

## **AMLGC General Membership Rules and Information**

The Alamo Muzzleloading Gun Club (AMLGC) is dedicated to the history, preservation, and safe use of muzzle loading firearms.

To promote this basic philosophy, the AMLGC has developed a shooting range at LaCoste, Texas for instructional, competitive and informal shooting programs.

To ensure the safe continuation of these activities, and any other general range use, any activity that can be construed as detrimental to the safe operation of the shooting range will not be tolerated.

Therefore, the Board of Directors of the AMLGC has adopted the following rules governing the use of the AMLGC Shooting Range.

### **Membership**

#### **Requirements for Membership**

You must be an NRA or NMLRA member in good standing. Membership number to be on file with AMLGC.

You must be legally allowed to possess and use firearms.

Membership is for one year at a time and yearly renewal is approved by BOD.

#### **Types of Membership**

Individual- single individual

Family- Per By-laws, a family membership covers only the immediate family, living at the same address. One member of the family over the age of 21 shall be designated as Primary Member. No family member under the age of 18 may shoot at the range unless accompanied by a family member over the age of 21. If the Primary Member is not present, the responsible adult family member shall have the membership card in their possession.

#### **Guests of Members**

No more than 2 guests at any one time.

Member must be present and is responsible and liable for the behavior of guests. Guests must follow all the range rules and sign a lien release, if required.

#### **Dues**

Individual and Family dues are the same

#### **Member obligations**

Members must carry their membership cards when at the range and must show it to a club officer or other member upon request.

Personal/Family members must always obey all safety and general range rules

Observing and reporting range violations is the responsibility of every member.

#### **Work parties and chits**

Chits received for attending work parties are worth \$10.00 or other dollar amount designated by BOD. Chits may be applied against annual dues or club shoot fees.

#### **Newsletter**

Snail mail or electronic

Electronic mail saves the club postage expense.

### **Entrance to Range Gate**

The AMLGC is a private range. Because it is every member's responsibility to ensure that only authorized individuals or groups have access to the AMLGC range, the following rules concerning the gate shall be followed by all members.

1. During scheduled events, the gate shall remain open during the course of the event. At the conclusion of the event the last member leaving the range shall close and lock the gate.
2. During normal shooting hours, a member accessing or leaving the range shall use their combination to open the gate, then close the gate behind them. NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. If while accessing or leaving the range, the club member encounters another vehicle approaching the gate, the club member should ask the other vehicle occupants if they are club members and ask them if they have the gate code.
4. If the other vehicle does have the code, the club member may leave the gate open for the other vehicle to access the range and it is the last entering vehicle's responsibility to close and lock the gate.
5. If the other vehicle does not have the gate code, the club member should explain that the AMLGC is a private club and access is limited to members only and direct them to the website for more information about joining the AMLGC. Leave or enter the range and close the gate after you.
6. If for any reason, another vehicle's occupants do not cooperate and insist on access to the range, do not create a confrontation. Rather, get their license plate number and please attempt to contact a board member at your earliest opportunity to report the situation.

Protecting combination- DO NOT give out combination to anyone unless they can prove to you they are a club member.

### **Range Layout**

Hours of operation- The range is open from 8:00 am to sunset

The bathrooms are on the same combo as gate. Keep bathrooms clean, please!

Office- not generally open to general membership

Target frame shed- not generally open to general membership

Skirmish target shed- not generally open to general membership

Fuse box- not to be opened or turned on except by BOD or Shoot Director

Shower room- use restricted to special events

Water and electric hookups- used for special events and paid for on nightly basis

### **Parking at Range**

General parking areas are in front of the firing line.

You may drive downrange to change targets. Use the delineated roads, do not drive across the range.

Do not drive downrange in muddy or wet conditions, you may get stuck and it tears up the range.

### **General Rules for the Pistol Range**

**ALL SHOTS MUST IMPACT THE BERM!**

**EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES FOR SHOOTERS AND OBSERVERS!**

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!** Remove targets from the frames, police your brass, ammo boxes, cartridge holders, food and drink containers, etc..

**VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Anyone engaging in vandalism will be dismissed from the AMLGC with no refunds of dues or fees.

### **Target Frames**

Metal frames owned by AMLGC must be set in frame holders provided  
Wood frames provided by member must be set within 3 feet of berm  
Metal frames provided by members must be made of rebar and set within 3 feet of berm.  
Metal or wood frames provided by Members must match dimensions of AMLGC frames exactly as to height and width.  
NO OTHER TARGET FRAMES ARE ALLOWED- NO EXCEPTIONS!

### **Acceptable types of targets-**

Paper only, attached to the frame. Do not place targets on the sides or top of any berm or on the ground under any circumstance.  
No metal swingers which can cause ricochets.  
No breakable targets such as clay pigeons, no tin cans, plastic bottles, etc. or fruit of any kind. No rolling targets shall be used.

### **Acceptable firearms that can be used on the Pistol Range**

Pistols using standard pistol calibers  
.22 caliber rifles only.  
NO center fire rifles.

### **Safety Rules for Pistol Range**

1. No rapid fire shooting allowed. No tactical or combat style shooting is allowed. All shots must be fired in a controlled manner so that all shots strike the berm no higher than the target frames.
2. The pistol range may be operated separately from the main range. It is not necessary to clear the main range before shooters can move down range on the pistol range.
3. The pistol range has one target line at the rear bench and four firing lines which are 5, 7 12 and 15 yards from the target line. Only one firing line at a time will be used. All shooters must use the same firing line.
4. All Pistol range shooters will cooperate to use the same firing line and to call it hot or cold together. If the AMLGC has not designated someone to be in control, then the member who has been present the longest will control the pistol range firing line, including the choice of which firing line is to be used.
5. When the line is declared "cold" or "safe", all pistols and/or rifles shall be placed on the shooting benches, with the bolts open and the magazines removed, so that any other shooter can determine that the firearm is unloaded.
6. The short legged frames shall be used on the target line. Target will not be placed elsewhere at any time. Do not move target frames forward of the target line.
7. Firing at the side berms on either side is expressly prohibited and grounds for dismissal from the AMLGC.
8. All other AMLGC range rules are in effect at the pistol range.

### **General Rules for the Main Range**

**ALL SHOTS MUST IMPACT THE BERM!**

**EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES FOR SHOOTERS AND OBSERVERS**

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!** Remove targets from the frames, police your brass, ammo boxes, cartridge holders, food and drink containers, etc.

**VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Anyone engaging in vandalism will be dismissed from the AMLGC with no refund of dues or fees.

**LAY OUT-** the main range extends from the 25 yard range to the 300 yard range. All shots must be directed to strike into the earth berms, except shotguns. **Shoot only at the designated distance at each range**, i.e., 25 yards at the 25 yard range, 50 yards at the 50 yard range, etc. Do not shoot at the 100 yard berm from the 200/300 yard covered firing point. Do not place a target in line with the 200/300 yards berms, except at 200 or 300 yards respectively.

**DO NOT MOVE FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE TO SHOOT!** The firing line is the edge of the concrete walkway.

Do not move any silhouette or target frame holder other than standard target holders without the specific permission of the Chief Range Safety officer or other member of the BOD.

**Acceptable target frames-**

Metal rebar frames owned by AMLGC. They must be set in the frame holders provided

Wood frames provided by member must be set within 3 feet of berm

Metal frames provided by members must be made of rebar and set within 3 feet of berm.

Metal or wood frames provided by Members must match dimensions of AMLGC frames exactly as to height and width.

**NO OTHER TARGET FRAMES ARE ALLOWED- NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**DO NOT MAKE IMPROVISED TARGET FRAMES USING PLYWOOD, WOODEN BOARDS, METAL RACKS, ETC.**

**If target frames are not available, do not shoot!** Contact a Board member to get new frames placed.

**Acceptable targets-**

Paper targets, attached to frames.

Steel Swingers or silhouettes- provided by Member.

Any steel targets, including silhouettes, provided by a Member must be constructed of **AR-500** grade steel or harder.

**NO** mild steel and/or steel softer than AR500 which may cause ricochets.

Targets specifically not allowed - Any breakable targets, clay pigeons, glass of any kind, tin cans, plastic bottles, fruit or vegetables.

No targets intended placed on the ground and shot and designed to roll or bounce as they are shot.

No exploding or incendiary targets.

Do NOT shoot at any silhouettes or steel swingers that belong to the the AMLGC. They are made of mild steel and are intended for black power shooters only.

**Unacceptable firearms for use on range**

Maximum caliber- NO Barrett .50 caliber, .338 Lapua and/or other higher calibers deemed by Match Committee Chairman to be unsafe for use on the range.

**Absolute prohibited types of firearms**

No Machine guns, fully automatic weapons or simulated full auto, such as bump stocks.

### **Prohibited ammo**

No Tracer, incendiary, or steel core (armor piercing) rounds or any other type of ammunition that would cause excessive damage to the berms or possess the ability to penetrate **any** portion of the berms and travel further downrange.

### **Safety Rules for Main Range**

Rules for calling range 'Hot' or 'Cold'- if you wish for the range to be "cold" so that you may go downrange, you **MUST** notify all shooters on the range from the 25 yard to the 300 yard range and get their agreement to go cold. The same applies when you wish the range to cold "HOT". Every member must make sure there are no shooters down range before beginning to shoot.

Make sure no one has driven down to the 300 yard range. They will be out of sight when going around the 100 yard berm.

**Firearms shall be benched at rear loading benches when range is "Cold", not resting on shooting bench. Bolts must be open or locked back so any shooter can determine the firearm is safe.**

Muzzle must always pointed down range and below berm when loading or shooting.

NEVER SHOOT OVER THE BERM. All bullets must always impact the berm.

Target frames shall be within 3 foot of berm at all times except with written club permission.

Eye and ear protection for all members and their families when on range.

No smoking on firing line. Stay 10 feet back from firing line when smoking.

No alcohol or drugs before or during shooting

Shooting at club swingers with high power firearms is prohibited

Destruction of club property may result in immediate termination and prosecution.

Reporting safety violations, vandalism, or other rules violations is the responsibility of every club member.

Responsibility for safety of families rests on Primary member or supervising adult member.

Every member is responsible for the safe mechanical and overall condition of firearms used on AMLGC range

During formal matches, the designated RANGE OFFICER will be in full control and must be obeyed.

Shotguns must be aimed and fired towards the back berms so pellets will not fall over any adjacent roadway or building.

"Combat" style or "Tactical" shooting is not allowed.

**Violation of any of these rules will be subject to review by the Board of Directors and any member found to be in violation is subject to termination of membership without refund of dues and/or fees.**

### **General Safety Rules for Black Powder Shooters**

The following safety rules shall be followed by all black powder shooters when shooting at either a club sanctioned event or on an individual basis. There are additional club rules pertaining to specific matches held by ALMGC. These rules are available through the Match Committee.

1. Range Officers, acting under the authority of the Chief Range Officer, shall have the authority to run and control all matches. They shall have the right to inspect any shooter's equipment and firearms to ensure compliance with any safety concerns or match rules.
2. Any muzzleloading rifle or pistol that loads from the muzzle or into the front of the revolver's cylinder may be used. Break open firearms that load from the breech are not allowed. Firearm weight may not exceed 14 pounds. Metallic sights only, no optical devices such as telescopic sights.
3. Firearms are not to be loaded with either powder or ball until the Range Officer declares the line "HOT".
4. Firearms are to be capped or primed at the firing line only, not at the loading bench. Keep the muzzle pointed safely downrange when capping or priming.
5. Allowable ammunition for matches- Rifle projectiles will be patched round ball only. Pistol matches may be shot using round ball or bullet shaped projectiles.
6. Clearing misfires- The "breaching" of a firearm or "pulling" of a ball must be done so as not to endanger any person or club property. Keep the muzzle pointing safely downrange at all times. The use of a CO2 ball discharger is highly recommended. No fouled firearm shall be removed from the firing line until declared safe by a Range Officer.
7. Bullet propellant shall be Black powder or NMLRA approved Black powder substitute such as Pyrodex.
8. There will be no open containers of black powder on the loading bench or firing line. Powder will be loaded into the firearm using a powder measure or separate holder. Loading from a powder horn or powder container directly into the muzzle is unsafe and is not permitted.
9. All flintlocks and side vented firearms must be fired from a position that does not endanger their fellow shooters. A safety shield must be provided/used by the person firing a flintlock or side vented firearm.
10. Safety glasses and hearing protection are mandatory for shooter's safety.
11. There will be no blowing down the front muzzle of the barrel of any firearm in a manner that requires placing the shooter's head in front of the barrel.
10. There shall be no smoking within 10 feet of the loading bench

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