

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

RECREATION DIVISION

SHOOTING RANGES ON STATE-OWNED LANDS

(By authority conferred on the director of the department of natural resources and environment by section 504 of 1994 PA 451, being MCL 324.504 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-22 and 2009-31, MCL 299.13 and 324.99919)

R 299.671 Definitions.

Rule 1. As used in these rules:

(a) "Approved targets" means paper targets for use on the multi-use ranges and archery ranges and clay targets for use on trap/skeet and hand trap ranges or targets approved by the range officer.

(b) "Archery range" means a shooting range designated by an order of the director and posted for use of bows and crossbows.

(c) "Controlled substance" means any substance as defined by section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

(d) "Department" means the department of natural resources and environment.

(e) "Designated shooting ranges" means shooting ranges designated by an order of the director and posted for such use.

(f) "Director" means the director of the department of natural resources and environment.

(g) "Litter" means any rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, or debris.

(h) "Pistol range" means a shooting range designated by an order of the director and posted for use of pistols and revolvers.

(i) "Range officer" means a person placed in charge of a designated shooting range by the director or the director's authorized representative.

(j) "Rifle range" means a shooting range designated by an order of the director and posted for use of rifles and muzzle-loading or black powder firearm.

(k) "Separate powder measure" means a fixed or adjustable container holding a single charge of powder. This may include premeasured charges, with or without ball, in covered containers approved by the range officer.

(l) "Shotgun range" means a shooting range designated by an order of the director and posted for use of shotguns loaded with shot rounds BB or smaller.

(m) "Written permission" means a written permit issued by the director or authorized representative, or a range officer.

History: 1979 AC; 1986 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 299.672 Designated shooting ranges on state-owned lands; prohibited acts.

Rule 2. At designated shooting ranges under the control of the department, a person shall not do any of the following without the written permission of the department, or as posted:

(a) Use or occupy designated shooting ranges, except as posted, without written permission.

(b) Use or discharge a firearm containing more than 1 round without the written permission of the department, except for shotguns at shotgun ranges with skeet or trap equipment.

(c) Use incendiary, explosive, or tracer ammunition.

(d) On a rifle range, use other than a hand-held rifle, a muzzle-loading firearm not exceeding 80 caliber, or a shotgun with slug load.

(e) Use other than clay targets, shotguns, or shot larger than BB or as posted, on the skeet and trapshooting ranges.

(f) On a range designated for pistol use only use other than a pistol or revolver.

(g) Possess an open flame or lighted smoking material in areas posted against such use.

- (h) Act as a spectator on the firing line.
- (i) Possess or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.
- (j) Possess or be under the influence of a controlled substance.
- (k) Dump, deposit, place, throw, or leave litter, except in approved refuse containers.
- (l) Endanger the safety of persons or property.

History: 1979 AC; 1986 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 299.673 Use of firearms on designated shooting ranges; prohibited acts.

Rule 3. On a designated shooting range, a person shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Possess a loaded firearm, except at established shooting stations on the firing line, unless a person is licensed in accordance with 1927 PA 372, MCL 28.422.
- (b) Discharge a firearm, except at established shooting stations at approved targets.
- (c) Discharge a firearm, except when wearing hearing and eye protection.

History: 1979 AC; 2010 AACS.

R 299.673a Use of muzzle-loading firearms; prohibited acts.

Rule 3a. A person using a muzzle-loading or black powder firearm shall not do any of the following on a designated shooting range:

- (a) Use any powder other than black powder, pyrodex, or other black powder substitute.
- (b) Store black powder or pyrodex in other than the original container, flask, or cow horn. The original containers, flask, or cow horn shall contain not more than 1 pound of black powder, pyrodex, or other black powder substitute.
- (c) Load a muzzle-loading firearm from anything other than a separate powder measure. Loading a muzzle-loading firearm from an original container, flask, or cow horn, even if equipped with a measuring device, is prohibited.
- (d) Except while loading, have open containers of black powder or flammable powder solvent on the firing line.

History: 1986 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 299.674 Archery ranges; prohibited acts.

Rule 4. On designated archery ranges, a person shall not use any of the following:

- (a) Archery equipment other than a bow and arrow and crossbow and arrow, bolt or quarrel.
- (b) Hunting broadhead, except with written permission.

History: 1979 AC; 2010 AACS.

R 299.675 Rescinded.

History: 1979 AC; rescinded 2010 AACS.

R 299.676 Rescinded.

History: 1979 AC; rescinded 2010 AACS.

R 299.677 Rescinded.

History: 1979 AC; rescinded 2010 AACS.

R 299.678 Range officer's authority.

Rule 8. The range officer may do any of the following:

(a) Direct activities.

(b) Evict persons for unlawful or prohibited acts.

(c) Close the shooting range if the safety of persons or property is endangered.

History: 1979 AC; 2010 AACCS.