

Rockford Gun Club

Range & Safety Rules

These rules are in place for your protection, as well as to promote your enjoyment of the facility. Please adhere to them, as failure to do so may result in immediate dismissal from the club.

- The basic NRA rules of gun safety must be followed at all times and under all circumstances
 - Never point the muzzle of your firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy, never point it or allow it to sweep another person.
 - Keep your finger out of the trigger until your sights are on the target
 - Keep your firearm unloaded until you are ready to use it and when it is not under your direct control.
- No one may go forward of the firing line unless the range has been called "CLEAR" or "COLD" and all shooters have acknowledged this and made their weapons safe.
- When the shooting line is called "COLD" or "CLEAR", all shooters must unload all firearms before anyone goes downrange. There is to be absolutely no gun handling while the range is "CLEAR" or "COLD".
- You may collect your own brass that is on or behind the firing line. That falls in front of the firing line may not be collected until the range is declared "CLEAR" or "COLD"
- Anyone on the range may call a "CEASE FIRE" when they observe an unsafe condition. When the command "CEASE FIRE" is given:
 - Stop shooting IMMEDIATELY
 - Remove your finger from the trigger
 - Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
 - Unload and safe your firearm until the situation has been resolved.
- Firing a shot on the range that results in the bullet striking anything other than the target and/or backstop is not allowed. No rounds may be fired out of the berm area for any reason at any time. See beyond the target. Make sure all rounds impact into the shooting bay walls. Set up your target to minimize the possibility of ricochets.
- Minimum distance for engaging steel targets with pistol ammunition is 10 yards. Use handgun ammunition or birdshot only on the steel plates inside 100 yards. Minimum distance for engaging steel targets with rifle ammunition is 100 yards. No rifle cartridges may be fired at the plates inside 100 yards.
- **50 BMG caliber rifles are only allowed on the range when used with a suppressor and may not be fired at the steel targets provided by Rockford Gun Club. You must provide any target that you plan to shoot with you 50 BMG caliber rifle.**
- Shooting hours begin at 9 a.m.. There will be no shooting allowed after sunset. It was necessary to institute this policy to put us in compliance with the Range Protection Act passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2001.
- All Federal, state, and local firearm laws must be obeyed. Owners of Class III firearms must be in possession of any special permits or paperwork required by law.
- Positively no alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are to be consumed on the property.
- Lock the gate behind you- coming or going.
- Return all range props to the appropriate target shed when you are finished. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH BEFORE YOU LEAVE!!!!**

- Eye and ear protection are mandatory for shooters and bystanders.
- Shooting at aerial targets (clay birds) is allowed, but only in the large 360 degree bay.