



P.O. Box 84

Lima, Ohio 45802

[www.limasabres.com](http://www.limasabres.com)

Lima Sabres Shooting Association Inc. (LSSA, Association, club), an IRC 501(c)(7.) Corporation, was incorporated in 1975 for the purpose of establishing a permanent shooting range for the Lima Allen County area. General Membership Meetings are conducted on the last Wednesday of the month, January through October, at 7 P.M. in the clubhouse. Board Meetings are open to Membership and commence after adjournment of the General Meeting. The Association depends on funds raised from dues, matches, and rental of the associations ranges and facilities to cover expenses incurred while developing and maintaining it's 80+ acre property on Hanthorn Rd.

Scheduled events, to include training, matches and maintenance may cause specific ranges to be closed to member use for limited periods. Matches are normally held on weekends and are open to the public. Range rental or rental of the clubhouse may also cause specific ranges or the clubhouse to be closed to members for limited periods. Unless approved by the Membership and published prior to the date of closure, at no time will All ranges be closed for an event; except for mowing, maintenance or matters of National Security. In general, one or more ranges will remain open and available for member use during scheduled events.

Announcements, Range Schedules and a Calendar of Events are posted at the clubhouse, in the newsletter and on-line at [www.limasabres.com](http://www.limasabres.com) for everyone's convenience.

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. All applications for membership shall be submitted with the current initiation fees and Annual or Life Membership dues. Memberships are INDIVIDUAL memberships in the Association. Residents within your immediate household are welcome with your attendance, however, membership and facility access rights are non-transferable and are invalid without your immediate presence.
2. The Applicant shall attend the next membership meeting following notification to receive indoctrination of the Safety Rules and mandatory walk-through of the ranges and facilities. If the Applicant is unable to attend a meeting, an Officer or Director of the club may conduct the safety indoctrination by appointment. An Applicant may not use the ranges outside of Public events until the safety indoctrination has been completed, the Applicant is processed by the Secretary and Membership card has been presented.
3. Each Applicant will be provided a copy of the Safety Rules during indoctrination. Safety Rules shall also be available for download from the Lima SABRES website. Copies of the Association By Laws, Standard Operating Procedures and Rules are maintained for review in the clubhouse. Members may also request and are entitled to receive a copy of Association financial reports.
4. An Applicant shall not be issued a membership card until a signed Safety Certificate attesting to receipt, and Agreement to abide by Association Rules has been received and processed by the Secretary.
5. Annual memberships are not pro-rated and are valid through February 28<sup>th</sup>.
6. Membership Renewals require the submission of current fees and Annual Self-Certification of Safety Indoctrination by reviewing the safety video available on-line at [www.member.limasabres.com](http://www.member.limasabres.com)
7. All members using LSSA ranges and facilities are required to carry their membership badge and present it if asked by another member. If unable to do so, you could be asked to leave Association property.
8. Membership within the Association does not confer a right or privilege to utilize Association facilities for commercial purposes. Please contact the Board for commercial activities requirements and approval.



Abuse, misuse and carelessness have no place at a shooting facility. Therefore, LSSA has established General Rules that apply to all ranges and Association property. Range Specific Rules supplement the General Rules. These rules seek to establish conditions for safe and enjoyable experiences by our members while using the facilities of the Association, but are not all inclusive to the safe handling or shooting of firearms on this or any range; nor the many and varied legalities of firearm ownership. Violation of these rules can lead to revocation of membership privileges. Please be aware that the rules contained herein apply to 'general use' of Association facilities by Members and their guests. At times, you may observe board approved training and events, whether provided by the Association or by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, which have been exempted from certain rules or provisions in order to facilitate the unique requirements, or advanced nature, of that specific activity.

### **\* General Rules \***

1. On a firing range, there is one *and only one* firing line; nobody may shoot ahead of the firing line.
2. One person acts as Range Officer. ANYONE CAN CALL CEASE-FIRE!
3. Ear and eye protection must be worn on the firing line..
4. Firearms may not be handled while people are down range. This includes transporting uncased firearms to and from vehicles. No loaded firearms may be left on shooting benches or mats while people are down range. Before going down range shooters must make sure all firearms on the firing line are unloaded, actions open and magazines out. The use of Empty Chamber Indicators is recommended.
5. Drugs of abuse, or otherwise legal but illicitly used drugs, drug paraphernalia and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on Association grounds at all times.
6. No glass is permitted on a range and glass objects may not be used as targets.
7. Skipping shots off the ground on all ranges is prohibited. Balls or other ground based targets and exploding targets (e.g. Tannite) are prohibited on all ranges.
8. Shooters must supply and attach their own targets to LSSA supplied plastic backers. Do not attach targets to cross supports, wooden frames, uprights or Association structures.
9. Targets must be positioned on the provided target backers to permit firing into the designated backstop for the shooting distance. Place your target at the appropriate height to ensure your bullet directly impacts the backstop.
10. Please remove your target and properly dispose of it when you have completed firing. Police the firing line and range by removing and properly disposing of, or recycling all spent brass, cases, hulls and trash when you have completed firing.
11. No targets of any kind may be placed on top of a backstop. Know your target and what is beyond it.
12. Do not crossfire to another target. Only fire at the target associated with your firing point.
13. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited without Board approval.



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14. No unauthorized hunting or trapping is permitted on property owned by the Association.
15. Children, guests and family members under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
16. Guests must be accompanied by a club member and may use the facilities a maximum of **2** times without applying for membership. Members are responsible for their guests and must sign the guest in. Guest forms are in the white mailbox on the porch.
17. The **HANDLING** of **LOADED** firearms is prohibited within the clubhouse. Note: This **DOES NOT** prohibit the display or handling of **UNLOADED** firearms, nor the lawful carry of loaded Open or CCW firearms within the clubhouse. \*Air guns approved by the Match Director for competition purposes and *during scheduled events only* are permitted to be loaded, handled and discharged in the course of competition or practice within the clubhouse.
18. As a courtesy to our neighbors, shooting is not permitted on any range before 9 A.M. Sundays; nor upon illumination of the security lights or during Monthly Meetings without Board approval.
19. Theft, unauthorized access to storage buildings or target pit, the willful destruction, defacing or vandalism of Association property and careless or reckless discharge of firearms is prohibited.
20. Fighting, threats and acts of intimidation are prohibited.
21. Obey the posted speed limit to help keep the driveway in good condition.
22. If the parking lot at the clubhouse is gated, use 'Taviano Way' to access the 25/50/Kelley's Korner ranges.
23. If you are the first to arrive at the range, you may lock the gate behind you.
24. Fishing is catch and release only.
25. Swimming in and ice skating on the pond are prohibited.

As a Member it is your duty and responsibility to report observed violations to an Officer or Director of the club. If you do not wish to confront a person who is disobeying Association rules, get the license plate number of their vehicle, a description of the person and report the incident immediately. .

**Incident Report Forms are stored in the mailbox on the porch. Send the completed Incident Report Form to:**

**Lima SABRES Shooting Association  
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**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911!**

**If needed, please call the Contacts as listed at the clubhouse.**



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**\* RANGE SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES \***

**KELLEY'S KORNER PLINKING RANGE**

1. This range may be reserved.
2. Firing **must** be from the designated firing line; nobody may shoot ahead of the firing line.
3. Any caliber handgun or rifle may be used on this range.
4. Shotguns may be fired on the far WEST end of this range only. Shot and slugs must directly impact the berm..
5. Firearms may not be handled while people are down range. This includes transporting uncased firearms to and from vehicles. No loaded firearms may be left on shooting benches or mats while people are down range. Before going down range shooters must make sure all firearms on the firing line are unloaded, actions open, magazines out. The use of Empty Chamber Indicators is recommended.
6. Shooters must supply and attach their own targets to LSSA supplied plastic backers. Place your target at the appropriate height to ensure your bullet directly impacts the berm. Do not attach targets to cross supports, wooden frames, uprights or Association structures. Please remove your target and properly dispose of it when you have completed firing.
7. Police the firing line and range by removing and properly disposing of, or recycling, spent brass, cases, hulls and trash when you have completed firing.
8. This range will be CLOSED when Scheduled Firing from the 300yd firing line is in progress.



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**LOWRY RIFLE RANGE**

1. Firing **must** be from the designated covered firing line or the grass pad south of the covered firing line; nobody may shoot ahead of the firing line.
2. The **300 YARD firing line**, is for **CLUB SANCTIONED EVENTS ONLY!**
3. Use of the target pit and carriers incurs additional responsibilities and is therefore restricted to properly trained and authorized persons only. Contact the Highpower Director for training and access information.
4. Any caliber rifle, handgun, muzzle-loader or shotgun may be fired on this range. The patterning of shotguns IS allowed on this range if the patterning board along the 50 yard range is unavailable.
5. Firearms may not be handled while people are down range. This includes transporting uncased firearms to and from vehicles. No loaded firearms may be left on shooting benches or mats while people are down range. Before going down range shooters must make sure all firearms on the firing line are unloaded, actions open, magazines out. The use of Empty Chamber Indicators is recommended.

*\* Scheduled High-Power Events Only:* Uncased rifles may be transported between Stages of Scheduled Competition or Practice while persons are down range provided that:

1. The rifle is properly secured in a range cart commonly used for such competition.
  2. Magazines are out of the rifle and an Empty Chamber Indicators has been inserted.
  3. It is a declared Stage Change and the Range Officer has verified provisions 1 and 2 are met.
6. The muzzle of all firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times, be pointed down range, or stored upright in the provided racks with actions open until ready to fire. The use of Empty Chamber Indicators is recommended.
  7. Metal targets may not be used unless they meet the requirements below:

Metal targets **must** be reactive. Reactive targets must be positioned at the base of the backstop to avoid skipping shots off the ground and at an appropriate height to ensure your bullet directly impacts the backstop. Do not shoot metal Silhouettes with High-Power rifles.

Stationary metal targets may only be used for club sanctioned handgun competitions.
  8. Shooters must supply and attach their own targets to LSSA supplied plastic backers. Place your target at the appropriate height to ensure your bullet directly impacts the berm. Do not attach targets to cross supports, wooden frames, uprights or Association structures. Please remove your target and properly dispose of it when you have completed firing.
  9. Police the firing line and range by removing and properly disposing of, or recycling, spent brass, cases, hulls and trash when you have completed firing.
  10. Anyone using the rifle range needs to be aware that someone could be firing on the grass rifle pad. They will need to work accordingly with that person in order to proceed down range.



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**BURKY'S BUNKER 25 YARD AND CAMP TUCKER 50 YARD RANGES**

1. These ranges may be reserved.
2. Check enclosed buildings BEFORE proceeding down range!
3. Any caliber handgun and Rim-Fire rifles are permitted on the 25 and 50 yard ranges.
4. No Center-Fire rifles are permitted on the 25 or 50 yard ranges.  
(\* Special permission may be granted for law enforcement training or with Board Approval)
5. No shotguns or handgun shot-shells are permitted on the 25 or 50 yard ranges.  
(\* Special permission may be granted for law enforcement training or with Board Approval)
6. Firearms may not be handled while people are down range. This includes transporting uncased firearms to and from vehicles. No loaded firearms may be left on shooting benches or mats while people are down range. Before going down range shooters must make sure all firearms on the firing line are unloaded, actions open, magazines out. The use of Empty Chamber Indicators is recommended.
7. **TWENTY FIVE YARD RANGE (BURKY'S BUNKER) ONLY:** A firing line **may** be established closer to the backstop by a shooter or group of shooters when the range is not already in use. If another shooter wishes to use the range, the firing line may have to be moved back. In all cases, shooters should be willing to accommodate other shooters wishing to use the range.

**FIFTY YARD RANGE (CAMP TUCKER):** This is a fifty yard range only. Firing **must** be from the designated covered firing line or from within the shooting house; nobody may shoot ahead of the firing line.  
(\* Special permission may be granted for law enforcement training or with Board Approval)

8. The muzzle of all firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times, be pointed down range, or stored upright in the provided racks with actions open until ready to fire. The use of Empty Chamber Indicators is recommended.
9. Shooters must supply and attach their own targets to LSSA supplied plastic backers. Place your target at the appropriate height to ensure your bullet directly impacts the berm. Do not attach targets to cross supports, wooden frames, uprights or Association structures. Please remove your target and properly dispose of it when you have completed firing.
10. Police the firing line and range by removing and properly disposing of, or recycling, spent brass, cases, and trash when you have completed firing.
11. Metal targets may not be used unless they meet the requirements below:

Metal targets **must** be reactive. Reactive targets must be positioned at the base of the backstop to avoid skipping shots off the ground and at an appropriate height to ensure your bullet directly impacts the backstop.

Stationary metal targets may only be used for club sanctioned handgun competitions.



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**TAVIANO TRAP RANGE**

1. Only authorized and trained personnel provided by the club are permitted to operate LSSA trap machines.
2. Hand or privately owned trap throwers of any kind are only permitted to be used in-line with the trap houses. Targets may not be thrown from the discharge side (front) of the trap houses.
3. Shotguns shall only be loaded when it is your turn to shoot. Shotguns may only be discharged in the direction that birds are normally thrown.
4. Stay parallel with the trap houses while shooting.
5. Chain off BOTH ends of 'Taviano Way' while shooting. Chains and stands are located at the drive entrances near the clubhouse and at the 50 yard building.
6. 'Taviano Way' MUST remain open while the 300 yard rifle range is in use.
7. No hand throwing of birds while the 300 yard rifle range is in use.
8. Shotguns may NOT be patterned on the Trap Range. A patterning board is located along the NORTH side of the 50 yard range; pattern firing direction is toward the EAST.
9. Police the trap field by removing and properly disposing of, or recycling, spent hulls and trash when you have completed firing.

**ARCHERY RANGE**

1. No firearms are permitted to be discharged on the Archery Range.
2. Shoot only authorized targets, and maintain awareness of potential pedestrian traffic accessing the range at all times!
3. No broad-heads are permitted to be used in LSSA provided bag targets or Silhouettes.
4. Users of the LSSA Archery Tower assume all risk and liability for injury or accident. Climb with care, maintaining three points of contact at all times.



It is important that you are aware of, and observe, our property lines. It is club policy to respect our neighbors and the rights of all private land owners. The images below approximate LSSA property boundaries and various features on Association property.

