

Black Powder Muzzle Loading Rifle Or Pistol Rules

- Any well constructed muzzleloader in safe firing condition is allowed on the range.
- Muzzleloaders must be discharged before declaring the range “cold” or “safe”.
- All muzzleloader loading will be done behind the firing line at the loading bench or at the rear of the bench at other firing points.
- There is to be no direct loading from a horn or flask. Powder measures, pellets or prepared charges must be used.
- Powder containers must be closed except when dispensing powder at the loading area.
- Rifles or pistols may only be capped or primed at the line.
- Load percussion firearms on half cock, or action open and flintlocks with the hammer all the way down.
- Be certain that no one is exposed to the side flash from a flintlock or revolver. Use flash guards or shields if necessary.
- The CO2 gas ball ejector is the preferred method of clearing a loaded muzzle loader when it will not fire. Be sure that nothing is in front of the muzzle when using the gas ejector as the charge comes out at a dangerous velocity. As a last resort, after wetting the powder, pull the ball when you cannot blow it clear.
- Do not blow down the barrel after firing.

NOTE - An amendment to black powder muzzle loading rifles and pistols has been added. Refer to page under “approved targets.