



— RANGE RULES —

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— GUN SAFETY RULES —

1. Treat all firearms as though they are loaded.
2. Always point muzzle down range.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. Be sure of your target... and what's beyond.

Safety First, Safety Last, Safety Always

NOTICE

The Club grounds, including all ranges, are under 24/7 video surveillance and digital recording. Any persons entering Club grounds grant their implied consent to such surveillance and recording. This consent extends to the use of images or recordings resulting therefrom in any investigation, disciplinary action, and/or prosecution resulting from their actions while on said premises.

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CLUB GOALS

Promotion and preservation of the shooting sports

Good sportsmanship, safety and outdoor ethics

*Conservation of habitat, fish and wildlife with proper
management of fish and wildlife resources*

Provide education for the membership and public

INTRODUCTION

Consistent with the Goals of the Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club (“the Club”), the President, Officers, Directors, and members of the Club seek to provide a safe environment for Club activities. We have adopted the rules in this booklet to ensure the safety of members and guests and to promote the enjoyable use of the Club and its grounds.

Safe gun handling and good sportsmanship are the obligation of every member and guest everywhere on Club property at all times. The rules listed in this booklet must be followed **without exception**. In addition, confrontational language including yelling, derision, and/or profanity directed at others will not be tolerated on the ranges and on Club grounds generally. Any behavior which has the potential of causing an accident or creating a hostile environment is prohibited. Club Officers, Directors and Range Officers are authorized to direct any person whose behavior is detrimental to the safety of members, guests and/or Club facilities to leave Club property. Any such action will also be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for potential further disciplinary action, up to and including loss of membership privileges.

Anyone using the Club ranges, including spectators, must know and follow all range rules. There will be rule changes from time to time; these changes will be posted at the ranges and/or on the Club website, and shooters must read and obey posted signs regardless of whether the rule displayed on the sign and/or on the website is contained within this Range Rules booklet.

Note that all Range Rules in this booklet are intended to govern the general use of Club ranges by the membership, including 1-Day members, and authorized guests. All Range Rules are subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. Some rules may not apply, or may be subject to modification, during certain Club-scheduled events, or for training purposes.

Members may contact a Club Officer or Director with questions or comments by referring to the Club website, www.pemi.org, or by sending email to pemi.fish.and.game.club@gmail.com. The phone numbers of Club Officers and Directors are accessible via the tabs marked “About” and then “Directors” on the Club website.



RANGE OFFICERS

Range Officers may be present from time to time on any of the ranges, particularly when it is necessary to leave the range gate(s) unlocked for events open to the public. The Range Officers are NRA-certified Club members who have volunteered their time to oversee the use of the Club's ranges, ensuring that only Club members and other authorized persons use the ranges, all range rules are followed, and that all firearm use is conducted following established procedures for safe gun handling. Range Officers may be identified by their distinctive red vests and name badges.

When present at the range, the Range Officers are acting with the express authority of the Club Officers and Directors, and all persons using the ranges shall respect and comply with any directions received from them. Failure to comply with directions received from a Range Officer will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including forfeiture of membership privileges.

Members who may not agree with a decision of a Range Officer may bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Directors so that corrective action, if appropriate, may be implemented, **but all members and guests are required to comply promptly with the Range Officer's decision at the time it is made.**

WHO MAY USE THE RANGES

1. Only shooting members, defined as regular members with a current year badge, or 1-Day members sponsored by a current member in good standing, with all required fees paid, are allowed to shoot at the Club ranges. Non-members may participate in Club-sanctioned events that are open to the public, subject to completion of a liability waiver form and payment of any applicable event fees.
2. Persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older at all times on any firing range, with these exceptions:
 - a. Members ages 16 and 17 are allowed on the firearms ranges without adult supervision upon presentation of a certificate that they have passed a Hunter Education course
 - b. Members age 16 and over may shoot on the Archery Ranges without adult supervision.
3. All persons present at any firearms range, including regular members, 1-Day members, and guests, shall use appropriate eye and ear protection.
4. Guests (as distinct from 1-Day members) are welcome to watch but are not allowed to shoot. Members are responsible for their non-shooting guests, are expected to explain the Club and range rules to them, and are responsible for their compliance with the rules.
5. 1-Day members and non-shooting guests must complete a liability waiver form and must use eye and ear protection while at the firearms ranges. **It is the responsibility of the hosting member to ensure that all 1-Day members and non-shooting guests complete the liability waiver form to protect the Club in the event of an accident on Club property. Failure to ensure completion of the necessary liability waiver form(s) is regarded as a serious range rules infraction and may result in the loss of range privileges and/or loss of membership.**
6. Members shall wear their membership badge at all times on the ranges and on Club property generally. (A badge will be mailed to all renewing members; new members will also receive a badge holder when the application is processed).
7. Refusal to identify oneself to a badged regular member or Range Officer will be due cause for any person to be asked to leave the Club property. Refusal to leave Club



property when asked will be treated and prosecuted as criminal trespass and the proper authorities will be notified.

Penalties for violations of any of the Club rules shall vary from a warning to loss of membership.

Hunting is allowed on Club property with the exception of the following areas:

- between the firing line and the end berm of any range, whether or not in use, including particularly the long-distance cleared area of the High Power Rifle Range.
- the cleared area at the Trap Range.
- within 300 ft of the Clubhouse, garage, Indoor Range, or any firing line.

In general, hunting should be confined to the back areas of the property, well away from the active shooting areas.

The Club property is not posted. Hunters are cautioned to be aware of their location with respect to all ranges and not to venture onto, or cross, any designated range area at any time. During hunting season, shooters on the Club ranges must be alert to the possibility that hunters may stray onto the range.

RANGE HOURS OF OPERATION

1. The Indoor Range is open every day from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, except when in use for Club-sanctioned events.
2. The outdoor rifle and pistol ranges are open every day from 8:00 AM to one-half hour after sunset, except when in use for Club-sanctioned events. Sunset times are posted on the Club website and at each range kiosk.
3. The Trap Range is open for member use from 8:00 AM to one-half hour after sunset. Scheduled trap shooting under the lights may occur until 9:00 PM. Scheduled trap shooting is currently conducted Thursday evenings from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Sunday from 9:00 AM until approximately 1:30 PM.
4. The Archery Ranges may be used from 8:00 AM to one-half hour after sunset.

Note that the Board of Directors may approve other hours of operation. With Board of Directors approval, specific ranges may be closed for Club-sanctioned events. These events will be posted on the calendar available on the Club website at www.pemi.org. Generally, 30-day notice of any range closure will be given, but this is not always possible and the Board of Directors reserves the right to close any range without notice.

LOGGING IN AND OUT AT THE RANGES

All members who use any range shall sign in before going onto the range and shall sign out when leaving the range.

Log books shall be maintained for all ranges. The log book for the Indoor Range is located in the Ready Room; for the outdoor firearms ranges, at the kiosk next to the locked range gate; for the Archery Range, at the archery kiosk across the Club access road from the targets; for the Trap Range, at the entrance to the warming shack. Each

member shall record his/her name, membership number, the log-in date and time, and the log-out time. Shooters using more than one range on a given day are required to log in and out at each range.

1-Day members (after completing their 1-Day membership application, paying the \$10 fee for 1-Day membership, and completing the liability waiver form) shall log in as described above, entering the membership number of the host Club member, and indicating “1-Day Member” in the Comments column. The host member is responsible for ensuring that 1-Day members follow all Club rules.

A non-shooting guest may accompany a Club member. The guest must complete the liability waiver form, log in and out as described above, entering the membership number of the host Club member, and “non-shooting guest” in the Comments column. There is no fee for a non-shooting guest, but the guest does count toward the maximum of three 1-Day members or guests allowed at one time per Club member. The host member is responsible for ensuring that guests follow all Club rules.

Participants in Club-sanctioned events are exempt from the requirement to log in and out for these events, but must complete the liability waiver form.



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER WITH RANGE PRIVILEGES

Becoming a Club member is easy. There are two types of membership: the regular annual membership and a special 1-Day membership. There is a separate application form and fee structure for each membership. Both regular and 1-Day member application forms are located at the range kiosk by the driveway to the ranges, at the Indoor Range, at the archery kiosk, at the Trap Range, and in the Clubhouse. For the regular membership, the application form and payment may be left in the lockboxes at the kiosks or mailed to the Club P.O. box, but this does not immediately activate a membership. Badges will be issued, and access cards will be activated electronically, upon completion of any required range orientations. 1-Day membership forms and payment shall be placed in the lockbox; 1-Day memberships become effective immediately.

For a 1-Day member, a current regular member, age 18 or over, must co-sign the application, must accompany the applicant, and is responsible for the 1-Day member's actions. There is a \$10 fee for a 1-Day membership, and limit of three 1-Day members at a time per regular member. The 1-Day member(s) must remain on the same range as their host regular member.

GENERAL RULES

1. **Safety is of the utmost importance.** All members and their guests must observe all safety rules at all times, including the use of eye and ear protection. Except for hunting, no one may shoot anywhere on Club property other than at the designated ranges. No one will shoot on a range where the "Range Closed" sign is posted.
2. The outdoor range kiosk gate is to be kept locked at all times, except during Club-sanctioned events that are open to the public. When entering the shooting area, lock the gate behind you; the same applies when leaving the shooting area. If you are being courteous and holding the gate open for a new arrival, be sure they have a current membership badge and that they log in. This will help prevent non-members from entering the shooting area. The only exception to this rule is when there is a Club-sponsored event in progress at one of the shooting areas. When the event is completed, the gate is to be locked.
3. **Shots must go directly into the end berms and not into the range floor or over the berms.**
 - a. Shooters are responsible for positioning their targets at the proper height to ensure that any rounds fired impact the end berm directly, not the range floor. Rounds impacting the range floor can ricochet or skip over the berms, endangering others both on and off Club property.
 - b. Rapid fire is allowed **if and only if** shooters can be absolutely sure every shot goes directly into the end berm. Rapid fire is defined as any sustained fire of more than one shot every two seconds.
 - c. Drawing and shooting from a holster is allowed **if and only if**:
 - i. shooter can be absolutely sure every shot goes directly into the end berm, **and**

- ii. shooter is at an action range bay (the Cowboy/3-Gun area) or at a Covered Range with no other persons on the firing line, and
 - iii. if using a cross-draw (or similar) holster, the shooter pivots the holster side of his/her body down range so that the muzzle is pointed down range while drawing.
4. The use of either unsafe firearms or unsafe ammunition is prohibited. It shall be at the discretion of the Club Officers, Directors, or a Range Officer whether a condition is safe.
5. The consumption of alcoholic beverages either prior to or while using any range is prohibited. The use of any drug, other than prescribed medication that does not impair judgment, either prior to or while using any range is prohibited. The use of prescription drugs that affect the safety of the shooter or others is prohibited.
6. **No discharge of firearms is to occur on any range outside of the hours of operation for that range** unless approved by the Board of Directors.
7. **No fully automatic firearms or firearms equipped with mechanical devices to simulate the rate of fire of automatic firearms** may be fired on Club premises unless both of the following requirements are satisfied:
- a. Written authorization must be obtained from the Board of Directors; **and**
 - b. A Club Officer or his/her designee must be present.
8. Shooting on all ranges must be from the designated firing lines and must be in line with the shooter's own target. Shooting from forward of the firing line is allowed only when all shooters on a given range are shooting from the same forward location. Shooting from forward of the firing line at the Indoor Range is prohibited.
9. **When arriving and departing the range:**
- a. Firearms are considered "clear" or "cleared" if they are unloaded, any magazine has been removed and the chamber has been visually checked, the action is locked open, and, if possible, the safety is on.
 - b. Firearms shall arrive at the range unloaded and either in a case or with the action open and, preferably, a chamber flag inserted (also called an open bolt indicator or empty chamber indicator – these can be purchased at gun shops or online). There should be no magazines inserted and, if practical, the action should be locked open and the safety on. The only exceptions are handguns being carried in a holster worn on the body.
 - c. If cased, do NOT uncase any firearm at your car. Bring the firearm to the firing line and place it on a shooting bench or on the ground next to the bench with the muzzle pointed down range. Shooters shall be aware of how their firearm is oriented in the case such that the muzzle is pointed down range when the case is opened. Other gear, including other cased or bagged firearms, may be placed on the bench, the ground, or on a table behind the line of fire. Cases placed in this manner behind the firing line shall remain closed until brought to the firing line as described above.
 - d. If no one is down range (in front of the firing line) and the range has been

declared “HOT” you may uncase the firearm – immediately checking for and removing any magazines, locking the action open and placing the safety on if not already in that condition. The use of chamber flags is encouraged to provide a visual indicator to others that the firearm is clear. If anyone is down range (i.e., the range is “COLD”) remain behind the yellow safety line and do not open any cases or handle any firearms until all persons are back behind the red firing line and the range has been declared “HOT.”

- e. When not in use, long guns may be stored on the bench with the muzzle pointed down range per the above procedure, or placed in the racks provided with the muzzle up and the action open, preferably with a chamber flag inserted, and the safety on. At certain events, long guns are also considered safe if stored in a rack or gun cart with the muzzle up or down and the action open (ideally with a chamber flag) and the safety on.
- f. When bringing an uncased gun, unloaded and with action open from your car, or when moving between benches, the muzzle must be pointed straight up or down with the action open and safety on if possible.
- g. If you are carrying a holstered firearm that will be used on the range, step forward to the firing line before removing it from the holster. The firearm may be removed from the holster only if the range has been declared “HOT.” After removal of the handgun from the holster, if it is not to be used immediately, unload the handgun (if loaded), maintaining strict muzzle control to ensure that the muzzle is directed down range at all times, and place it on the bench with the magazine out, action open (cylinder swung out for revolvers) and muzzle pointed down range.
- h. You may transition between firearms when the range is “HOT” by placing one firearm on the bench and retrieving another, if and only if all guns are cleared and you can do so without sweeping anyone else with the muzzle. Any guns so placed on the bench must remain unloaded, magazine removed, with the muzzle pointed down range, action open preferably with chamber flag inserted, and safety on if possible.
- i. Guns may only be loaded immediately before shooting and must be ‘cleared’ immediately after shooting. NEVER leave a loaded gun unattended on the bench or elsewhere under any circumstances.
- j. If you need to adjust sights or otherwise work on your gun, this can be done on the firing line if and only if the range is “HOT”; the gun is unloaded, the muzzle is pointed down range, and you stay behind the red firing line. If you are unable to perform the required actions in this manner, move the gun while clear and muzzle up or down to an empty bay (such as the adjoining 50- or 100-yard range) and work on it there. No firearms should be worked on at a location behind the firing line, including at vehicles in the parking area.
- k. When preparing to leave, guns should be returned to their case in the condition described in Rule 10.b, above. If the case is behind the firing line, bring the case to the gun – NOT the reverse. After confirming that the gun is clear, re-case or re-insert the chamber flag while keeping the muzzle pointing down range. The firearm shall be returned to the case and the case closed before being brought behind the firing line and/or returned to the car.

- l. If you will be carrying your holstered handgun when leaving the range, you may reload it at the firing line only if the range is “HOT” and carefully re-holster at the line, ensuring that proper muzzle control is exercised at all times. Once holstered, do not handle the firearm again.
 - m. The use of chamber flags (also called “open bolt indicators” or “empty chamber indicators”) whenever a firearm is not in active use is highly encouraged.
10. Non-shooters and guests, with the exception of individuals acting as coaches, spotters, etc., will stand behind the line of the shooting benches, the shooting line, or (at the Covered Ranges) the yellow safety line (red safety line at the Indoor Range). In addition to active shooters, non-shooters and guests shall wear appropriate eye and ear protection at all times whenever in the vicinity of the firing line and the range has been declared “HOT.”
 11. It is expected that any member who observes anyone using poor judgment, violating any of the common rules of gun safety, or committing an act that is in violation of the Range Rules will courteously remind that person of proper safety procedures. If the offending behavior is not immediately corrected, a Club Officer, Director, or Range Officer should be notified either in person or by filing a Range Infraction Form (RIF – located inside the back cover of the Range Rules booklet), to be deposited in one of the lockboxes at the kiosks, indicating the nature of the violation and the name and badge number of the individual committing the violation. If the name or badge number of the violator is not known, then the vehicle make and license plate number should be included as the identifying information.
 12. Going down range to set up a target:
 - a. **The touching or handling of firearms while others are down range is strictly prohibited.**
 - b. Before going forward of any firing line, a shooter shall notify all other shooters on that firing line using the words “Are You Clear?,” “I Am Clear”, “The Line is Clear”, etc., and receive acknowledgment from all shooters present that the line is clear. The range will be declared “COLD” only after all shooters on the line cease firing, place their unloaded and cleared firearms on the bench, and step back behind the yellow safety line. It is expected that all members desiring a break in order to go down range will show others the courtesy of allowing them to finish a string of shots, and that shooters will not start a new string of shots after a break has been requested.
 - c. Rifles and handguns, except those that are holstered or cased, may not be carried from the firing line to the target area. All firearms, except as noted above, must remain at the firing line, unloaded, with actions open, preferably with chamber flags inserted, when anyone is going down range.
 - d. All persons remaining at the firing line area must remain at least 3 feet back of the firing line when anyone is down range. At the Covered Ranges, this means behind the yellow painted line, at the Indoor Range behind the red painted line. Magazines that have been removed from the firearm may be handled and/or loaded, but no firearm may be handled or loaded. Shooters loading magazines

- will remain at least 3 feet behind the firing line, or behind the yellow safety line, and may not approach the firing line for any reason while any person remains down range.
- e. After all individuals have returned from the target area and are in back of the firing line, verify by asking “Is everyone back?” When it is certain that everyone is back, announce “The line is going HOT,” “The range is now HOT,” or the equivalent, and ensure receipt of acknowledgment from all shooters that the range is “HOT.” As a courtesy, shooters should verify that everyone in the area is wearing eye and ear protection, as required by the Range Rules, before resuming shooting.
13. During competition matches, firearms shall be loaded only upon command of the Match Director or other individual in charge of the match, or his/her designee.
 14. **The announcement of “Cease Fire” should be used by anyone present on the range if an unsafe situation is observed.** If, for any reason, a “Cease Fire” is announced, all shooters must immediately take their fingers off the trigger and point their firearms in a safe direction. Until the reason for the Cease Fire is known and corrective action as necessary has been taken, shooters should remain in that position.
 15. Shoot only at authorized targets
 - a. The different ranges allow different targets as delineated in the range-specific rules listed below in this booklet.
 - b. **All targets shall be placed such that all shots go directly into an end berm and not onto the range floor or over the end berm.**
 - c. **Plinking (shooting at cans, rocks, bottles other than plastic, etc.) is strictly prohibited.** Shooting at clay pigeons is allowed provided that all such targets are placed on the berm (i.e. not on the range floor) and cleaned up at the conclusion of shooting.
 - d. Provisions of this section may be waived by the Board of Directors for sanctioned matches or special events.
 16. Policing the range
 - a. The “Brass Bucket” is for any expended metallic cases only – no shotgun hulls. No trash shall be placed in these containers. Regular members may salvage brass from the Brass Bucket for reloading (only). Remaining brass is taken to a recycler and provides revenue for the Club.
 - b. Members are responsible for policing any range area that they use. Remove your targets and clean up the area when you are finished. All trash and debris should be put in the trash receptacles provided or taken home with you. All shooters are encouraged to voluntarily empty any full trash containers into the dumpster at the far side of the Clubhouse – the Club has no employees and all members should assist in keeping our facilities presentable
 17. Shoot only authorized cartridges
 - a. Tracer rounds may not be used anywhere on Club property.

- b. .50 caliber rifles are allowed on the High Power Rifle Range and the covered outdoor ranges; however, shooters are requested to use the High Power Rifle Range if any other shooters are using the covered firing lines due to the excessive noise of .50 caliber firearms.
 - c. Armor-piercing rounds, including steel-core rounds, shall not be used with metal targets or with any target held by a metal target frame.
18. Digging in any berm is prohibited. **Do not climb on any of the berms, or allow others to do so.**
 19. It shall be at the discretion of a Range Officer whether any condition or practice is safe or unsafe. If in doubt of any rule or regulation, it is the member's responsibility to make certain that he/she is not in violation of any Club range rules. Regardless of what may or may not be contained within the Range Rules, the decision of the on-site Range Officer regarding safe/unsafe practices, and any corrective action to be taken, is final.
 20. Any member who sustains or observes any kind of bodily injury due to the discharge of any firearm while on Club property shall, in addition to calling 911 and following the Emergency Instructions posted at each range, notify a Club Officer, Director, or Range Officer.
 21. Any procedures, special requests, or variation in these range rules must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for consideration. Until such time that the Board approves a change, the range rules stand as written.
 22. Pets are generally not allowed at the firing ranges unless they are inside a vehicle or crate. If no shooters on the line object, pets may be leashed, but must remain under control and well behind the firing line at all times. Range Officers have the authority to request that any pet be returned to the vehicle or crate for any reason.

These Range Rules are not superseded by rules of visiting organizations unless by prior written approval of the Board of Directors of the Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club.

SPECIFIC RANGE RULES

INDOOR RANGE

- IR-1. No member shall use the Indoor Range unless that member has paid the appropriate annual fee for Indoor Range use, received a safety/operations briefing, and has his/her pass card activated for Indoor Range use. All users of the Indoor Range must log in prior to shooting. 1-Day members may use the Indoor Range, and non-shooting guests are permitted in the Indoor Range subject to the provisions discussed above.
- IR-2. There is a sign in the Ready Room of the Indoor Range that lists the permitted calibers in the Indoor Range. Calibers not listed, no matter how similar to listed calibers, are prohibited in the Indoor Range. Only rifles of .22 rimfire caliber may be used; center fire rifle shooting, even rifles that shoot one of the listed calibers, is prohibited.

- IR-3. Shooters may fire only at paper targets that are mounted on the target holders immediately in front of the backstop unless specific permission is given by the Board of Directors.
- IR-4. Firearms shall be carried to the firing line while cased or with the actions open. Use of empty chamber indicators is recommended. Whenever a firearm is being taken to the firing line or handled by a person on the firing line, that firearm must always be kept pointed down range. Extreme care must be exercised to keep all shots in the backstop area and to avoid hitting floor, walls and ceiling. Among other rules of safe gun handling, it is important to **keep your finger off the trigger until you are on your target.**
- IR-5. Firearms will not be taken down range, and all shooting must be conducted from the booths at the firing line. All targets must be hung from the target holders provided immediately in front of the backstop, and shooting from any location in front of the established 50-ft firing line is prohibited. Exceptions may be granted by the Board of Directors for specific matches or training sessions.
- IR-6. During the use of the indoor pistol range the door between the range and the Ready Room must be kept closed.
- IR-7. The exhaust fans **OR** the HEPA filtration system (not both) are to be turned on before any firing has commenced. The Indoor Range is equipped with exhaust fans that are intended to be used in warmer weather when the range heat is not being used; the windows on either side of the shooting area should be opened when the exhaust fans are in use. In colder weather, when the range heat is operating, the HEPA recirculating filtration system shall be used. Instructions for operation of the ventilation systems and the heating systems are posted in the Indoor Range. Regardless of which system is in operation, shooting booths not being used, and the door from the firing line to down range, should remain closed to promote stronger air flow down range past the shooters.
- IR-8. A list of items to be checked before leaving the Indoor Range is posted on the back of the exit door. All shooters using the Indoor Range are to refer to this checklist and complete the listed actions prior to leaving the range.

TRAP RANGE

- TR-1. The gate to the Trap Range shall be closed and locked after entering, except during scheduled events, and when leaving the range. Shooters must log in prior to shooting.
- TR-2. The Trap Range is for shotgun and black powder shot (target) loads only. Shotshells fired at clay pigeons must not contain shot any larger than size 7½. Gauges larger than 12 are prohibited. No slugs or buckshot are allowed on the Trap Range.
- TR-3. **All shot fall must be into the defined area down range, to the north of the firing line. Shooters should ensure that no shot falls into the wetland area to the east of the Trap Range under any circumstances.**
- TR-4. Shotguns must have their actions open when the shooter is not on station and ready to shoot. Shotguns are to be loaded only on station and with no more than

two shells at one time.

TR-5. Do not shoulder guns except on the shooting line.

TR-6. Except during organized biathlon events, or with an exception granted by the Board of Directors, no firearms other than shotguns are to be used on the Trap Range.

HIGH POWER RIFLE RANGE

NOTE: All users of these ranges must be aware that this is a Shared Use Area. There may be individuals down range working or shooting and these individuals may not be readily visible from the firing line.

HP-1. The gate to the ranges, at the outdoor range kiosk (these ranges share a common gate with the 50- and 100-yard Covered Ranges), shall be closed and locked after entering or leaving the range. Shooters must log in prior to shooting.

HP-2. When the sign to the right of the firing line indicates the range is OPEN, no one should be down range. When the sign indicates the range is CLOSED, it must be assumed that someone is present down range, even if the gate allowing access down range is closed and no individuals or vehicles are in sight.

HP-3. Immediately upon arrival at the range, shooters shall check the sign to the right of the firing line to determine if the range is OPEN or CLOSED. **Regardless of the sign position, do not set up to shoot before first changing the sign to “Range Closed” (if necessary) and walking or driving down range to verify that no one is present – simply observing the down range area is not sufficient.** If the range is closed, determine when the individuals down range will be leaving and do not set up to shoot until you have verified that they have left.

HP-4. If the high power rifle range is in use, communicate with others on the line to determine when and where you can set up. **DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS BEHIND THE FIRING LINE** – take your cased rifle to the line, then remove your rifle, pointing the muzzle down range at all times.

HP-5. **After following the steps delineated above, and setting up to shoot, do not proceed down range again without ensuring that:**

- The line is CLEAR, all firearms are unloaded with the action open and, preferably, with chamber flags (open bolt indicators) inserted.
- The sign to the right of the firing line is set to “**Range Closed**” and the gate to the right of the sign remains open.

While down range, ensure that your vehicle can be seen from firing line. While anyone is down range, all shooters remaining at the firing line will move at least 3 feet back from the shooting benches/firing line. **No handling of firearms or approaching the shooting benches/firing line for any reason is allowed when anyone is down range.** Loading of rounds into clips or magazines is allowed provided that shooters remain at least 3 feet behind the benches and do not approach the benches at any time for any reason.

HP-6. When returning from down range, verify that everyone is back, close the gate, and set the sign to “Range Open” before you resume shooting.

- HP-7. When the last person leaves the range, verify no one is down range, the gate is closed, and the sign has been set to “Range Open.”
- HP-8. The high power rifle range may be used for rimfire rifles, center fire rifles up to .50 caliber, and muzzle-loading “black powder” rifles of any caliber. Use of any other firearm, including specifically any handgun, requires prior consent of the Board of Directors.
- HP-9. Targets allowed on the High Power Rifle Range are paper targets, steel targets, clay birds, balloons, and plastic bottles. **Shooters must pick up all their trash and debris and place it in the trash bins provided or take it home.**
- HP-10. Targets shall be placed in a manner (height and lateral location) that ensures any rounds fired impact one of the berms directly, not the range floor. To ensure that no rounds pass over the berms, do not elevate the muzzle of your firearm above the target line unless your finger is off the trigger.
- HP-11. Armor-piercing ammunition is prohibited when shooting at Club-provided steel targets. Tracer and other incendiary ammunition is prohibited at all times.

OUTDOOR COVERED RANGES

- OR-1. The gate to the outdoor Covered Ranges (these ranges share a common gate with the High Power Rifle Range and the Action Bays) shall be closed and locked after entering or leaving the range. Shooters must log in prior to shooting.
- OR-2. **Shooters must position targets at an appropriate height and in line with the muzzle so that all shots hit the end berm directly, not the range floor or side berms, and not over the berms. No targets shall be placed on the range floor. On the 100-yard range, targets must be placed at least 50 yards from the firing line.**
- OR-3. Targets allowed on the outdoor Covered Ranges are paper targets, properly constructed and placed steel targets, clay birds, balloons, and plastic bottles. **Shooters must pick up all their trash and target debris and put it in the dumpster next to the Clubhouse or take it home.** The brass bucket is not to be used as a trash receptacle.
- OR-4. No rapid-fire shooting is allowed unless you can be absolutely sure that all shots impact the end berm directly and do not go into the range floor or over the berm.
- OR-5. Drawing and shooting from a holster is allowed if and only if the requirements of General Rule 4.c are met.
- OR-6. Never climb on berms. Ensure that your children never climb on berms.

ARCHERY RANGES

There is a walk-around 3-D Archery Range starting at the kiosk on the left of the Clubhouse driveway and a field range on the lawn to the right of the drive. **A second walk-around range starts at the Clubhouse and is for sanctioned shoots ONLY.**

- AR-1. Shooters must log in prior to shooting.

- AR-2. Absolutely no discharge or handling of firearms on any Archery Range is permitted.
- AR-3. Broadheads and crossbows are permitted only on designated targets.
- AR-4. While searching for arrows, an article of clothing **MUST** be placed against the target face to alert other archers of your presence in the target area.
- AR-5. Only paper targets and approved 3-D targets are allowed on the Archery Range.
- AR-6. To avoid being in a line of fire, never take shortcuts between 3-D trails or between targets.

ACTION SHOOTING BAYS

- AB-1. The gate to the Action Bays (these ranges share a common gate with the 50- and 100-yard Covered Ranges and also with the High Power Rifle Range) shall be closed and locked after entering or leaving the range. Shooters must log in prior to shooting.
- AB-2. These facilities are reserved for competitive events and are not to be used by Club members without written approval from the Board of Directors.
- AB-3. **When using the Action Bays, the High Power Rifle Range will be closed and the “Range Closed” sign displayed. See High Power Rifle Range rules.**
- AB-4. No more than one shooter shall handle a loaded firearm in any bay at any one time.
- AB-5. Jacketed ammo and armor-piercing (including steel-core) ammo is prohibited when shooting at steel targets.
- AB-6. Cowboy props, tables, and other Club property must not be used as target holders. Members using any Club property as target holders (other than target frames provided for that purpose) shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including loss of range privileges.
- AB-7. When equipment and/or targets have been set up for a scheduled event, Club members are prohibited from disturbing them in any way, and are expressly prohibited from shooting at any equipment or targets without prior permission of the Event Coordinator or Match Director
- AB-8. Please note the following special conditions:
 - a. During Cowboy, 3-Gun and similar events, multiple targets, arranged so that some shots hit the side berms, will be permitted. Determination of safe shooting angles shall be at the discretion of the Match Director. Moving targets, steel targets and various types of barricades may also be used.
 - b. During Cowboy, 3-Gun and similar events, only a single shooter shall be allowed into the active shooting area and he/she will be under the direct supervision of a Range Officer or individual designated by the Match Director at all times.
 - c. During an organized event, shooters will be allowed to move between firing positions while handling firearms per published 3-Gun or SASS rules.

RANGE INFRACTION FORM

It is expected that any member who observes anyone using poor judgment or committing an act that is in violation of the Range Rules will remind that person of proper safety procedures. If the offending behavior is not immediately corrected, a Club Officer should be notified either in person or by filing a Range Infraction Form (RIF), to be deposited in one of the lockboxes at the kiosks, indicating the nature of the violation and the name and/or badge number of the individual committing the violation. If the name/badge number of the violator is not known, then the vehicle make and license plate number should be included as the identifying information.

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RANGE INFRACTION FORM

Your name: _____

Date of infraction: _____

Was anyone present? _____

Name of person committing the rules infraction or vehicle license
plate number:

Which range? _____

Nature of the infraction: _____



NOTICE

The Club grounds, including all ranges, are under 24/7 video surveillance and digital recording. Any persons entering Club grounds grant their implied consent to such surveillance and recording. This consent extends to the use of images or recordings resulting therefrom in any investigation, disciplinary action, and/or prosecution resulting from their actions while on said premises.

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