SWFSA Muzzle Loading/Black Powder Range Rules (rev 9-7-2021)

Muzzle Loading/Black Powder is only on Bay 2.

Standard safety rules specific to black powder (and black powder substitutes like Pyrodex) are:

1. No smoking or open flames; no vaping.
2. Safe Direction is Muzzle Up.
    a. Except when capping/priming at shooting position; then aim down range.
    b. When carrying a gun, the muzzle must be above your head.
3. Powder Containers always closed, except when measuring.
4. A separate Powder Measure is used to transfer powder to the gun.
   ---Charging directly from the main powder container is not permitted.
5. All flintlocks are loaded frizzen open and hammer down.
6. Other guns are loaded in the half-cock position.

Shooters must display a sign indicating "Black Powder in Use. No smoking." [Example attached.]
Laminated signs are in the north end of Bay 2.

The loading tables are on the left (north end).
The range is "hot" once loading begins (i.e., no one can be down range.)
All powder and loading materials are on these tables.

Long Guns (rifles, muskets, shotguns): Rest butt on the ground.

Pistols: **Mandatory shooter-supplied pistol loading station**, to hold the pistol on the table safely.

--Exception: Removable cylinder.

NO priming with percussions caps or priming powder allowed at the loading tables.

The shooting positions are the first six stations in Bay 2 (#1 through #6).
Only priming powder (4f or 3f) in a small flask, or percussion caps, are allowed at the shooting positions.

ML/BP shooters have priority at the loading tables and first six shooting positions, unless there is a match.

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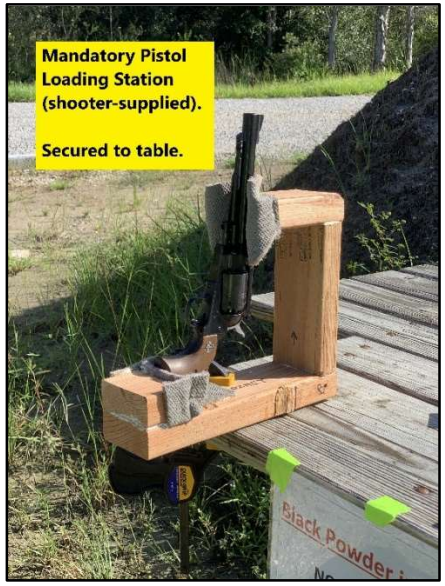

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Online References (first two revised Jan 2020):

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Muzzleloading – Florida Frontiersmen, Inc.

Other: NRA Muzzle loading Manual (paper ©2014)

Black Powder in use

NO smoking.

NO vaping.

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