Participant Information and Range Rules

Hello, Men!

We look forward to seeing you at Brookhill Men's Retreat, Nov. 6-8, 2026. This page covers requirements for the supervised live-fire handgun class.

Before arrival

- Return the signed adult/minor participant waiver before the event and attend the on-site safety briefing. Participation is voluntary.
- Bring eye and ear protection, a hat, a long-sleeve shirt, long pants (no shorts), and closed-toe shoes.
- For holster drawing and practice, use a rigid Kydex holster (inside-the-waistband or outside-the-waistband) that allows a clean, unobstructed draw. Bring at least three functional magazines (more is better) and two belt-mounted pouches for your two spare magazines.
- Pistols must be semi-automatic, have a trigger pull of at least 4 lb., and have a barrel at least 3 inches long. Only conventional handguns designed to be fired with a hand grip and chambered in standard pistol calibers are allowed.
- Recommended calibers are 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP. .380 ACP and .22 LR are allowed, but recommended only if you have difficulty handling larger calibers or are bringing a child to the class. Full-size pistols such as the Glock 17 and Smith & Wesson M&P M2.0 are recommended. Compact and subcompact pistols are allowed, though smaller pistols may tire your hands faster.
- Rifle-platform handguns (including AR-15 and AK-style pistols), braced pistols, handguns chambered in rifle calibers, and all .50-caliber handguns (including .50 AE and .500 S&W Magnum) are prohibited. Firearms must be unloaded for inspection; the range officer may refuse any firearm.
- Bring 400 rounds of factory-new ammunition in its original packaging, approved for your firearm. The event will not provide ammunition. Reloaded, handloaded, loose, damaged, or unapproved ammunition is prohibited.
- No alcohol, cannabis, illegal drugs, or participation while impaired.

At the range

- Follow the chief and assistant range officers' directions immediately; their commands control range activity. Stop when you hear "Cease fire."
- Keep the firearm pointed in the designated safe direction, keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire, and treat every firearm as loaded until cleared.
- Do not handle, load, unload, or fire a firearm unless a range officer authorizes it. Wear eye and hearing protection. Do not cross the firing line or retrieve anything downrange until the range officer declares the line safe.
- Unsafe conduct or failure to follow instructions will end your participation.

If you have a question about a firearm, ammunition, medical concern, or whether you may participate, contact Brookhill Ranch at 501-623-5983 or email info@brookhillranch.com before the event. We look forward to a safe and well-run weekend.

Brookhill Ranch Event Team