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IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Park Rules (Updated Feb 2024)

Facilities are for the use of members, their families, and guests. Guests are not expected to be continuous users of the facilities and are encouraged to become members. (Note that Rule 10(a) excludes guests from fishing.) The following rules must be observed:

GATE POLICY:

The front gate is an automated gate. You use a KEY FOB on the left side of the entrance drive. The gate will open and remain open for about 25 seconds and will close automatically. You may find the gate locked open from time to time. This is done when public events are scheduled. The rule to follow is, if you find the gate open, leave it open. When leaving the park, drive up to the gate slowly and it will sense your vehicle and open/close automatically.

Remember that you've paid for the privilege of using the park facilities – don't give your Key Fob to non-members.

GENERAL PARK RULES

1. Keep the grounds and facilities clean. Remove all trash and garbage and place in dumpsters or other containers provided.
2. Do not burn garbage in fireplaces or barrels.
3. Do not throw garbage in toilets/port-a-johns.
4. Replace picnic tables where you found them.
5. Fires are permitted only in personal grills, or the fireplaces and fire rings provided. Fires must be extinguished when the campsite or picnic area is vacated. Extreme caution is to be used during dry weather. COUNTY/CITY BURN BANS MUST BE FOLLOWED WHEN IN EFFECT.
6. Do not pick or damage flowers, trees, or shrubs.
7. Swimming is strictly prohibited.
8. Boating regulations, in addition to those prescribed by state law, include:
 - (a) All motors are prohibited.
 - (b) Boats must be removed from park after use.
9. No hunting. (except special board approved events) Use of firearms is limited to the various ranges where all of the range rules must be strictly observed.
10. Fishing regulations, in addition to those prescribed by state law, include:
 - (a) Fishing privileges are limited to members and their families.
 - (b) Use of minnows for bait is prohibited; placing of fish, chemicals, trash or foreign matter in or near the lake is prohibited.
 - (c) No more than one pole or rod, line and lure or baited hook may be used by any person.

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11. No dogs are allowed in the park, unless on a leash. Except that handlers of hunting dogs may use the park facilities for training purposes in accordance with state regulations. During such training periods a leash will not be required; however, the handler is expected to keep the dog under control so as not to interfere with other park users or wildlife. In an effort to protect nesting areas, all training will be limited to the area south and west of the trap and skeet range road and north of the lake, and in the north bay of the lake. All training will be prohibited for the period March 1 through July 1.
12. No illegal controlled substances or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. No persons under the influence of illegal controlled substances or alcohol are allowed in the park.
13. All motorized vehicles will be driven only on the park roads and approved parking areas.
14. Campground usage: Camping is available in semi-primitive area with limited electricity available.
 - (a) Campers to follow all park rules as presented by the board.
 - (b) Camping facilities are available only for park members and their immediate families.
 - (c) Camping is permitted only in designated area. Additional camping space available for short term at the discretion of the board.
 - (d) The use of camper air-conditioners in the park is prohibited due to limited power and additional costs.
 - (e) Camping sites are not to be used for storage of campers. The sites are intended for the use of members wishing to enjoy the park.
 - (f) Camping units may not remain unoccupied within the park for more than five consecutive days, and then only if planning to camp at the end of that time.
 - (g) Camping will be limited to 14 consecutive days in a specific area and 21 consecutive days in the park. Campers will then be required to leave the park for a minimum of 48 hours.
 - (h) Campers are prohibited from crossing roadways with electrical cords. When camping units are not occupied, electrical cords should not run across areas to be mowed. The cords should be disconnected if at all possible. The Izaak Walton League cannot be held responsible if the power should fail.
 - (i) Members using the camping area are asked to be responsible for the area by volunteering their time on the maintenance of the camping and shelter house area. Contact the Grounds and Equipment Committee for the use of park equipment.
 - (j) Be considerate of others so that everyone may enjoy the out-of-doors.
15. Violation of the foregoing regulations will be grounds for suspension of all recreational privileges in the park.
16. Rules may be modified at any time at the discretion of the board of directors without notice.

Every reasonable precaution has been taken to provide for your safety and enjoyment. The Ames chapter assumes no responsibility for accidents, damage or loss of property.



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OUTDOOR ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. Only members of the Ames Izaak Walton League may use the range except during chapter sponsored events. . Board approved/scheduled events have priority over individual member use. You must ask the event coordinator for permission to use any part of the area while their event is in process.
2. No broadheads are allowed on the range.
3. Use elevated platform at your own risk. A safety belt or harness is recommended.
4. All children under 16 years must have adult supervision.
5. Please report any problems, comments or suggestions by emailing president@amesikes.org and/or info@amesikes.org

GENERAL CHAPTERHOUSE RULES (Further information and rental rates can be found on Ames Ikes website under "CHAPTERHOUSE")

1. Sweep the floor (required) and mop if necessary.
2. Clean the kitchen (if used).
3. Clean the bathrooms.
4. Remove all garbage and replace garbage bags.
5. Clean out fireplace (if used).
6. Store tables and chairs in the proper storage racks.

INDOOR RANGE RULES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND REGULATIONS

Range Regulations: These regulations supersede and void all other published regulations and will remain in effect until revised or replaced by board action. Shooters that do not observe and follow these rules may lose their range privileges by action of the Board of Directors.

1. The range is open to members and non-members during public range scheduled hours/dates.
2. Hearing and eye protection is required for shooters and observers.
3. Ammunition is limited to .22 cal rimfire, .380 auto, 9mm, .38 spl., .40 S&W, .45 ACP, and similar rounds (No Magnums). Jacketed ammunition is acceptable. BB's and Pellets are not allowed during regular hours.
4. The time available will be monitored and controlled by the range officer. Payment of the range fee will not allow a member or non-member to shoot for the entire period that the range is open. This is dependent on the number of shooters using the range.
5. Shooters are responsible for policing their brass and keeping the range clean.
6. The range may be rented to outside groups with the approval of the Chairman of the Indoor Range Committee.
7. No one under the age of 16 years will be allowed to shoot unless supervised by an adult.
8. There will be no charge for children under the age of 16 years, providing they are accompanied by an adult and share a single shooting booth.
9. The Indoor Range Committee will establish and control the fee schedule for use of the range by members, non-members and potential renters.
10. Additional rules may be defined/posted at the range per scheduled event or by Range Safety Officer at time of use.

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TRAP AND SKEET RANGE SAFETY RULES

1. All guns are to be unloaded and kept in the gun racks where provided with actions open until the shooter is ready to enter the shooting station.
2. Guns are to be unloaded before the shooter leaves the shooting station.
3. Guns will be unloaded on command from the scorekeeper or safety officer.
4. Hearing and eye protection is required for shooters and observers.
5. Minors must be under the supervision of an adult.
6. Decisions of the management in regard to scoring, competitive rules and any other disputes are final.
7. Shooters assume the responsibility for their own equipment.
8. Shooters are to retrieve their empty shell cases.
9. Shooters should report any unsafe shooting conditions or unsafe gun handling immediately to the management.
10. Regular use Shot Shell limits are as follows: Lead shot size no larger than 7 ½, or steel shot size larger than 6
11. Sponsors of tournaments and events may determine specific rules for their events. Board approved/scheduled events have priority over individual member use. You must ask the event coordinator for permission to use any part of the Trap/Skeet area while their event is in process.
12. The shotgun patterning board at the Trap and Skeet range is intended for use patterning Trap/Skeet loads of 7 ½ lead shot (6 shot non-toxic) or SMALLER SIZE ONLY. Use the patterning board between the rifle and pistol range for larger shot sizes.
13. Members who wish to use their own clays and hand/mechanical throwers are welcome to do so but must follow these additional rules
 - a) Scheduled activities take precedence. You must ask the active event coordinator/Coach/Range Officer if space is available.
 - b) Shooters must stay in the HAND THROWER SHOOTING ZONE when firing. (See Diagram on Last Page). This is essentially the 16 to 25 yard line north of the center and east trap houses.
 - c) Shooters must keep their shots in the ZONE OF FIRE direction (See Diagram on Last Page). This area is essentially straight south of the center and east trap houses.
 - d) DO NOT fire directly at the trap houses or set anything on them to shoot.
 - e) Thrown clays MUST have enough velocity to fall beyond the established mowed zone of the Trap field. It is the responsibility of the person throwing to safely set up with respect to the position and direction of the shooter.
14. Shooters that do not observe and follow these rules may lose their range privileges by action of the Board of Directors.



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OUTDOOR RIFLE & HANDGUN RANGE RULES

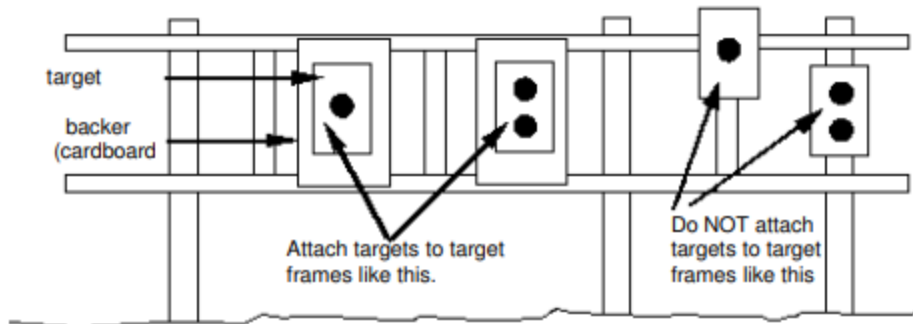
1. Hearing and eye protection is required for shooters and observers.
2. Hours of operations are 7:30AM to ½ Hour BEFORE sunset. Special events approved by the Board may extend this time.
3. Only members may use the range and must display their current membership card upon request. A member may bring a guest up to 2 times per year. Non-Members may use the range during specified club sponsored events.
4. Shoot only at targets placed on the target stands or properly attached to the target frames (see image on next page), or placed at the base of the berms.
5. The outdoor range committee has deemed the following items as inappropriate for use as targets: rocks, concrete blocks, glass objects, bricks, golf balls, computer parts, compressed gas cylinders, CD's, or any item the range committee may determine to be unsafe or inappropriate. NO BINARY TYPE OR EXPLOSIVE TARGETS (eg Tannerite)
6. Non-paper targets (cans, plastic containers, clay birds, etc.) must be placed on the target stands or at the base of the berms – not on the target frame.
7. Personal "Steel Targets" may be used and must be the compliant mounted type (chain, hinge, flipper). They must be placed as follows to avoid ricochet and damage to regular target frames.
 - a) On the rifle range: in front of the berms only @100 or 200 yards
 - b) On the handgun/pistol range: directly in front of the dirt berm
8. Shooters will retrieve and dispose of ALL used targets in the provided garbage dumpster or trash receptacle.
9. No firing of shotguns with shot loads at rifle or pistol range targets. (slugs are permitted). The shotgun patterning board at the Pistol range is for patterning any type of shot shell. (Trap/Skeet. Heavy Field, Turkey, 00 Buck, etc). This is located slightly to the left of the pistol range berm and you must follow etiquette/protocol/rules that apply to the pistol shooters.
10. No tracer ammunition is permitted.
11. No fully automatic or simulated automatic fire allowed, except during club sponsored events.
12. Only .22 rimfire guns may be fired at the 40M, 60M, 77M, & 100M silhouette berms, except during club sponsored events.
13. Minors must be under the supervision of an adult.
14. Safe gun handling rules and etiquette must be observed.
15. Properly dispose of your empty brass/shells at the conclusion of your shooting session. Brooms/dustpans/trash cans are provided.
16. Shooters are expected to peer enforce these rules by asking violators to discontinue shooting and report the violations to the Board of Directors.
17. Additional rules may be defined/posted at the range per scheduled event or by Range Safety Officer at time of use.
18. Board approved/scheduled events have priority over individual member use. You must ask the event coordinator for permission to use any part of the area while their event is in process.
19. Shooters that do not observe and follow these rules may lose their range privileges by action of the Board of Directors.

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TARGET FRAME DIAGRAM USE FOR ATTACHING TARGETS



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Trap and Skeet diagram for hand throwing targets



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