

FORT LUPTON MUZZLE LOADER CLUB RANGE RULES REVISED JUNE 14, 2024

******Approved Annual Business Meeting, June 15th 2024******

Prior to membership, all parties MUST attend an orientation which includes training on the following range rules, NMLRA rules for safety, and a review. Once orientation is completed, members are considered Range Officers, anytime they are on the range. Orientation for family memberships needs to include all family members that will use the range.

1. Alcohol and drug use before and during a shooting activity is prohibited on the Fort Lupton Muzzle Loading Club property.
2. All persons entering the range, members and guests, sign in and raise the red flag indicating the range is active. If the American flag is to be displayed, it must be at the peak of the flagpole. "Fill out necessary waiver form for guests and, pay fee(s). If guests are present, explain procedures and go through "range rules", as you are responsible for your guest(s). Do not bring more guests than you can supervise.
3. Shooters under 18 must have adult supervision. Young children must always be under the direct supervision of parents or guardians. Youth organizations will provide a certified range safety officer for shooting events.
4. All pets must be leashed (or under physical control) and remain in the parking area at the owner's risk while on FLMLC property. You must clean up after your pets.
5. Vehicles must stay on roads and only park in the designated area. The entry gate must remain open during authorized shooting activities. The gate must be closed and locked by the last person leaving the range.
6. Only muzzle loading firearms using round ball and black powder or an approved substitute powder area allowed. This includes muzzle loading rifles, smoothbores, pistols and revolvers firing single projectiles, using flint or percussion ignition. Aerial targets or cannons may not be fired on the FLMLC grounds. Shotguns and smoothbores used as shotguns may be patterned using 7 ½ or smaller shot on the 25-yard line, using the club patterning target located in the shed.
7. No cartridge firearms may be used. Other organizations such as 4-H or Scouts, may be permitted by the property owner (South Platte Valley Historical Society) to use .22 caliber rimfire rifles in their activities. However, no FLMLC activity may use a cartridge firearm.
8. Members, guests and event participants must wear eye and ear protection while the range is "hot" if forward of the parking area. Loud, foul or abusive language is not permitted on the FLMLC range and parking area, violators may be asked to leave.
9. All loading of muzzleloaders will be done 15' behind the firing line and 10' in front of back line marked by logs separating the parking area from the range area. All firearms in hard cases may be taken from the case at the owners' car but must be unloaded and carried muzzle up. When returning the firearm to the car it must be unloaded and carried muzzle up. If placed in a case it must be unloaded.
10. Smoking tobacco products and vaping is only allowed in the parking area.

11. No loading directly from a powder horn, flask, or powder can. A powder measure should be used to pour powder into the barrel. All powder containers must be covered, capped, or controlled by valve mechanism. Be aware of possible powder above the valve. Generally, a target load in grains does not exceed 1 1/2 times the diameter of the projectile.
12. All flintlocks will be loaded with the hammer down and frizzen open and carried to the line configured in that way until priming at the firing line.
13. All firearms will be carried to and from the firing line with the muzzle up and above the shooter's head.
14. Firearms will be primed or capped only on the firing line with the muzzle pointed downrange directly in front of the shooter below berm height.
15. No blowing down barrels, no use of a blow tube.
16. There will be no handling of firearms when the range is closed, and persons are downrange. Please do not bring firearms on to the range or remove firearms from the range in the loading zone during shutdown.
17. All projectiles will be lead round ball except that elongated bullets may be used when required or optional in musket matches. Hunter sight in and practice is allowed but the shooter must notify the range safety officer that atypical rounds and powder charges will be used.
18. When a person has a problem at the firing line meaning (no powder, ignition failure etc.). The firearm must be removed to the "safe house" for further action. If assistance is needed raise your free arm while keeping the muzzle downrange directly in front of you, and below berm height and wait for help. If you are unsure of how to proceed ask the range officer/ range safety officer for help and he will get someone to assist you. Do not think because it did not go off for you it is somehow safe. It must be treated as dangerous, take it seriously. A C02 discharger is the first choice for clearing the firearm but remember to wipe the breech and bore dry after. If the ball must be pulled complete the removal in the "safe house". Do not ever allow anyone in front of the muzzle to help pull the ball.
19. Generally, spotting scopes may be used in matches, they must be placed so as to not impede the movements of other shooters. Use of spotting scopes in certain matches may be restricted or eliminated, as determined by the match director.
20. Steel targets, swingers, silhouettes, gongs, etc. are provided for FLMLC members, guests, or participants, and are employed in a manner that has been demonstrated safe. The steel targets at each distance, (25,50, 75 and 100) are mounted in a similar fashion by the club and are for general or competitive use.
21. No slings are permitted at FLMLC shoots, except where their use is identified as part of a special shoot program and not used as shooting aids. No riflescopes except for special shoot programs.
22. No cannon firing by FLMLC members, guests, or participants at any time on the FLMLC range.

23. Period dress (pre-1840) is not generally required of individuals using the range or shooting in club matches, however, "primitive" shoot coordinator(s) may restrict firearms, dress and accoutrements, as necessary to meet the objectives of the match or specific event.
24. Whenever there is shooting activity at the range there must be a club member as the range officer (RO or RSO), in control of the range. At a minimum, the officer has completed the FLMLC orientation and/or range safety class or equivalent or higher training level. At larger events there may be more than one range officer (RO) and at times they may be under the control of a chief range officer (CRO) or RSO. At informal shooting sessions (practice) the designated person in control of the range as (RO) would remain so if/when others arrive and if that person does not wish to continue as (RO) the responsibility must pass to another qualified person as (RO), who would then oversee the range. There must be someone in control of the range at all times. When the range is temporarily closed to post or change targets or other reason, all must stop shooting, the range is closed at all distances and no handling of firearms, including onto the range or taking away from the range is allowed whenever anyone is forward of the firing line.
25. Generally, paper targets are to be used on the FLMLC range. There are exceptions for the fun shoot which uses a variety of objects but none that would cause ricochets, or target materials that could return to the firing line. No use of exploding targets at the range or ground targets of any kind. All projectiles must terminate into the berms or at target. The "Silhouette Shoot" which uses methods to direct projectiles to the berms or at the target is also an allowed activity. Housekeeping – clean-up – is the shooters' responsibility.
26. Shooting hours are from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. (or dark), No shooting after dark unless it is a scheduled "candle shoot" or similar organized shoot.
27. Targets stored in the range building are FLMLC targets for use during organized, scheduled, FLMLC shoots. Members and guests must bring their own paper targets to shoot during practice sessions.
28. Targets of any type shall not be posted, suspended, or leaned against wood posts of the target posting structure. Deliberate shooting of posts, signs, or other unauthorized property will be grounds for suspension or termination of those responsible. Used targets must be pulled by the shooter upon completion.
29. At identified special events, camping is permitted across the drive from the range parking area, as well as the area to the west of the parking area. Camping fees will be determined by the FLMLC Board. The electrical hook up at the range building will be on a first come first served basis, with fees in accordance with FLMLC policy.
30. Camping in the Tallow River Trappers area is generally not permitted without prior approval from TRT, Fee's will be charged according to TRT/FLMLC policy.
31. Match director's or shoot coordinators, will determine shoot fees. All targets will be posted, pulled, and scored in accordance with instructions of the match director, range officer, or shoot coordinator.
32. NMLRA range safety rules are to be followed, except where the FLMLC rules are more restrictive. NMLRA rules can be found at their website.
33. Range safety, RSO/RO commands must be immediately obeyed by everyone. Failure to follow commands may lead to dismissal.

34. Any person at any time has the authority to call for a "cease fire" if a dangerous situation is noticed. However, only the RSO/RO can make the next call on the status of the range and the next commands to shooters.
35. No drawing and firing from a holster or concealment is allowed.
36. No loaded firearms or revolver cylinders are permitted on the bench when the "line is safe" and/or people are downrange.
37. A revolver with a charged cylinder, or charged supplemental cylinder is considered loaded regardless of the cylinder's position.
38. Shooting is only allowed from a stationary position.
39. All firearms are to be treated as "loaded firearms" at all times.
40. All members are authorized and obligated to enforce "range rules", at all times, including during practices, demonstrations, recreational shooting, and competitive matches.
41. Violation of any of these rules may lead to cancelation of membership.