



Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club Policy Statement

SUBJECT: Use of Rifle Caliber Ammunition in the Pistol Bays – May, 2022

Background

Historically the use of rifle caliber ammunition, with the exception of .22 LR, has been prohibited in any of the LASC pistol bays. However, it has been recently demonstrated, under strict control, that carbine matches using rifle caliber ammunition can be conducted in a safe, responsible manner. As such, the LASC Board of Directors has approved an updated policy regarding expanded use of rifle caliber ammunition in the pistol bays under strict range officer/safety officer (RO/SO) direction and control.

Policy

Effective immediately, the limited use of rifle caliber ammunition is **approved** for the following types of events:

- **Rifle or carbine competitions or matches that are controlled by experienced match directors, SOs/ROs, or other authorized persons.**
 - “Control” is defined by one RO/SO per shooter on the course of fire.
- **Rifle/carbine style training by independent contractors and/or approved club training events by authorized persons.**
 - In addition to the controls listed below, training is limited static “marksmanship” events.
 - Tactical type training that requires movement or shooting on the move is **prohibited** in the pistol pits.
 - The LASC training coordinator will inform trainers of the restrictions on use of rifle caliber ammunition before training is approved.
- **Law enforcement (LE) rifle/carbine marksmanship training/qualification.**
 - In addition to the controls listed below, LE training is limited static “marksmanship” events.
 - Tactical type training by law enforcement that requires movement or shooting on the move is **prohibited** in the pistol pits.



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The requirements and limitations for these events include:

- LE and other training events involving rifle calibers are authorized in ***Alpha Pistol Bay ONLY***.
 - Use of rifle caliber ammunition is **prohibited** in bays Bravo, Charlie, Delta, and Echo.
- Matches may use bays Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta ***provided the entire pistol range is closed*** for the event.
- Authorized calibers are limited to:
 - .223 (Also known as NATO 5.56 X 45)
 - 300 Blackout
 - 5.45 X 39
 - 7.62 X 39 and
 - .308 (Also known as 7.62 X 51)
- Brass, spent cases, live rounds, or misfired rounds must be policed and removed from the range at the completion of an event.
 - Brass, spent cases, live rounds, or misfired rounds must not be left in brass buckets or trash bins on the pistol bays.
- Bullets may only impact the back berm.
 - Shooting into the side berms is **prohibited**.
- Shooting steel targets with rifle caliber ammunition is **prohibited** in all pistol bays.
- During matches each shooter is under direct/strict control of the RO/SO that can take action in the event of an unsafe act.
- During static marksmanship training, one RO/SO may supervise/control up to 5 shooters.

It is recommended that this policy be reviewed annually.

/s/ Thomas P. Turner, LASC President; April 7, 2022