

The shooter (or adult supervising a junior shooter) is legally responsible for all shots and will be held responsible for any breach of the club's rules or unsafe acts. The club expects each member to conduct themselves in a proper and safe manner at all times. The club reserves the right to suspend a shooter's use of the ranges for unsafe acts and/or expel the member from the club. The club will press for criminal prosecution of any member using the facilities improperly.

When using the rifle and pistol range, all bullets are required to impact the lower half of the backstop. If the shooter believes a bullet may have stuck anywhere else and has left the club property, the member is required to notify the club president and local authorities. Failure to immediately do this will result in expulsion from the club and criminal prosecution.

Full automatic pistols or rifles are not allowed to be used on club property.

When using the archery range, all arrows are required to impact a hay bale, arrow block stopper, or 3D target. If the shooter believes an arrow has left the club property, the member is required to notify the club president and local authorities. Failure to immediately do this will result in expulsion from the club and criminal prosecution.

The shooter is responsible to clean up all trash, including spent brass and hulls and staples/pushpins/tape, after using the facilities.

General Gun Handling Rules

ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT, and outside the trigger guard, until ready to fire.

ALWAYS KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE. On a firing range this means the shooter is in a position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live firing.

BE SURE OF THE TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND. When on shooting ranges, be mindful also of adjacent areas and act accordingly.

BE SURE THE GUN IS SAFE TO OPERATE.

KNOW HOW TO USE THE GUN SAFELY.

USE ONLY THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR GUN. When at a shooting range with more than one firearm, use one at a time and when finished, store that firearm and its ammunition before using the next one.

WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION.

NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.

STORE GUNS SO THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

Additional Pistol Range Rules

The shooter will only use paper targets on the pistol range unless prior written permission is obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Do not handle firearms when shooters are down range. This includes the picnic benches. Best practice is to bring your gear to your established firing line.

The shooter will be no more than 25 yards from the target holder/backstop when shooting. For pistols designed for greater range, the distance can be increased by obtaining prior written permission from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Buckshot is not allowed to be used on the pistol range.

Additional Rifle Range Rules

The shooter will only use paper targets on the rifle range unless prior written permission is obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Shotgun slug shooters and Black powder shooters may use the movable bench rests from 25 to 75 yards with prior written permission obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Shotgun slug shooters and Black powder shooters are encouraged to shoot from the fire control structure.

Buckshot is not allowed to be used on the rifle range.

High powered rifles are required to be fired from the fire control structure unless prior written permission is obtained from the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Shooters may not load more than 5 rounds at a time in the magazine of a high powered rifle. The shooter is encouraged to only load one round at a time.

If damage occurs to the fire control structure, the shooter is expected to report the incident immediately to the club president or range safety committee chairperson.

Additional Trap Range and Patterning Board Rules

#7 1/2 or #8 shot will only be used on the trap range and patterning board. The rifle or pistol range must be used for slug guns.

Buckshot is not allowed to be used on the trap range.

Clay birds may be thrown by hand or machine.

Additional Archery Range Rules

All forms of archery equipment (including crossbows) may be used provided the shooter has sufficient backstop material setup. If the arrows/bolts penetrate through the backstop material and stopping boxes back, the shooter must take corrective action.

The shooter must stay on ground level when using the archery range. No climbing of trees or buildings, using a ladder, or some other height altering device is allowed.

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