Maltese Arms Shooting Club Standard Operating Procedures

1. **General.** Live firing conducted at Maltese Arms Shooting Club is designed to provide authorized personnel and their families and guests access to a facility where they can become proficient/maintain proficiency with privately owned firearms.
2. **Facilities for use.** Range activity is at the discretion of the Club Owners. Range scheduling can be done via email (info@maltesearms.org), Club Manager (CM) Josh Scallate, 843-812-7194. Live fire shooting is normally limited to the following ranges and equipment:
	1. **Rifle/Pistol Range.** Rifles smaller than .50 caliber should be shot at the 500 yard back stops, or shorter ranges using the metal stands and wooden target holders; pistols of any caliber can be fired at the pistol range, or at the rifle range in coordination with the RSO. ( Tracer, armor-piercing or incendiary ammunition is not permitted.) Targets shall be placed high enough so as to not allow the shooter to fire directly at the ground, but shall not exceed 3ft height restriction. Steel targets are authorized, but extra caution is required for the safety of other shooters due to ricochets and bullet/metal jacket separation. Follow instructions provided with such targets and avoid shooting with steel core ammunition (green tip). Tannerite and other explosive targets are **NOT** permitted. Shotguns are authorized to shoot buckshot or slugs on the rifle/pistol ranges. Again, extra care should be taken when shooting at or near steel targets with shotguns to prevent ricochets.
	2. **Skeet/Trap/Five-Stand/Tower Ranges.** Shotguns only (no buckshot or slugs) are permitted. Revolver pistols that can fire the .410 gauge shell are not authorized on any shotgun range. Clay targets are the only authorized targets. Turkey Shoot activities must be organized with the CO. Shooters wanting to pattern their shotguns should use the rifle range and coordinate with RSO.
3. **Range Limitations and Safety Requirements.**
	1. **Live-Fire Shooters will:**
		1. Fire only authorized firearms and ammunition.
		2. Fire only at authorized targets.
		3. Fire only after having read and signed the **Hold Harmless Agreement/Waiver of Liability** and after signing the logbook upon entry of the range. This is **mandatory** for all members and their guests.
		4. Ensure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits. (Sighting in optics for the first time should be done at a closer range and then moved to the appropriate distance.)
		5. Heed **Cease Fire and Range Cold** commands and make safe all firearms before a shooter moves forward of the firing line or during any **unsafe** condition called by the RSO. Any and all personnel on the range have the responsibility to call “CEASE FIRE” in the event that they see any unsafe condition.
		6. Use appropriate ear protection.
		7. Use appropriate eye protection.
		8. Notify the CO of any safety infractions.
		9. Pick up all paper, and other debris that have accumulated on the range. Dispose of them in the plastic garbage containers or the compactor provided. Pick up shot gun shells. **Do not put brass in garbage containers.**
		10. Only controlled double-taps are authorized on the pistol range. Informing the RSO of this practice is required. Controlled double-taps require front sight acquisition for the second shot.
		11. Strong side and cross body draw holsters are authorized. No shoulder holsters are allowed on the range.
	2. **Authorized & Prohibited Firearms.** Machineguns are conditionally authorized. The owner must contact the Club Owners for approval prior to the live-fire event. The member or guest organization must provide the proper federal licenses and/or all required paperwork to the Club Owner prior to firing any fully automatic or select-fire firearms. Large-caliber rifles chambered for the .50 BMG cartridge are authorized only after coordination with the CO and must be fired only in direction of the 500-yard berm.
	3. The RSO can deny machinegun fire during shooting if established procedures are not being followed or safety infractions occur.
	4. Black Powder rifles/pistols are authorized on the rifle/pistol range.
4. **Authorized Personnel.** The following persons are allowed to fire:
	1. Current members of Maltese Arms Shooting Club.
	2. Invited guests of the above, provided the authorized member is present, and assumes full responsibility for the conduct of his/her guests. Each member is permitted to bring up to two guests.
	3. Immediate family of a Member is permitted and must be accompanied by the member. Immediate family includes, parents, siblings, spouses, children, grandparents, or grandchildren.
	4. Guests that purchase a “Daily Pass”.
	5. Outside personnel approved by the Club Owner or Club Manager on a case-by-case basis with full coordination.
5. **Club Fees.** Membership costs $500 for the initial year. Renewal cost is $500 yearly to maintain status as a Member of Maltese Arms Shooting Club. Daily Shooter cost is $30 **PER PERSON**. If you are not a member, each person must pay the Daily Shooter cost prior to visiting the Range. Membership or Daily Passes can be purchased by visiting [www.maltesearms.org/join](http://www.maltesearms.org/join).
6. **Personnel Responsibilities.**
	1. **Club Owner:**
		1. Maintain the range facilities.
		2. Ensure proper training is conducted for RSO.
		3. Coordinate all requests for outside agencies to use the range for special occasions.
	2. **Range Safety Officer (RSO):** The Club Owner must first approve anyone desiring to become a RSO. All RSO are paid employees of Maltese Arms Shooting Club. RSO status is accomplished by attending the RSO class given by the Owner.
		1. Conduct Range inspection.
		2. Conduct refresher Range Safety Briefing with arriving shooters.
		3. Report any incidents to the Club Owners.
		4. The RSO has authority to terminate range access to any member and/or guest, who appears to be intoxicated, continually violates safety procedures, or fails to obey reasonable RSO instruction(s). Any such incident must be reported immediately to Club Owners.
		5. Turn in all gear when complete.
	3. **Members.** All members and guests MUST sign in at the range entrance and read the safety rules before heading into the range. Members will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times and are responsible for payment of guest fees and the conduct of any guest they accompany. All shooters are responsible for their guns and ammunition while on the property. Firearms that are out of the case and not being fired must be benched.
		1. Actions must be open and facing away from all other shooters, chambers empty, magazines removed, muzzles pointed downrange, and safeties on (if equipped). AK type weapons without a bolt hold open feature should use chamber flags to hold these bolts open.
		2. **Do not handle weapons or ammunition behind the firing line at any time without the permission of the RSO when anyone is downrange. When moving weapons to/from the firing line – keep muzzles elevated and do not point weapons at other shooters.** Do not begin firing until the RSO has declared the Range **HOT**.
		3. If the shooter experiences a weapon malfunction, **keep the muzzle pointed down range, raise your hand and state your problem to the RSO – obey his/her direction until the problem is resolved. RSO will call the Range cold and all other shooters will safe weapons until further notice.**
		4. Obey the command “**CEASE FIRE**” for any unsafe condition.
		5. Follow all instructions from the RSO. Assist in cleaning up the range (i.e. brass, paper targets, trash, and/or debris.)
7. **Hours of Operation and Scheduling.** Maltese Arms Shooting Club is open daily from 9am-6pm. All range scheduling is controlled by the Club Owners. Club staff can be contacted by calling Josh Scallate, 843-812-7194 to confirm availability or by contacting staff at info@maltesearms.org. Please check our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/maltesearmsshootingclub](http://www.facebook.com/maltesearmsshootingclub) to see any changes to opening schedule.
	1. **Closures.** Should the range be closed, please check our Facebook page for notices or call to confirm openings/closures. In the event we have a scheduled closing, an email blast will be sent 24 hours in advanced at the latest. Please join our mailing list on the home page of our website, www.maltesearmsorg. We will also post on our Facebook page with notice.
8. **Alcoholic Beverages.** Shooters and their guests may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medications) before or during live firing. The RSO will deny/terminate range access to anyone in violation
9. **Medical Support.** In the event of a medical emergency, first call 911 and notify Club Owner immediately. Provide proper first aid until professional help arrives. Remember that cell phone communication at the Range may not be available to make this call. If the injury is minor and the person can be transported off the firing line safely, do so and await emergency personnel. For any injury with potential head/neck/spinal trauma, internal injuries, or massive blood loss, do not attempt to move the injured person without emergency medical personnel. All range operations will stop until the situation has been resolved. **Detail all relevant information in writing, have all witnesses do the same, and submit your account to Josh Scallate immediately.**

Thank you for keeping Maltese Arms Shooting Club safe!