Gun range waiver

Participation in range shooting

I voluntarily choose to participate, or give permission for the shooter named in this form to participate, in shooting activities at a commercial range provided or organised by **[Gun Range Name]**.

Range activities may include:

- Shooting at approved targets on indoor or outdoor firing lines
- Using range rental firearms or lawfully owned personal firearms approved by the range
- Lessons, safety courses, instructor sessions and supervised first-time visits
- Memberships, group bookings and organised events
- Being in the firing line area, the bays, the waiting areas and the shared range spaces

I understand that participation is voluntary and that the shooter may stop at any time.

The range may refuse, restrict or end participation at any time if it reasonably believes that a shooter cannot handle a firearm safely, has failed to follow instructions or presents a risk to themselves or others.

Bookings, lane fees and rental fees remain subject to the range’s cancellation and refund policies.

Lawful eligibility and identification

I confirm that the shooter meets the range’s minimum age and that they are not prohibited by applicable law from possessing or using a firearm.

I understand that eligibility rules depend on where the range operates, and that this form does not replace any licence, permit, background check or other legal requirement that applies.

I agree to show valid identification and any licence or permit that the range or the law requires, before shooting or renting a firearm, and I confirm that the information I give is true.

Where a minor is permitted to shoot under applicable law and range policy, I confirm that I am their parent or legal guardian, or otherwise legally authorised to provide consent on their behalf, and that the minor will be directly supervised as the range requires.

I confirm that the shooter is physically and mentally capable of handling a firearm safely and following commands immediately, except for any condition or limitation disclosed to the range before participation.

I understand that the range may refuse service to anyone, and may report suspected unlawful conduct to the authorities.

Core firearm safety rules

I agree to follow these rules at all times, whatever my level of experience:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times, which on the range means downrange
- Keep my finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until my sights are on the target and I am ready to fire
- Be sure of my target and of what lies in front of it and beyond it

I understand that these rules apply when a firearm is believed to be unloaded, and when it is being cleaned, carried, handed over or moved.

I will ask range staff for help rather than guess if I do not understand how a firearm operates or how to check that it is clear.

Range commands and cold-range conduct

I agree to attend any safety briefing the range requires and to follow every instruction from range safety officers and staff immediately.

I understand that anyone who sees a dangerous situation may call “cease fire”, and that everyone must then stop shooting at once, keep the muzzle pointed downrange and take their finger off the trigger.

When the range is cold or a cease fire is in place, I agree to:

- Unload the firearm, remove the magazine and leave the action open as instructed
- Place the firearm on the bench or in the position staff direct, with the muzzle pointed downrange
- Step behind the marked safety line and stay there
- Not touch any firearm, magazine or ammunition while anyone is forward of the firing line
- Wait for the range to be declared hot before returning to the firing line

I will go forward of the firing line only when staff have said it is safe to do so, and only by the method the range allows.

The range may remove any shooter who ignores safety rules or behaves recklessly, violently or disruptively, and removal may be immediate and without a refund.

Handling and conduct on the firing line

I agree to:

- Bring firearms to and from the firing line unloaded and cased or carried in the way the range requires
- Uncase, load and handle a firearm only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointed downrange
- Fire only at approved targets in my assigned lane, and only from the permitted positions
- Keep to any range limits on rate of fire, target distance, and the types of target allowed
- Draw from a holster only if the range has specifically approved it
- Keep the firearm unloaded with the action open whenever I step away from the firing line

I agree not to:

- Point a firearm at anything I am not prepared to shoot, or turn away from downrange with a firearm in my hand
- Fire at the floor, ceiling, baffles, target carriers or range equipment
- Distract, crowd or give unsolicited handling advice to another shooter
- Take photos or videos unless the range allows it and staff can see that it is safe
- Bring a loaded firearm into the range unless the law and the range’s rules expressly allow it

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Ammunition and malfunctions

I agree to use only ammunition that the range allows, and which is the correct calibre and type for the firearm being used.

I understand that the range may prohibit certain ammunition, including armour-piercing, tracer or incendiary rounds, reloaded ammunition and steel-core or steel-jacketed rounds, and that rental firearms may require ammunition bought from the range.

If a firearm fails to fire or behaves unusually, including a misfire, a jam, a light recoil or an unusual sound, I agree to:

- Keep the muzzle pointed downrange and my finger off the trigger
- Stop shooting and stay where I am, rather than opening the action straight away or turning around
- Call for a range safety officer, and let staff clear a rental firearm
- Not fire another round until staff confirm that the firearm is safe to use

I understand that a blocked barrel or a delayed round can injure the shooter and those nearby, and that firing again without checking can make the injury worse.

Shooting range risks

I understand that firearms are capable of causing fatal injury and that shooting involves risks that cannot be fully removed by rules, training or supervision.

Possible risks include:

- Being shot, including by another shooter’s negligent or unintentional discharge
- Ricochet and fragments from bullets, targets, baffles, walls or the backstop
- Burns from hot brass, muzzle flash or hot barrels
- Cuts, bruises and pinched skin from recoil, slides, actions and magazines
- Noise-induced hearing loss or tinnitus, including when hearing protection is worn
- Eye injury from fragments, ejected cases, gas or debris
- Exposure to lead and other substances through breathing or swallowing them
- Firearm or ammunition failure, including a burst or damaged barrel
- Shoulder, wrist, hand, neck or back strain from recoil
- Slips, trips and falls, including on spent cases
- Emotional distress or startle reactions to noise and to the firing of other guns
- Serious injury, permanent disability or death

I understand that the range cannot eliminate every risk associated with shooting.

I voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks of participation.

Lead exposure and hygiene

I understand that shooting can release lead and other metals as dust and fumes, and that lead may settle on skin, hair, clothing, firearms, spent cases and range surfaces.

Lead exposure can cause serious health effects, and pregnant or nursing people and children are especially vulnerable, because lead can harm an unborn or developing child and can pass through breast milk. A person who is pregnant, nursing or planning a pregnancy should seek medical advice before entering the range.

I agree to:

- Avoid eating, drinking, smoking, vaping or applying cosmetics on the range
- Wash my hands and face thoroughly with soap and water straight after shooting, and before eating, drinking or smoking
- Avoid touching my mouth, nose or eyes while on the range
- Avoid picking up spent cases from the floor unless the range allows it, and wash afterwards if I do

- Change clothes and shoes after shooting where practical, wash range clothing separately, and keep contaminated items away from children

I understand that I should speak to a healthcare professional if I am concerned about lead exposure, particularly if I shoot often.

Hearing, eye protection and clothing

Eye protection and hearing protection must be worn at all times in the firing area, including by anyone who is not shooting. I understand that this protection reduces the risk of injury but does not remove it, and that some people may benefit from wearing both earplugs and ear defenders.

I agree to wear closed-toe shoes and a high-necked top. Low-cut tops, sandals, open-toed shoes and loose clothing can let hot brass reach the skin.

If hot brass lands on me or inside my clothing, I will keep the muzzle pointed downrange and put the firearm down safely before dealing with it.

Spectators may enter only when the range allows it, must wear the same protection and must stay behind the marked line. Children must stay with a responsible adult at all times.

Rental firearms and personal firearms

Rental firearms remain the property of the range and may be used only on the range premises. The range may set conditions such as requiring identification, a minimum age, supervision or a lesson before renting, and may refuse a rental at its discretion.

I agree to return a rental firearm unloaded, with the action open, in the way staff direct, and to report any fault or damage immediately. I may be charged for damage caused deliberately or through misuse.

I will not disassemble, alter or adjust any range firearm, or fit any accessory to it, unless staff do it or authorise it.

Any personal firearm I bring must be lawfully owned and lawfully transported, must be unloaded and cased on arrival, and may be inspected or refused by the range. I remain responsible for the safe condition and legal status of my own firearm, and the range may refuse any firearm or accessory that it considers unsafe or unsuitable for its backstop.

Physical condition and health

I agree to inform the range about any condition that may affect safe participation, including:

- A current injury or physical limitation

- Wrist, hand, shoulder, neck or back problems
- Heart, circulation or blood-pressure conditions
- Epilepsy, seizures, fainting or loss of consciousness
- Limited vision or hearing problems, including tinnitus
- Pregnancy, possible pregnancy or nursing
- A raised blood lead level or lead-related condition
- Asthma or other breathing difficulties
- Recent surgery or medical treatment
- Medication that affects coordination, judgment or alertness
- A restriction recommended by a healthcare professional

I understand that staff are not medical professionals unless expressly stated otherwise.

I will stop and inform a staff member if I experience pain, dizziness, breathing difficulty, unusual weakness or another concerning symptom.

Alcohol, drugs and impairment

I will not participate while impaired by:

- Alcohol
- Recreational or illegal drugs
- Medication that affects judgment, coordination or alertness
- Fatigue, illness or another condition that makes participation unsafe

I understand that the range may refuse or end participation if it reasonably believes that a shooter is impaired.

No one may handle a firearm or enter the firing line after consuming alcohol, cannabis or other drugs, or while taking medication that affects judgment, coordination or alertness. The range may refuse or remove anyone it reasonably believes is impaired, and a shooter who drinks alcohol during a visit may not return to the firing line that day.

Personal belongings

I understand that clothing and personal belongings may become dirty, wet, damaged, lost or stolen.

I am responsible for protecting phones, jewellery, glasses, clothing and other personal property.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the range is not responsible for ordinary loss or damage to personal belongings unless caused by liability that cannot legally be excluded.

Emergency assistance

If the shooter becomes ill or injured, I authorise the range and its staff to:

- Provide reasonable first aid
- Stop the shooter from continuing
- Contact an emergency contact
- Contact emergency medical services
- Arrange transportation to an appropriate healthcare facility
- Share relevant information with emergency responders
- Take reasonable action to protect the shooter’s immediate safety

I understand that the range cannot guarantee that an emergency contact will be reached before assistance is provided.

I accept responsibility for medical, ambulance and treatment expenses unless applicable law or legally established liability requires otherwise.

Assumption of risk

I knowingly and voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks associated with range shooting.

I accept responsibility for injuries, losses or complications caused or materially contributed to by:

- Inaccurate eligibility, identification or other information I provided
- A health condition or limitation I failed to disclose
- My failure to follow range commands or firearm safety rules
- My use of prohibited or incorrect ammunition
- My failure to wear or correctly use eye and hearing protection
- My failure to follow lead and hygiene precautions
- My incorrect or unauthorised use of a firearm
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- My participation while impaired or medically unfit

Liability release

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, I release **[Gun Range Name]** and its owners, directors, range safety officers, instructors, employees, contractors and representatives from claims arising solely from:

- Ordinary and inherent range shooting risks knowingly accepted in this form
- Inaccurate eligibility or other relevant information I provided
- My failure to follow reasonable range commands, safety rules or instructions
- Incorrect or unauthorised use of firearms, ammunition or equipment
- Lead exposure resulting from my failure to follow the precautions in this form
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- The conduct of another shooter where it was outside the range's reasonable control

This release does not exclude or limit liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited.

It does not apply to fraud, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, reckless conduct, breaches of mandatory safeguarding duties, violations of mandatory consumer rights or any other liability that applicable law prohibits the range from waiving.

Privacy and recordkeeping

I understand that the range may collect and retain information where reasonably necessary to:

- Register and identify shooters
- Confirm consent and eligibility
- Manage bookings and activities
- Understand relevant health or support needs
- Maintain safety and incident records
- Respond to injuries, complaints or legal claims
- Meet insurance, safeguarding and legal obligations

Information will be handled according to the range's privacy notice and applicable data-protection laws.

Final declaration

By completing and signing this form, I confirm that:

- I have read and understood the entire waiver.

- The information provided is complete and accurate.
- I confirm that the shooter is not prohibited by law from possessing or using a firearm.
- I understand that shooting may cause serious injury or death.
- I understand and accept the ordinary and inherent risks.
- I agree to follow the core firearm safety rules, range commands and staff instructions.
- I will wear eye and hearing protection in the firing area.
- I understand the risks of lead exposure and will wash after shooting.
- I will not handle a firearm while impaired or medically unfit.
- I authorise reasonable emergency assistance where necessary.
- I had an opportunity to ask questions before signing.
- Participation is voluntary.
- I understand that this form does not remove rights or protections that cannot legally be waived.

Shooter completion

Contact details

First name *

Last name *

Phone

Email *

Shooting experience *

- ◯ First time shooting
- ◯ Some experience or previous lessons
- ◯ Regular recreational shooter
- ◯ Formally trained or instructor level

Lawful eligibility: the shooter meets the required age and is not prohibited by applicable law from possessing or using a firearm *

- ◯ Yes, I confirm this
- ◯ The shooter is a minor who will shoot under direct adult supervision, as the law and the range permit
- ◯ No, or I am unsure, and I will speak to range staff before anyone shoots

Firearms to be used today *

- ☐ Range rental firearm
- ☐ My own lawfully owned firearm

Identification number (only if the range requires it)

☐ I have read, understood and agree to the Gun Range Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk above. I confirm that the information provided is accurate, that I am authorised to sign for the shooter where applicable and that I voluntarily accept the risks of range shooting. *

Signature *