



We opened the gun store in 2014 and the shooting range in 2021. As an avid shooter myself, it bothered me a bit when I would go to a range, and they would force me to buy their ammunition. As a result, when we opened our range, we had simple rules to follow: only new, brass case, pistol caliber, full metal jacket was allowed.

For years, we have struggled getting people to follow that rule. We check people's guns and ammo, and we still have folks disregard the rules. (I've even had two guys shoot AR-15's with steel tipped ammo; they were promptly banned from ever coming back.)

We've made a concerted effort to help our clients understand that the rules are in place for everybody's safety. Over this last month, this issue has become even more pervasive, and this is despite the fact that we are literally checking everybody's ammunition and verifying that they are only going to shoot the ammo that we inspect. Yesterday was my final straw. After picking up aluminum casings with +p markings and finding, yet again, defensive rounds mushroomed out with pieces of our backstop, I'm aware that we need to make a change.



As a result of members not obeying the rules, even after we have checked their ammunition, **ALL ammo shot on the range must be purchased from us.** You'll need to put the box on the shelf in the

stall with you. This way, we can watch on the cameras and verify that clients are using approved ammunition. Currently, this is primarily *Commonwealth Ammunition*. This ammunition is fully frangible. It's made of copper, not lead, and it is specifically made to shoot steel. This makes shooting cleaner and safer. This ammunition is often used by law enforcement and military agencies for high level training purposes. For more information on the brand, visit [www.cwammunition.com](http://www.cwammunition.com).



This is not something we wanted to do, and it's something we have delayed doing for several years. It's being done now because it's a safety issue. If you don't like this rule, please remember that we don't like it, either, and we did everything we could to not have to do this.

Thank you for your continued support. We are doing our best to keep our range healthy, safe, and fun.

- The Team at The Tactical Boutique