

Range Restrictions for Guests

LFSC has been dealing with developing a fair guest policy for many years. We've tried various Member/Guest sign in procedures, a Day Guest Pass that would be obtained from a club Officer, and most recently, the paid Guest Privilege. The current Guest Privilege policy is by far the most accommodating policy we've ever developed for our membership. In fact, it's the most accommodating policy of any club that we know of.

Many clubs have more restrictive guest policies, and it's intended to be used to allow prospective members to get acquainted with the club facilities, and consider joining that club as a full member. LFSC, on the other hand, has opened our doors to many guests that have no stake in the well-being of our club, as well as losing potential memberships. Since we created our current guest policy, outdoor range use has never been as high, and abuse has never been greater, but we continue to offer this outstanding privilege.

There are two range restrictions for guests; they cannot use the Indoor Range or the 300 Yard Range, but many take issue with this, and voice their criticisms. Our reasons for the policy are well founded and legitimate. We know from past experience that range damages have sharply decreased in times when there were no guest privileges, specifically at the Indoor Range, where damages and subsequent repairs are at a much higher cost in terms of dollars and manpower. Damages are a concern at the 300 Yard Range as well, but the overwhelming concern is safety. Due to the range location, we require members to sign a waiver before they can use this range, and it doesn't matter what target line they use. Since a guest isn't a member, we would not consider extending that privilege.

In addition to safety and damage issues with these ranges, both ranges can only accommodate a few shooters at one time, which would inconvenience our regular members, if members with guests were to use those ranges. It's conceivable that there could be two members with guests, and that could amount to six people on the range.

We firmly believe we have a guest policy that is more than fair, even with the restrictions, and we don't intend to waiver from the policy.