

## **Fenton Lakes Sportsmen's Club - Bowling Pin Shoot Rules and Procedures:**

**Goal: Bowling Pin shoots were created to provide a fun event where people can learn safe gun handling, improve their marksmanship skills and learn how to better handle their gun in a fun and mentoring environment with other shooters.**

### **Required Equipment**

1. **Entry fee: \$1.00 per run. No charge for RO's (if not counting it as work hours):** (4 RO's per event-Currently have 2 to get started until event attendance takes off). RO's shoot before 6:30 pm or after 9:00 pm as determined by set-up and tear-down times.
2. **Eye Protection:** Prescription glasses or safety glasses. Eye protection must be worn 100% of the time during the event not just while shooting.
3. **Hearing Protection:** Ear plugs and/or ear muffs. Hearing protection must be worn 100% of the time during the event, not just while shooting.
4. **Holster or gun case:** *We require guns to be brought to the line unloaded and either holstered or in a gun case.* We recommend traditional hip holsters. Cross-draw, small of the back, ankle holsters, and shoulder holsters are not permitted, as they make it very easy to "sweep" (point your gun at) others. Inside the pants holsters are also not allowed, as they slow down the re-holstering process.
5. **Magazines and speed loaders:** extra magazines or speed loaders are recommended. Please come to the firing line with your magazines and speed loaders loaded with the correct amount of ammo - (2) 10 ROUND MAGAZINES OR SPEED LOADERS.
6. **Ammunition:** .22 rimfire only NO MAGNUMS (100-200 rounds is recommended depending on how many runs you want to make-people tend to shoot 5-10 runs-SOMETIMES MORE!!!).
7. **Guns:** FLSC allows the use of ONLY rimfire pistol cartridges in a semi auto pistol, revolver, or long gun (NO MAGNUMS).

### **Shooting Procedures**

1. **Set Up.** Begins at 6:00 pm on Thursday evenings (dates are as follows: March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>). (May marks the beginning of outdoor rimfire events). If you can make it...great, we always need the help. Shooting starts at 6:30 pm and goes until 9:00 pm (RO's excepted).
2. **Check posted rules for event.** They will be posted in the ready room, staging area, and upstairs. If you any questions, concerns or special needs (NEW SHOOTER), please contact an RO before the event and we can assign a mentor to squad with you.
3. **Sign up and get your score card.** We have signup sheets to get your time cards so you can know your times. A range officer will collect your entry fee for each run. All participants must sign a waiver for FLSC to participate.
4. **Load your magazines / speed loaders** Please load your magazines and speed loaders before it's your turn to the line. This will ensure a smooth flow of shooting.

## 5. Range Officer Commands

- o **“Make ready”**. The RO is instructing that you may remove your gun from its holster or case and load your gun. When your gun is loaded you should assume the low ready stance. You should have your gun pointed down at a 45 degree angle. A reference mark will be on the floor to point your gun at.
- o **“Are you ready?”** The RO is asking you if you are ready to shoot. You do not need to answer that you are ready. Unless you answer, “No” the RO will continue.
- o **“Standby”** The RO is informing you that he is about to start the event.
- o **“Buzzer”** At the sound of the buzzer, the competitor may safely raise their gun and engage the targets.
- o **“Stop”** Any RO may issue this command at any time during the course of fire. The competitor must immediately cease firing and wait for further instructions.
- o **“If you are finished, unload and show clear”** The RO is instructing you to show your gun is unloaded. Please present your gun to the RO with the muzzle pointed downrange, magazine removed, slide locked back or held open, and the chamber empty. Revolvers must be presented with the cylinder swung out and empty.
- o • **“If clear, hammer down and holster or bag it”**. While continuing to point the gun safely downrange, the competitor must perform a final safety check as follows:
  - o **Pistols** : Release the slide and pull the trigger, without touching the hammer, if any. The gun must dry fire before competitor can leave the firing line.
  - o **Revolvers**: Close the empty cylinder
  - o **Long Guns**: Flag empty chamber 9no long gun leaves the line without a flag. **If the gun proves clear**, the competitor must then holster or case the gun
  - o **If gun does not prove to be clear** The RO will resume the commands from “If you are finished, unload and show clear” and the competitor will be disqualified for any accidental discharge.

## Scoring

- Shooters will shoot (2) 10 round magazines or speed loaders per run.
- With each visit to the line-shoot as many pins as you can with your available ammo.
- RO will record your times on your score card.

## Types of Firearms Allowed (NO MAGNUMS)

- Rimfire Iron Sight Pistol
- Rimfire Optic Sight Pistol
- Rimfire Iron Sight Rifle
- Rimfire Optic Sight Rifle

## General

- Guns may only be handled under the direct supervision of an RO at the line, or in the designated safe areas which are the tables located on lanes 1 and 6 facing downrange. Guns may be uncased or unholstered in these areas, but the handling of loaded magazines and ammunition in these areas is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the event.
- **Safety disqualifications.** Failure to follow FLSC bowling pin shooting safety rules or general FLSC rules can result in an immediate disqualification from the event.
- **We reserve the right to adjust the rules to improve safety and or the flow of the event.** If you've got suggestions on how we could improve our event, please contact the event director (Rimfire Chairman) or an RO.
- **Event schedule is subject to change,** FLSC reserves the right to change event schedule for weather and or scheduling conflicts.
- **Absolutely no drugs or alcohol will be allowed or tolerated**
- **FLSC rights,** FLSC reserves the right to remove a shooter from the event for safety purposes. Furthermore any shooter removed for a safety violation will not receive a refund.
- **PLEASE, we want to encourage new shooters to attend these events!!!** If you would like to serve as a mentor for a new shooter, let the event director (Rimfire Chairman) or RO's know, and we will pair you up with a new person if they come. Remember, you were once new to shooting, and somebody took you under their wing to show you how to get better. **PASS IT ON!!!**