

MERRILL SHOOTING RANGE

Rules and Operating Procedures

1. General

Live firing conducted at the Merrill Shooting Range is designed to provide authorized users access to a safe facility where they can become proficient with firearms

2. Facility Use

Range availability is at the discretion of the Merrill Police Dept. Merrill PD. will establish the operational days and times for the range and may close all or part of the range for other activities or safety concerns.

- **Hours are 10 AM till Dusk. No shooting beyond these times.**
- Range will be closed during times of farming activity or routine maintenance.
- Always close and lock the gate after use.
- No vehicles including ATV/UTV or golf carts outside of designated parking area.
- At high usage times keep time **limits to one (1) hour** and report anyone abusing their time.
- Smart phone or tablet required for access.
- Membership expires 12/31 and access will no longer be granted.

3. General Rules and Safety Requirements

The Chief of police in cooperation with the Merrill City Council makes all decisions regarding safety. The Range Safety Officer (RSO) on duty handles the daily operation of the range and is responsible for all safety and handling practices while on the range.

- Treat all firearms as if they are always loaded.
- Keep finger off the trigger until aimed at target.
- Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.
- Know the target and what is beyond.
- No intoxicating substances of any kind or intoxicated people are allowed on the range.
- Cooperate with others to cease fires for target placement.
- Shoot only in the appropriate direction from the designated firing lines.
- Fire at authorized targets only. Check with range safety or Merrill police for target info. *(See #5 Authorized Targets)*
- Fire only on designated lanes. No crossfire between lanes, and never over berms!
- Fire only authorized firearms and ammunition.
- Use of appropriate ear and eye protection is mandatory for all individuals.
- Ensure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits.
- Call "Cease firing" and make safe all firearms when observing any unsafe condition or when a shooter moves forward of the firing line.
- Notify the Range Safety Officer (RSO) 712-938-2514 or Merrill PD of any safety infractions or concerns.
- Do not climb on the berm or target backstops. Respect the facilities.
- Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs are strictly prohibited! Never use alcohol before or while shooting.
- Children under 21 are to be always supervised and under the control of an adult.

4. Prohibited Firearms and Ammunition

- No .50 caliber BGM rifles allowed on the range.
- No armor piercing jacketed or tracer ammunition.
- No fully automatic firearms.

5. Authorized Targets

- Paper and cardboard.
- Metallic targets
- No cylindrical or spherical objects that could shatter or cause ricochet
- No exploding targets
- **No trash!** *(Bottles/Glass/Jugs)*
- Targets must be twenty-four inches from the ground and never higher than the target backstop.

6. Authorized Personnel

- Each member will fill out the required forms and will be sent an e-mail from MasterLock with to download information for the app to access to the facility.

- Family members include Spouse and any person under the age of 21 residing in the household; one access per household.
*All persons over the age of 21 must sign a waiver. All family members MUST be listed on the membership form.

7. Range Personnel

Range Safety Officer (RSO) is responsible for the continued safety of the range. If an unsafe condition exists, he will shut down the range complex and inform Merrill PD of the condition that caused this shutdown.

- The RSO is appointed by the Chief of police.
- The RSO will check membership and ensure the rules of the range are followed.
- The RSO must complete a range orientation conducted by the Merrill PD or their designee.
- The RSO will report all serious problems to Merrill PD.
- Notify the Merrill PD of altercation details, license numbers and names.
- Call 911 if it is a serious safety problem and/or damage to property. Do not confront armed individuals.

Assistant Range Officers

- Assist the Range Safety Officer in daily range operations.
- Enforce Range Rules
- Periodically walk the ranges to ensure safety rules and Range Rules, in general, are observed.
- Perform minor range maintenance, cleaning, and general upkeep.
- Repair and re-face target frames.
- Perform other duties assigned by the Range Safety Officer

8. Range Area

General Rules

- Have your permit with you at the range
- Always close and lock the entry gate when you enter or exit. (To ensure members only access).
- Check downrange for other shooters or range maintenance personnel. Do not set up downrange or up range of other shooters.
- Be prepared to share the facilities with others and follow 1-hour limit if required.

Rifle Range

- Do not shoot across the range to other than your position target
- Do not shoot at the ground, at non-approved targets, or above the berm.

Shotguns

- Throw clay targets in the approved direction. (*Get prior approval before doing*)
- Use only on close range targets.

Pistol Range

- Do not shoot across the range to other than your position target
- Do not shoot at the ground, at non-approved targets, or above the berm.
- Be cautious of hot brass for other shooters.

Emergency Procedures

- Render first aid if qualified.
- Call 911 for help if necessary.
- Direct help to location.

9. Steps for Using the RANGE

1. Review Range Safety Rules

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Know and obey all range commands.
- Know where others are at all times.
- Shoot only at authorized targets.
- Do not handle a firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are downrange.
- Stop shooting immediately upon the command of "Cease Firing."

- “CEASE FIRE” “SAFETIES ON” notifies shooters to stop firing immediately. All rifle chambers and magazines are unloaded, and shooters leave the firing line with the actions of their rifles open. .
 - Misfires must be flagged and cleared in the firing position on the range.
2. **Identify target lane for the distance wanted.**
 - Lanes 1 & 6 are 100 yards
 - Lanes 2 & 5 are 75 yards
 - Lanes 3 & 4 are 50 and or 25 yards
 - Lanes 7 – 10 are 20 yards (pistol range)
 3. **Prepare target area (set targets). Make sure the targets are in front of the backstops.**
 4. **Place firearms at shooting stations (*safe handling protocol*).**
 5. **Make sure the range is CLEAR. No people or animals are down range.**
 6. **Prepare firearms for shooting (*safe handling protocol*).**
 7. **Fire. Continue to ensure the range is safe at all times.**
 8. **After firing ensure Firearms are gathered and stored.**
 9. **Police the area for plastic, water bottles, targets, and trash; Please pick up and take with you.**

10. Hygiene Guidelines

- Refrain from eating, drinking, and smoking, applying makeup, or otherwise placing hands in proximity to the mouth or nose while on the range or cleaning a gun.
- Wash your hands and face with cold water after leaving the range or cleaning area before eating, or drinking.
- Change and wash clothing after a shooting or gun cleaning session to minimize exposure airborne particulate lead or solvent and cleaning product residues.

****Merrill Shooting Range reserves the right to remove access and discontinue membership to anyone who violates these rules. Any Persons in violation of these rules will be put on a NO ACCESS list****