

PENINSULA LONG RIFLES MUZZLELOADING GUN CLUB

STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)

General Information

One PLR Membership meeting per year shall include a review of the Club Handbook and SOP. New members are required to review the Handbook and SOP at their first meeting or range activity.

See the PLR Muzzleloading Gun Club Handbook for Range Rules, Articles of Incorporation, Club Rules and Bylaws, one copy to be maintained in the range mailbox near the range flag. Current NMLRA Rules and Regulations shall be maintained in the range mailbox. The combination is the same as the main gate.

See also the website <http://www.peninsulalongrifles.com> for membership applications, Officers, and contact information.

Address: P.O. Box 958, Port Angeles, WA 98362. There is no street address for the Range on Slab Camp Rd.

Membership applications and waivers are kept in the mailbox on the rifle range, at The Trading Post in the sign-in box, and available on the web site.

Administrative Procedures

All persons entering range property shall sign in and out. Everyone shall execute the waiver form annually. The waiver form shall be attached to and required with the initial member application form and renewals. Mail the completed waivers for guests to the P.O. Box or present them to a Club Officer.

Guests must be accompanied by a member in good standing who will collect and submit a \$5 guest fee for anyone shooting. Mail fees to the P.O. Box or present them to a Club Officer.

Only members in good standing will have the combination to the gate. It will not be shared with anyone else. After opening the combination lock it must be locked to the retaining chain and re-set to zeros. After entering, leave the gate as you found it, open or closed. The last member to leave the Range will lock it. It will be locked at dusk or the end of events and not left unlocked until morning light. It will be locked when users are not within sight of the gate, e.g. on the trails or remote campsites.

Parking is only at designated and traditional areas. Leave the area around The Trading Post and access points for fire and emergency vehicles unobstructed. No vehicles on the shooting range or at the reloading table area unless directed so by a Club Officer or Range Safety Officer (RSO). Maximum speed limit is 8 mph.

Open fires on the ground are prohibited. Attended elevated fires in containers are permitted. Extinguished coals shall be dumped in the Council Area fire pits or removed from Range property.

Smoking and vaping are prohibited on the ranges, trails, and when handling powder or caps. Smokers shall avoid sharing second hand smoke.

Use of marijuana or cannabis derivatives is prohibited on range property.

No hunting, fishing, trapping, or mining on range property. Climbing or walking on the berms and backstops is prohibited. No cutting of live trees unless directed so by a Club Officer.

The Rangemaster or his designate shall inspect the trees surrounding the range annually for bullet strikes and report to the BOD.

Supplements to Range Rules

Only firearms lawfully possessed per WA statute are permitted on Range property. Only persons not disabled from possession of firearms and ammunition by federal or WA state law may handle or use firearms on Range property. The most current copy of Washington State firearms statutes, the WDFW firearms pamphlet, *Firearms Safety, the Law and You* will be maintained in the range mailbox next to the range flagpole.

Permitted firearms include muzzleloading rifles, pistols, and smooth-bores, cap and ball revolvers, and muzzleloading shotguns. In-line muzzleloaders are prohibited. Projectiles shall be patched or naked round lead balls or lead shot unless otherwise permitted by the Range Master or Board of Directors (BOD). Components shall be black powder or black powder substitutes. Hollow based bullets filled with lubricant are prohibited because of fire risk. Cap and ball handguns may be used on the rifle and pistol ranges with powder and ball loaded in multiple chambers, with the chamber under the hammer left empty. All loaded chambers must remain capped to minimize chain ignition. Cap only on the firing line. Cap and ball revolvers may have only one chamber at a time loaded on the trails.

.22 rimfire ammunition as described in the Range Safety Rules posted on the Rifle Range may be fired on the trails and ranges, for educational purposes, unless the volume of such use is deemed intrusive by the Rangemaster, RSO, or BOD such that the primary purpose of the Club, promotion of muzzleloading with patched round ball, is compromised. Spread a tarp to catch those little .22's.

Explosive targets are prohibited.

Competition archery equipment must be primitive style wood bows of Indian, English longbow, or Pope and Young types with wooden arrows. Steel blunt and field points are permitted. Arrow rests, plastic nocks, and broadheads are not permitted. Training bows and arrows for educational purposes and children's events may be of non-primitive design. Archers may provide their own targets as approved by the BOD or Rangemaster, and must avoid approaching the targets when others are shooting (maintain a safe firing line), shooting only toward a safe backstop as determined by the BOD and RSO.

All loaded firearms shooting single projectiles or shot larger than BB will be kept pointed straight downrange at a backstop. The muzzle of a loaded firearm may not be elevated or depressed to point at other than the backstop. Cross firing is not permitted. No targets may be placed on the ground. All

stationary targets must be placed so that shots impact only on the backstop or are directed straight down into the range floor. RSO's will enforce strict muzzle discipline. For the first cap snapped or pan tested for ignition the firearm must be pointed at the backstop.

Muzzleloading firearms shooting shot at aerial targets may not be fired at a direction outside a safe zone of fire and only when the rifle and pistol trails are closed. Crossing targets as in skeet may only be engaged directly downrange or to the right side of the range and only when the trails are closed. Clay targets must be biodegradable.

Whenever shooting on non-match days one member in good standing will act as RSO. The range flag shall be raised indicating live fire in progress. When more than two shooters are on line, one will refrain from shooting and act as the RSO and Range Master for the range. All persons on the range are responsible for observing for unsafe conditions, calling a cease fire if needed, and correcting any unsafe conditions or calling them to the immediate attention of the RSO or Range Master.

When outside groups are authorized use of the Range they will provide their own supervision, and follow the PLR Range Safety rules, Handbook, and SOP.

Lead abatement and hygiene policy

It is recommended that all shooters follow standard precautions to avoid ingesting or inhaling lead. Hands, nose, and mouth should be wiped after shooting before eating, drinking, or smoking. Adults responsible for children and women who may be pregnant should follow their medical practitioner's advice about lead exposure.

Mining of lead is prohibited unless authorized by the BOD and standard precautions are taken to avoid lead dispersal. Lead shall not be fired into the water or the banks of the stream which erode into it. Should the range ever be closed permanently, lead abatement procedures shall be implemented.

Range Inspection

Before opening a range or trail, the Range Master or designated Range Safety Officer or any member in good standing acting as RSO shall conduct a range inspection per the following check list:

1. Obtain the RSO packet stored in the lockbox on the Rifle Range. Review the SOP and other items in the packet. Raise the flag.
2. Check the range for other persons, vehicles, and animals on the range and determine that their presence is safe before the range is opened, or direct their removal to safe areas.
3. Inspect the berms, backstops, target boards, shooting benches, loading tables, and firing line for safe condition for live fire.

4. Require anyone on the property who has not read and signed the club waiver for the calendar year to do so.
5. Ask if anyone is unfamiliar with the PLR range procedures and safety rules. Have them read the range rules and give all shooters a safety briefing.
4. Collect any guest fees. Turn them in to a BOD member or mail them to the P.O. Box.
5. Raise the range flag and post range and trail signs indicating the range(s) status, open or closed.
6. Declare the range(s) open.
7. When a cease fire is indicated, call one, and check the line that all firearms are unloaded and grounded, benched, or holstered. State no handling of firearms during cease fire. Declare the range closed, then permit people downrange.
8. Verify all are back and then declare the range is once more open for approaching the firing line, and firing.
9. Observe the line and loading area for safety and compliance with range rules. **Insist on compliance!**

Emergency Procedures

Injuries Range users should maintain basic first aid kits and treat minor injuries themselves.

During club events, walkie-talkies will be maintained at The Trading Post, and by a Club Officer, Booshway, and a Range Master or RSO on the rifle and pistol ranges. These do not reach the trails. Three slowly spaced air horn blasts, whistles, or peals on the fire bells shall signal a serious incident on the property. A trauma kit and extended first aid kit will be placed accessible near The Trading Post and inspected prior to any event.

In the event of major incidents or acute illness, any appropriate person shall **take charge**. He or she at once shall initiate or direct others to render aid, summon help, and notify Club Officers of an event. Drivers shall be dispatched to cell phone range to summon first responders and a gate guard and intersection guards positioned to direct them.

Certain critical injuries or illnesses such as suspected diabetic shock, heart attack, head injuries, gunshot wounds to the head, abdomen or chest, or uncontrollable bleeding should be transported expeditiously by personal vehicle toward the fire station in Carlsborg, looking for an intercepting emergency vehicle along the route.

Certain injuries or circumstances such as ongoing CPR, arterial bleeding controlled with direct pressure, possible spinal injuries, or lower extremity fractures on the trails should be treated on site, awaiting

arrival of first responders.

As soon as possible the individual in charge or a designee shall initiate a record of the incident, completing an Incident Form kept in the Range box and at The Trading Post, and recording witness statements and contact information.

Fire Rapid ringing of the fire bells on the trails or persistent whistle or air horn blasts will signal a fire on range property. Members should proceed to the area and help control and extinguish the fire. Any appropriate person shall **take charge** and dispatch drivers to cell phone range to summon first responders and a gate guard and intersection guards positioned to direct them. There is a fire truck on the property. Only certain members are trained to use it. There are water barrels along the trails and on the ranges.

Super soakers will be placed next to the barrels during rendezvous and matches for smoking patches in dry conditions. Anyone may call a cease fire. Do not go downrange until a cease fire has been established. Pause after shooting trail targets long enough to check for smoldering patches before moving on to the next target. As a precaution against fires on the trails shooters, having fired at a target, should remain and reload at that target a charge of powder and ball while observing for any fire or smoke before advancing to the next target. Flintlock shooters should lower the flint into the pan when so loading. Shooters may only prime or cap at the firing position for the next target. A safe muzzle direction shall be maintained at all times.

Procedures for non-compliance with range rules or direction from PLR Officers, RSO's, or responsible members in good standing. Trespassing. Vandalism. Individuals who refuse to follow range rules or are unsafe or disruptive shall be asked to leave the range property and not return until directed by Club Officers. If an individual refuses to comply by leaving, dispatch a driver to cell phone range to call 911, requesting law enforcement remove the individual(s) and charge them with trespassing. Collect names, descriptions, and license plate numbers for individuals you do not recognize. Do not confront individuals or engage in arguments which can escalate.

Range maintenance: Hearing protection and safety glasses with side shields are advised when mowers, chain saws, string trimmers, and other hazardous tools are in use.

SOP Revisions shall be made by the BOD and announced at Membership meetings as needed.