Lake of the Woods Gun Club Orientation

General Property Rules

- **Hours of Operation:** No firing before 8 a.m. weekdays or before 9 a.m. weekends. No firing after sunset (**with the exception of the lighted biathlon range**).
- No hunting on Club property.
- All signs and commands are presented in English. All members must be able to read, speak and understand basic English without an interpreter to ensure clear communication.

Membership Cards

All members shall carry on their person a valid membership card while on LWGC property (DIGITAL COPIES ACCEPTABLE), which they may have to produce if requested. It is an individual's responsibility to prove they are a current member when requested. If membership cannot be proven, the individual may be asked to leave the property.

Gate and Sign Requirements

- Lock to be left locked in same location whether gate open or closed.
- Folding sign MUST be lowered at gate if member is going onto property to shoot, and it must be closed at end of the session when the gate is locked on departure.
- Range-specific signs to be lowered at entrance to that range.

Keys

Keys cannot be lent out to non-members in any circumstances without Board of Directors' approval. Failure to abide by this policy will result in revocation of your membership.

Intoxication

- **No member shall be on the property while under the influence of an intoxicant (drugs or alcohol).**
- **Prescription drugs that prevent sound judgement and safe operation of a firearm also disqualify an individual from attendance.**

Guests

Only members in good standing who have completed all their required orientations may bring guests onto the property.

Spring/Summer/Fall Protected Days for First Priority of Use

- **Monday:** designated Handgun priority on Handgun Ranges, Archery 3D shoots 6 p.m. till dusk.
- **Tuesday:** After 6 p.m. designated Sporting Clays. Only Sporting Clays shooters allowed on Club property.
- **Wednesday:** Evening rifle matches frequently scheduled. Please check calendar for schedule. Rifle range is only available to match participants when events are scheduled.
- **Thursday:** After 4:30 p.m. until dark is Trap night, and the Rifle Range will be closed at this time.
- **Friday:** Designated Rifle Day.
- **Saturday:** Every second Saturday is Action Shooting on Range #5, spring until fall.

- **Weekends:** Check the website events calendar for scheduled events.
- **Events calendar link:** https://lwgc.ca/wordpress/?page_id=16

Winter

- For the safety of our athletes, while biathlon is on snow training, the Rifle Range will be first come, first served. Biathletes are doing combined ski/shoot training on the LWGC property, with skiing downrange on the Rifle Range and on trails around the property.
- Biathlon winter training sessions are usually 60-90 minutes.
- Prominent signage will indicate when biathlon training is in session.
- Please respect the biathlon trails and walk to the far left side if you must use them. Biathlon groomers are creating specific walking trails to allow rifle shooters to move downrange without damaging ski trails. Footprints on ski trails are difficult to repair. Care is appreciated.

- **If showing up at Rifle Range and biathlon training in progress (i.e., there is a vehicle but no one at the rifle benches), please assume a skier is downrange (as the new trails installed will not always have the skier visible from the benches).**
- **A conversation between biathletes and rifle shooters can occur, and biathlon may shift to trails that do not involve the Rifle Range.**

Activities

- Action Pistol
- Archery
- Biathlon
- Handgun

- Rifle
- Sporting Clays: under supervision of Sporting Clays Chairman
- Trap: under the supervision of Trap Chairman
- OPP Rentals: as per website calendar (https://lwgc.ca/wordpress/?page_id=16)

List of Club Contacts

President: Steve Zabloski 465-4404
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Trap/Sporting Clays: Steve Zabloski - 465-4404
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Website information link: lwgc.ca

Archery Orientation: Please sign in and refrain from using razor-tipped hunting arrows on targets.

Biathlon Orientation: To be provided on site by Biathlon Chair or designate during session.

Pistol range Orientations: These two ranges, the primary Pistol Range and back-up/Action Range are shared by Pistol shooters, Action shooters and OPP rentals. Please only use the targets and equipment assigned to your activity. The general orientation to the Pistol ranges will be provided during the Club Level Safety Course and Pistol Ranges tour. Included in this tour will be a differentiation of club member use Pistol equipment and targets, OPP equipment and Biathlon equipment and targets.

In addition to the general range orientation provided to club members, please be advised of the specific range requirements and safety measures listed below to be observed while using the two handgun ranges.

- All targets are to be placed using the appropriate target holders.
- No targets to be placed on range floor.
- Any prone shooting should be done with protecting range mats in mind, with no possibility of skipping rounds off the ground.
- Two or more shooters on the range at one time shall utilize range flags located in handgun clubhouse.
- Static shooting on the Action Range limited to the two designated firing lanes and targets.

- IPSC, DPL or other forms of action shooting will adhere to the 90-degree rule regarding firing direction as per range instruction (given as separate training prior to Action Shooting).
- Shotgun use at handgun range must ensure that any projectile (buckshot, sabot, slug, etc.) is captured within the berm backstop.
- Absolutely no shooting toward the side berms on the main handgun range.
- Steel reactive targets are not to be shot with rifles caliber larger than .22 rimfire or jacketed magnum handgun rounds.

Rifle Range Orientation: Sources of Information

1. As per Brent Brooks in-person orientation.
2. The Rifle Range Rules sign, and other signage erected at the Rifle Range.
3. The Range Safety Operations Manual in the Membership section of LWGC website: https://lwgc.ca/wordpress/?page_id=141
4. **No target placement on the range floor.**
5. **All bullets must impact backstop at midrange or lower without striking range floor.**
6. **No personal vehicles allowed downrange.**

Shotgun Orientation: Sources of Information

- As per orientation with Brent Brooks.
- All signs displayed on shotgun ranges and clubhouse (read and understand).
- The range safety operations manual in the membership section of the LWGC website: https://lwgc.ca/wordpress/?page_id=141

Trap/Sporting Clays

- Sign and flag on Range 1 to be displayed before shooting commences (sign at gate must also be down).
- Rope across Rifle Range road to be put up before Trap Shooting commences (Rifle Range must be seen to be vacant).
- No firearm to be loaded until standing on shooting station (loaded shotgun not to be carried).
- Machines on both trap and sporting ranges to be operated by a person familiar with the machines or by person assigned by chairman.
- Trapper to be in a safe position before shooting commences, and when changing trappers, all shotguns to be open and empty or on shotgun rack.
- Sporting machines to be fully un-cocked and covered when completed with station.
- Stations 10, 11, 12, 13, 15b and 17 are not to be used simultaneously, to account for field of fire.

- Shells to be used on both trap and sporting are size-specific shot not greater than 7½ and powder charges no greater than 3¼ dram.

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