

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is required to use the POF Range?

Before you can shoot, you will be required to register, sign required liability waiver and receive a safety briefing from range personnel. Pre-registration is not required. Lanes first come first serve. Personnel on the firing line and participating in live fire will need to wear appropriate personnel protective equipment (PPE) - eye protection and hearing protection. PPE will not be provided.

Do I have to be military to use the POF range?

General Public are permitted to use the POF range, but they must be accompanied by a Military/DOD Sponsor. Sponsor must present a valid Military/DOD ID card and always be with their guests. Max 2 guests per Sponsor.

Can I bring my children to the POF range?

Minors under the age of 18 are prohibited on the firing line unless accompanied by the individual's legal guardian. Minors under the age of 10 are prohibited from handling or firing weapons unless the individual's legal guardian has direct control of the weapon (hands-on weapon assisted firing). Children cannot be left unattended at any time.

Do you rent firearms?

You must bring your own firearms.

What firearms can I shoot on your range?

Due to limitations associated with the surface danger zone (SDZ) and the ability to safely contain expended rounds within the boundaries of the installation, the following guidance is provided regarding the usage of weapons on Range 5 Gettysburg:

PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS: All types and ammunition legal to possess. However, any pistol/revolver setup to fire magnum rifle or long-range rifle cartridges through barrel change (ie. Thompson Contender) is prohibited. Only approved rifle cartridges will be utilized in these weapons.

SHOTGUNS: All types and calibers legal to possess.

BLACK POWERS/MUZZLELOADER: All types and calibers legal to possess.

RIFLES: As a rule of thumb, hunting rifles and ammunition typically used for taking big and small game at close to mid ranges are approved. These rifles will be chambered in calibers below 7.62x51mm /.308 / .30-06 and utilizing hunting ammunition only.

- Weapons equal to, but not exceeding 7.62x51mm /.308 / .30-06:
- Rifles in these calibers and designed for long distance shooting (sniper or competition) are prohibited. The use of match, sniper or super performance long-range ammunition is prohibited. These exceed the boundaries of the SDZ.

- At the discretion of Range Operations, hunting rifles in calibers equal to, but not exceeding 7.62mm / .308 / .30-06 may be allowed to fire a minimum quantity of rounds for the purpose of zeroing the weapon for hunting safety. These weapon systems will utilize the far right four (4) firing points on Range 5 only.
- These weapon systems will fire at target distances no farther than 100m. All target locations will ensure a backstop of earth or earthen berm. Firers using these weapon systems will not engage steel targets or fire more rounds than required for zeroing. Once zeroing is complete, firers will move off the firing points to allow other patrons to zero weapons.
- 50 Cal BMG, .338 Lapua, .300 Winchester Magnum, 308 Winchester (Sniper) and any other high-power, long-range, sniper or match weapon systems are specifically prohibited from use on the range.
- Larger Caliber rifles, not designed for long-range firing, such as 30-30 Winchester (Lever Action Rifles), may be used, as their ballistics properties do not support long range trajectories.

What types of targets can I use at the range?

We suggest bringing your favorite paper targets and a good staple gun. Target backards and stands will be provided. To mitigate ricochet and SDZ boundary penetration, all targets on the POF range will be at ranges of 100m or less (except for steel targets).

The range safety officer has final say on what targets may be used at our facility. Paper targets will be available for purchase on range day.

Are there any other restrictions for POF range use?

Any unsafe conduct, horseplay or violations of rules, will result in an immediate “cease fire” and may result in personnel being asked to leave the range.

Any person deemed a safety risk will be removed from the range.

Rapid or automatic fire is prohibited.

Military training will not be conducted on the POF range. All military training, to include clubs and teams, will be conducted on separate ranges, reserved through the RFMSS IAW West Point Regulation 350-11.

Do you have additional questions?

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