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, Deer Creek, Grand river, Delaware and Woodbury.

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.

(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.