options for target placement at 50 and 100 yards. This

range is for high power rifle and muzzleloader shooting. This range may also be used for scheduled high power rifle and muzzle-loader matches.

11. The **Shotgun Range**. The shotgun range is at the east end of the property which is used for trap practice and events. No shot larger than #7 1/2 is allowed at the shotgun range.
12. The **Pistol Steel Range** is located behind the pistol range. Access is to the left of the pistol range. DO NOT USE ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION on the Pistol Steel Range. This is for pistols only. NO paper targets are used on this range.
13. The **Center Fire Steel Range** is next to the Rifle Range. DO NOT USE ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION/GREEN TIP AMMO on the Center Fire Steel Range. NO paper targets are used on this range.
14. The **Rim Fire Steel Range** is located next to the Center Fire Steel Range. ONLY RIM FIRE AMMUNITION may be used on this range. NO paper targets are used on this range.
15. Remember all rounds must hit the berms on all ranges.
16. Hours of operation will be sunrise to sunset. State law prohibits shooting before the sun comes and after the sun goes down. Refer to a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish proclamation for sunrise and sunset times for full details. Exceptions to this rule may be permitted for special training and/or events with the prior approval of the LLGC board of directors.
17. Members can bring guests to the range. Members must make sure that each guest has been instructed in the safe and responsible use of firearms as outlined in the NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure and the LLGC range orientation. Only two guests, per member, are allowed at one time on the firing line and must be closely supervised by the sponsoring member. The member cannot shoot while the two guests are shooting. If the member is shooting, only one of the guests may shoot at the same time. CHILDREN MUST BE CLOSELY SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES and MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO ROAM THE FACILITY! Members will take full responsibility for the actions of their guests.
18. Shooters will not shoot at anything other than paper targets. Target frames constructed of wood 2" x 2"s with cardboard backing will be available for member use. Paper targets can be stapled or taped to the cardboard backing. There is a lockable storage container for storage of the target frames when not in use. Members will receive the combination during orientation. During scheduled matches, other target types may be used. If your rounds are not impacting on the berm, stop shooting immediately and adjust the height of your target so your rounds impact the berm. Reckless and irresponsible discharging of firearms is not allowed.
19. Shooters must police their cartridge casings and trash before leaving the range. If you

do not reload (hand load) and have no use for your brass casings, please deposit them in the buckets provided or give them to someone who does reload. There are also trash barrels at the range facility. Please do not discard foam hearing protectors, soda cans/bottles, ammo boxes, et;p' into the brass buckets. Misfires or duds should be placed in the red ammo can attached to the railing at the pistol range.

20. The area in which the range facility is located is home to wildlife. Do not shoot at or otherwise disturb the wildlife! There are also free ranging cattle in the area. Always use care to ensure that the wildlife and cattle are not harmed as a result of shooting at our range. Always be a good neighbor and respect the property of the surrounding landowners. The continued renewal of our use permit from Valencia County Planning and Zoning is dependent on our conduct. We do not want any complaints from neighbors about wanton destruction and blowing trash. Plastic bags are deadly to cattle. Try to leave the range property cleaner than you found it.
21. Water is not available at the range. You must bring your own drinking water. There are portable toilets available. Bring your own hand cleaner. Other suggested items to bring are: Hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, rags or paper towels, first aid kit, extra water and/or soft drinks, snacks, jacket, cell phone, chairs, emergency items for your vehicle.
22. Hearing and eye protection are required for all shooters at the range. Hearing and eye protection are also required for spectators. These personal protection items are available at local sporting goods outlets in Valencia County. It is recommended that you purchase the best that you can afford.
23. Fully automatic weapons, explosive devices, tracer, or incendiaries of any kind are **not** allowed at the range. Additionally, .50 BMG firearms may **not** be fired at the range facility. Sale of firearms, ammunition, or shooting paraphernalia is **not** allowed on any Los Lunas Gun Club property. Such items may be shown and demonstrated, but actual transactions for buying or selling must be conducted off the range property.
24. ATV's and dirt bikes are not allowed on the range property. Exceptions may be made for use during maintenance, construction, or repair activities and during scheduled matches and competitions.
25. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are **not** allowed at the range. Persons under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be asked to leave the range.