



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:31-9-03 Division-owned or controlled target ranges.

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(A) General provisions.

On any designated division of wildlife target range, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Enter into, remain upon, or use a division of wildlife target range when designated closed;
- (2) Target practice at any time other than from sunrise to sunset daily or outside of the posted hours of operation;
- (3) Shoot in any direction other than from the firing line down range to the target on any division of wildlife target range;
- (4) Use any type of target other than a single sheet of paper on a division of wildlife target range, or a stationary reactive or self healing polymer target, except:
 - (a) Clay targets may be used on division of wildlife target ranges equipped for trap and skeet only;
 - (b) Steel or metal targets placed by the division of wildlife on pistol and rifle ranges.
- (5) Fail to leave a division of wildlife shooting range when so ordered by a division of wildlife employee;
- (6) Violate any range rule established and posted at any division of wildlife target range;
- (7) Use any explosive target that when shot will cause another explosion to occur;
- (8) Fire any weapon in a repeated manner that causes the person firing the weapon to fail to completely control the muzzle of the weapon;



- (9) Shoot a fully automatic firearm;
 - (10) Use any trigger assisting devices to alter a firearm to shoot like a fully automatic firearm;
 - (11) Use tracer ammunition;
 - (12) Shoot a cannon;
 - (13) Leave target materials, other than clay pigeons.
- (B) "Range Permits."

Unless otherwise authorized by the chief of the division of wildlife, it shall be unlawful:

- (1) For persons age eighteen or older to use a class A, class B, or class C target range without first obtaining a division of wildlife "Range Permit";
 - (2) For persons seventeen and under to use a class A, class B, or class C target range unless they are accompanied by an adult holding a valid "Range Permit."
- (C) Class A target ranges. Supervised rifle and pistol ranges are designated as class A target ranges. Class A ranges are located at the following wildlife areas: Spring Valley, Grand river, and Delaware.

On any class A target range, it shall be unlawful to:

- (1) Enter or use the range without first registering with the range attendant;
- (2) Use, place, or shoot at any target except targets placed in the designated target area;
- (3) Shoot from any place except the firing line;



(4) Use any shotgun or rifle loaded with any projectile other than single projectiles, except the patterning of shotguns using shot is permitted on designated ranges.

(D) Class B target ranges. Unsupervised rifle and pistol target ranges are designated as class B target ranges.

On any class B target range, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) Use, place, or shoot at any target except targets placed in the designated target area;

(2) Shoot from any place except the firing line;

(3) Use any shotgun or rifle loaded with any projectile other than single projectiles, except the patterning of shotguns using shot is permitted on designated ranges.

(E) Class C target ranges. Unsupervised shotgun ranges where clay targets are used are designated as class C target ranges.

On any class C target range, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) Use a shotgun or rifle loaded with any projectile other than shot;

(2) Use any shot size larger than number 6 lead or number 4 steel.

(F) Class D target ranges. Unsupervised archery target ranges are designated as class D archery target ranges.

On any class D target range, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) Use any firearm or gun for target practice;

(2) Use an arrow tipped with a broadhead, except that arrows tipped with broadheads may be used in designated target areas specially provided for their use.



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(G) This rule does not apply to authorized division employees or other persons designated by the chief of the division of wildlife.

(H) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code apply to this rule.