



Range Orientation Policy February 27th, 2023

1. Reference:

a. Minutes from the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners special meeting of June 23, 2014, subject “Land Use Hearing deliberation and decision of East End Rod & Gun Club”.

b. Minutes from the Club Meeting of February 2nd, 2023.

2. Background.

a. Orientation on range operations supports our fulfilling obligations under the Conditional Use Permit issued by Umatilla County. While neither the permit, nor the final findings by the Umatilla County Commissioners (reference 1a) specifically require range orientations, several of the conditions imply the need to maintain suitable range rules, and to train members in their use (subsequent conditions 5, 7 and 11).

b. Originally, the Board mandated annual orientation for all members, given that the conditions were new, so that everyone understood what was required, and why. Further, members would be briefed on changes in range operations. In February 2023, the Board approved a change in that policy (see reference 1b), for these reasons:

(1) The basic requirements of the Conditional Use Permit have been around long enough to become part of the culture within the club. This does not mean 100% compliance, but the majority of members understand the need for the range rules.

(2) The ability of the club volunteers to sustain 3 orientations a month for 20-40 people at each event is decreasing due to a loss of volunteers. The administrative workload needed to update the membership database for so many orientations is becoming unwieldy for the same reason.

(3) Basic liability requirements are met by each member, range user, and all guests signing a waiver annually.

(4) The common practice by other ranges is to have one orientation upon joining, and updating their liability waiver annually.

3. New orientation policy. Effective April 1st, 2023, the club policy is:

a. All members, range users, family members, and all guests using the range will sign

and submit a liability waiver annually, which states in part that they have read, understand, and will comply with the rules and requirements set by the club.

b. Current members who have attended three or more consecutive orientations do not need to attend any more in-person orientations.

c. Current members who have attended less than three consecutive orientations must continue to attend in person orientations until they have three on record.

d. Hereafter, all new members will attend three consecutive annual orientations.

e. If there is a gap in membership of 1 year or more, or a new member fails to participate in three consecutive orientations, the three year countdown starts again.

f. The requirement for three consecutive orientations is based on the observation that new members take that long to become fully familiar with the range rules, and the reasons for them.

g. The Board will investigate an on-line system to update members on changes in range operations.

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