

# INDEPENDENT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB RANGE & FIELD RULES

**RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE HOURS:** Monday – Saturday – 9:00 AM to Sunset. Sundays & Holidays 12:00 PM to Sunset.

**SHOTGUN RANGE HOURS:** Wednesday - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Saturday & Sunday – 1:00 to 4:00 PM

## GENERAL - ALL RANGES

- Sign in before shooting and sign out before leaving the range. There are **separate** sign-in sheets for rifle and pistol ranges and shotgun fields.
- Members must sign in and out, and sign for any/all guests. Members are 100% responsible for guests, and must accompany their guests at ALL times.
- Children (less than 18 years old) must NEVER be left unattended.
- Shooters shall be free to point out unsafe actions to other shooters and to report observed and uncorrected unsafe activities to the rifle and Pistol Range Committee or the Board of Directors.
- ALL Range Rules are STRICTLY ENFORCED.
  - Anyone found violating range rules may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors up to and including revocation of range access and expulsion from the club.
- ANY shooter may call a “CEASE FIRE” for any reason.
- When present, the Range Safety Officer’s (RSO) decisions are final.
- EYE and EAR protection are mandatory at ALL TIMES. (All ranges/pavilions).
- Only “Controlled Fire” is permitted. Controlled fire is when one’s ability allows that ALL shots are on target at the speed at which they are shooting.
- Full automatic firearms are not allowed on the ranges.
- Armor piercing, tracer and exploding ammunition is not allowed on the ranges.
- Steel core ammunition in any caliber is not allowed on the ranges.
- Exploding targets are not allowed on the ranges.
- Shooters are REQUIRED to pick up their targets, trash, empty cases, etc.
- **SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING**
  - **ALWAYS** keep the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot.
  - **ALWAYS** keep the firearm pointed DOWNRANGE.
  - **ALWAYS** keep your finger out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
  - **ALWAYS** treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
  - ALL firearms SHALL BE carried to/from the pavilion/range unloaded, with actions open, and in a safe condition.
  - Safe tables monitored by a Range Safety Officer may be utilized during shooting event.
  - A loaded firearm must NEVER be out of the shooters hands.
  - **COLD RANGE** shall be called and all firearms made safe before anyone moves downrange to set or retrieve targets, collect brass or for any other reason.
    - All shooters and guests must acknowledge range is COLD and all shooting stops.
    - **No one moves downrange until range is cold.**
    - NO handling of firearms when people are DOWNRANGE.
    - ALL firearms MUST be unloaded with the action opened with a **CHAMBER FLAG** in place.
    - ALL firearms must be placed on a bench with the muzzle pointed **DOWNRANGE**, or in a rifle rack with a CHAMBER FLAG in place. The only exceptions to this, is an “unloaded” cased firearm.
    - ALL shooters and guests must move behind, and stay behind the yellow Cold Range line painted on the floor.
    - Magazines may be loaded and gear adjusted BEHIND the Cold Range line.
  - Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
  - ALL rounds MUST impact the DOWNRANGE berm/backstop.

*Portions of the rules may be suspended during scheduled shooting events, which are monitored by Range Safety Officers.*

## **TARGETS – Rifle and Pistol Ranges**

- Shooters shall supply their own targets.
- Paper targets MUST be positioned so that ALL rounds impact the berm/backstop DOWNRANGE.
- NO plinking at other than paper targets is allowed.
- Shoot only at the target in front of you. Firing across the range is not allowed.
- Only Paper/Cardboard targets are permitted.
- Targets shall be placed only on Club supplied stands.
  - Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will **NOT** impact the target stands / frames.
  - Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will NOT impact any downrange target stands / frames / structures.

## **ADDITIONAL RULES - 100 Yard RIFLE Range**

- Shooting is ONLY permitted from the seated position, INSIDE the pavilion.
- ONLY rifle (including Black Powder), SLUG shotgun, or pistol (4" barrel minimum, fired from the seated position with a rest) shooting is permitted on a rifle range.
- Drawing a pistol from a holster is NOT allowed at the rifle range.
- Only paper targets are permitted, and shall be hung on the club provided target frames (at 50 or 100 yards).
- Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will NOT impact the target stands / frames / structures.
- When shooting at targets on the 50-Yard stands, targets and shooter shall be positioned such that fired rounds will not hit the targets / frames / structures at the 100-yard. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- Steel targets provided by the Club may be shot once the shooter is confident they will not hit target frames or supporting structure.
- **Cold Range** Turn on Cold Range lights or mount flag on pavilion framing.
- When not being fired, firearms may be placed on the benches with action open and a CHAMBER FLAG in place.
- Shooters shall notify the **Rifle and Pistol Range Committee** or **Board of Directors** of any damage observed to target stands / frames / structures.
- Shotgun patterning is not allowed on the rifle or pistol ranges. Patterning is permitted in the area adjacent to the trap fields.

## **ADDITIONAL RULES - 25 Yard PISTOL Ranges**

- All shooting shall occur from behind the bench, inside the pavilion, from the standing position.
- Shooters shall set up in, and fire in only one marked lane if other shooters are present.
- When not being fired, firearms may be placed on the benches with action / cylinder open and a CHAMBER FLAG in place.
- ONLY "pistol", or 22 Rimfire rifle, Black Powder rifle or 9mm carbine shooting is permitted at the pistol range.
- **NO Shotguns of any kind are allowed on these ranges.**
- **NO Center-fire Rifles are allowed on these ranges, with the exception of 9mm carbines.**
- Drawing from a holster is NOT allowed, UNLESS: you are an active Law Enforcement Officer.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- ALL paper targets must also be placed so that shots fired, enter into the "bullet trap" at the end of the range.
- Targets shall be mounted on frames such that rounds will NOT impact the target stands / frames.
- Targets shall be mounted such that rounds will NOT impact any downrange target stands / frames / structures.
- Steel targets supplied by the Club shall **NOT** be placed closer than 10 yards downrange of the bench.

## **ADDITIONAL RULES – Skeet, Trap, 5-Stand Fields, and Sporting Clays Course**

- Sign in at the warm up house desks BEFORE Shooting.
- Keep guns unloaded with actions open until ON shooting stations.
- Do NOT walk to or from stations with a loaded gun.
- 7 ½ lead or 6 steel are the LARGEST shot size permitted to be used anywhere.
- No more than TWO shells may be loaded in a gun on the Skeet or 5-Stand fields or the Sporting Clays course.
- No more than ONE shell may be loaded in a gun on the Trap fields unless you are shooting doubles.
- Patterning of shotguns is NOT allowed on the Skeet, Trap or 5-Stand fields. Patterning is permitted in the area adjacent to the trap fields.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RULES, ASK AN RSO, RANGE COMMITTEE MEMBER OR B.O.D MEMBER**