

Monday Night Shooting League

Safety Rules, Procedures, and Range Commands

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The Monday Night Shooting League (MNSL) provides people an opportunity to shoot within a structured environment, enhance shooting skills, and develop the safe handling of firearms.

REMEMBER THE 4 LAWS OF FIREARMS SAFETY:

1. Treat all firearms as if they are ALWAYS loaded.
2. Never point your firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Be sure of your target and what is behind it.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger and OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD until your sights are on the target.

SAFETY RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. When you enter the premises, you must check-in at Reed's Indoor Range front counter. Your identification and release waiver must be on file before participating with MNSL.
2. Shooters are expected to have a thorough understanding of the functions and features of the firearm they intend to use for the league. It is also the shooter's responsibility to ensure that the firearm and ammunition are functional, and that any key safety mechanisms are operational.
3. **Loaded firearms and magazines are strictly not allowed** in the store or the classroom. MNSL operates a "COLD RANGE."
4. **In the classroom, handling firearms or loading magazines are prohibited** unless under the direct supervision of MNSL staff and conducted in a "Safe Area."
5. **On the range, do not uncase or handle your firearm until instructed by the Range Officer.**
6. **Keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed down-range at all times**, while you are in the shooting booth, whether it is loaded or not, even when storing it.
7. You may load magazines or speed loaders anytime you are on the range.
8. **Do not load your firearm (or reload between strings of fire) until the Range Officer gives you the command to do so.**
9. **Keep the safeties activated whenever your firearm is loaded and you are not actively engaging a target, which also includes in between strings of fire.**
10. **Never leave a loaded firearm on the bench unattended. Keep the slide locked back (or the cylinder open).**
11. **Do not shoot into the ceiling, walls, or side barriers.** Bullets and fragments can ricochet back at the shooters, as well as destroy range equipment.
12. **If you are ever in a situation where you are not sure of what to do, seek the assistance of a Range Officer.** Ask, or simply raise your hand and wait for assistance, keeping your firearm pointed in a safe direction. **Don't assume anything and always act as safely as possible.**

If you fail to follow the rules and range commands, you will be asked to leave the range.

RANGE COMMANDS

Listen! Wait for the command(s) to handle your firearm. The Range Officer will explain the shooting event procedures.

1. **Take a sight picture or dry fire with an unloaded firearm:** This command permits you to handle your firearm, work the actions, take a sight picture, and dry fire prior to shooting. **This command does not give you permission to load the firearm!**
2. **Load and make ready (or Reload):** You may now load your firearm and prepare to shoot. Once you have loaded your firearm, come to the low ready position, with your **finger off the trigger**.
3. **Are you ready (Ready on the left/right)? Line is/is not ready.:** This command is a question. If you are not ready, raise your hand and a Range Officer will assist you. Wait for the next command.
4. **Standby (Line is ready):** shortly after this command is given, an audible sound will signal you to commence firing, and another audible sound will signal you to stop. **If you are not finished, stop firing, and get the attention of the range officer by raising your hand.**
5. Between strings of fire, do not reload your firearm with a fresh magazine or ammunition until you hear the command to **load and make ready or reload**.
6. **Unload and show clear:** This command is given when the firing has stopped. Release (drop) your magazine or open your cylinder, clear the action or cylinder and check for any live ammunition in the chamber(s). **Remember to keep the muzzle pointed down range and keep your finger off the trigger. It is your responsibility to ensure that your firearm is empty (safe).**
7. **Range (Line) is clear:** The line has been verified that it is clear. You may now put away your firearm and accessories, remove your target, and leave the shooting area. Bring your target into the classroom to be scored.
8. **Stop:** This command is usually given in an emergency or when the need arises. The command means exactly what it says – STOP! Stop all shooting, finger off the trigger, muzzle pointed down range, and await further instructions. Do not do anything else until instructed to do so.

OTHER DETAILS

1. Registration, fees, and assignment to your shooting relay are all handled at the MNSL desk, located in the classroom.
2. After registration, get the appropriate targets and be sure to mark them with your name, date, division and caliber. Be prepared to go out on the range when your relay and name are called.
3. When you enter your shooting booth on the range, place your shooting bag and other accessories on the bench or on the floor. If you want to leave your equipment on the range for storage purposes when you are not in the current relay, place it against the far wall, out of the way of the shooters and range staff.
4. **Steel cased, aluminum cased, or any steel cored ammunition is specifically not allowed.**