

Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office & Mankato Department of Public Safety Police

Range Rules

- All Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office (BEC SO) and Mankato Department of Public Safety (Mankato DPS) policies apply.
- Printed copies of specific policies can be requested from the BEC SO and Mankato DPS.
- All rules and conditions set by the Lime Township Board in the Conditional Use Permit will be followed. A printed copy of these rules and conditions can be requested from the BEC SO or Mankato DPS.
- Shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Any shooting after 7:00 p.m. must be approved by the BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police Department. The range is closed on Sundays. The use of emergency lights and/or sirens on squad vehicles must first be approved by the BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police Department.
- The range may only be used by Licensed Law Enforcement Officers. Firearm safety courses and organized educational programs may be conducted when approved by the BEC SO and Mankato DPS Police Department.
- Use of the range must be approved by the BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police each time it is used. Any outside agency or group using the range must complete and sign a Range Use Agreement. This agreement must be approved by the Joint Powers Board and the Lime Township Board.
- Each agency or group using the range must open an ICR through the Blue Earth County Dispatch Center when they arrive at the range. The ICR must then be closed when the agency or group leaves the range.
- User groups must read, sign and comply with the liability waiver form provided by the BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police.
- Use of the range must be scheduled through the BEC SO/Mankato DPS police at: <http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us> or by phone at (507) 387-8700.
- Use of the BEC SO/Mankato DPS range is authorized only when there is an employee of the BEC SO or Mankato DPS Police Department or an agent trained in the operation of the range on site acting as a Range Officer. The Range Officer shall have full command of the range at all times.
- A minimum of two (2) people must be present at the range during operation, one of them being a Range Officer.
- Firearms and ammunition must not exceed range limitations. The BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police Department reserves the right to disqualify the use of any firearm or any type of ammunition. The BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police Department reserves the right to restrict the caliber of weapon fire at the range. Prior to use of the range, the User Groups shall inform the BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police Department of each caliber of ammunition that the user group intends to fire. No cannons, artillery or rockets shall be discharged. All shooting must occur down range into the bullet trap.
The following are disqualified from use:
 1. Absolutely no tracer ammunition of any type is allowed.
 2. Full automatic weapon fire may not exceed two hundred (200) rounds per minute for more than two (2) hours duration in any twenty-four (24) hour period.
 3. Shotgun 1 ¼ ounce ammunition with a muzzle velocity of 1,560 feet per second or greater.
 4. Rifle 300 grain ammunition with a muzzle velocity of 3,500 feet per second or greater.
- Weapons shall be drawn, loaded or unloaded only at the firing line and only upon the command of a Range Officer. All weapons shall be holstered or in a case at all times except:
 1. At the firing line
 2. At the firearm cleaning station
 3. At the instruction of a range officer.
- Ear and eye protection will be worn at all times while on the firing line. Ear protection is required while on the range property if the firing line is in use.
- Long pants are required for all shooters.
- The handling of firearms will be allowed only in areas designated by the Range Officer.
- Firearms will be cased or holstered unless told to do otherwise by the Range Officer.
- Firearms will be discharged ONLY under the direction of the Range Officer.
- Only paper or cardboard targets are allowed unless approved by the BEC SO/Mankato DPS Police Department.
- All firearms will be pointed either down range or in a safe direction at all times.
- It is the responsibility of the User Group to ensure the serviceability of weapons used at the range.
- The User Group shall verify that a first aid kit is available when the range is in use.
- Prior to using the range the User Group shall verify that all the communications systems are working.
- In the event of a weapon malfunction, the shooter shall continue to point the weapon down range and attempt to clear the weapon. If the shooter is unable to clear the weapon, control of the weapon will be taken over by a Range Officer.
- No pagers, cell phones, or other such devices are permitted at the firing line.
- Smoking is only in designated areas.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the range property.
- The Range Officer may remove anyone from the property at any time.

- The User Group shall provide their own gun cleaning supplies. The User Group is responsible for removing the used materials at the end of the shoot.
- Each User Group shall clean the range. The User Group will pick all brass and shooting trash up daily and all equipment, buildings, and gates will be secured.
- The User Group shall immediately report any safety violations to the BECSO or Mankato DPS Police Department.