



Firearm Range Rules

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These range rules are not to be interpreted by anyone, but the Range Officer. Any infringement or violation by a member or his/her guest will be sufficient cause for suspension **for a minimum of 90 days** or revocation of Membership. These rules are intended for the safety of everyone using the range and the unwritten rules of courtesy and common sense should be remembered and followed at all times.

1. Everyone (members & guests - **maximum 3 per member**) must sign their full name in and out of the range at all times. Members shall wear their club badge when at the range.
2. All firearms must be in a safe and unloaded condition with a chamber safety flag at all times except when being fired:
 - Rifles: Bolts open, action locked open and ammunition removed.
 - Handguns: Pistols Slides back, clip removed, and chamber empty.
 - Revolvers: (Double Action) Cylinder out, cartridges removed, (Single Action) Loading gate, open hammer at half cock, cartridges removed.
 - Shotguns: (Over/Under, Singles, Doubles) Broken open and unloaded (Pumps, Semi-auto) Locked open and unloaded.
3. All firearms holstered, cased or in a rifle rack must be unloaded and safe when behind the firing line.
4. There will be absolutely no handling of firearms on the firing line during a Cease Fire. Shooters shall step away from the firing line during a Cease Fire.
5. All firing will cease and all firearms will be made safe, as in Rule Number 2, prior to anyone leaving the firing line and moving toward the targets, and will not resume until the Cease Fire has ended.
6. Shooters desiring to go downrange to the targets must ask the Range Officer for a Cease Fire.
7. All firearms, loaded or unloaded, must be pointed downrange or in a safe direction at all times, unless they are in the long gun rack, holstered or cased as in Rule Number 3.
8. Firing will be directed downrange only in the direction of the target backstop and only from the immediate firing line.
9. There will be no cross firing at the range at any time.
10. During shooting, everyone must be wearing eye protection and hearing protection when the line is hot and you are within 25 feet.
11. No shotgun shooting at the pistol ranges, except during a club scheduled Match.
12. All plinking targets must be placed on the berm approximately two feet above the base of the backstop berm. Temporary target frames must be placed within 2 feet of the front of the horizontal pole marking the start of the berm.
13. No glass objects of any kind will be permitted as targets at any time. Green tip or armor piercing ammunition is not to be used on any range.

- 14.** No bowling pins or steel targets are permitted, except for use in scheduled matches or as spinners in the spinner boxes. A500 steel targets may be used outside of matches if the member has been certified by the club to shoot steel.
- 15.** No alcoholic beverages or drugs may be consumed or used at the range at any time.
- 16.** The 25 yard pistol, 50 yard, and 100 yard rifle ranges will not be used at the same time that the Trap range is in use, and vice versa.
- 17.** Hand traps will only be used from the 50 and 100 yard firing line when no one is using the 50 or 100 yard ranges. Shotguns are to be fired only from within the cage when using the manual target launcher. Clay targets from any target launching device & shot shall not be directed into the woods adjacent to the 50 & 100 yard ranges.
- 18.** JUNIOR MEMBERS and guests must be accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a club member who is within three (3) feet when handling or shooting a rifle, shotgun, or handgun. Minimum age to shoot at the range is 10.
- 19.** No firearms capable of firing full automatic are allowed on the range at any time. No arms or device that is deemed illegal by the State of New Jersey or Federal Government shall be brought to the range.
- 20.** All members and guests must obey the Range Officer's commands while at the range. Range Officers have the authority to suspend range privileges for that day and must report such suspension to the Trustees before the next regular club meeting.
- 21.** The Chief Range Officer may appoint any SENIOR MEMBER in good standing to assist. All Committee Chairmen shall be responsible for appointing a Range Officer while they are using the range.
- 22.** All members are obligated to act in the interest of the Club when observing any violation of these rules by a member or by non-members who are guests. In the absence of a Range Officer, members will conduct themselves accordingly, and report such violation in writing to an Officer or Trustee prior to the next regular Club meeting.
- 23.** Members are permitted to have one guest at a time shooting, unless special provisions have previously been made with the Board of Trustees. Members are responsible for their guest's behavior.
- 24.** There will be no climbing on any earth embankments (backstops) at any time.
- 25.** Range-shooting hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or dusk, **Saturday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM or dusk** and Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever is the earlier. No shooting is permitted on Easter Sunday or Christmas Day. Other restrictions may apply from time to time when deemed necessary and will be posted in the Newsletter or at the range entrance.
- 26.** All members and guest must clean up all brass and debris after their shooting and before leaving the range. The last member present shall lock the front gate when they leave the range.
- 27.** Only paper targets are to be used and placed inside the target frame. No targets are to be attached to the frame's metal border.