

United Conservation and Outdoor Association of Hancock County (UCOA)

UCOA
PO box 161
Findlay, OH 45840

Requirement for Membership: Applicants for Membership must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States. New members will be on a probation period of 1 year. Any violation of the UCOA rules & regulations will forfeit membership and dues. Membership includes a spouse, and children under the age of 18. Membership dues \$75.00 per year.

Membership Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone : _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes / No

Are you a United States citizen? Yes / No

Are you a NRA member? Yes / No Life Member number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

I hereby apply for membership at the UCOA. I certify that I am a person of good repute and that I have never been convicted of any felony. I have read all of the UCOA Rules and Regulations and as a member agree to accept these rules while on the property. I further certify I'm not under firearm disability and permitted to own, possess and purchase firearms. I understand I can be held personally and financially liable for any damages or injury caused by my negligence or my guest negligence while on the UCOA property. I agree that the UCOA will not be held liable for injury or death to members or guests while on club property. I acknowledge that shooting firearms is inherently dangerous and can lead to serious injury or death. I understand that this application is conditional and will be reviewed by the UCOA trustees for approval prior to issuance of membership. If I am admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good citizenship, good sportsmanship and conduct myself in a professional manner. I understand that failure to comply with any of the policies and/or rules of the club will result in the termination of my membership. Completing this application is no guarantee of membership at the UCOA.

New Member Signature

Date: _____

UCOA Rules and Regulations

All UCOA members must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the UCOA Board and Trustees. Anyone misusing the UCOA facility will be subject to termination of membership. The UCOA offers its members a wide variety of activity and promotes the safe use of firearms. Activities include, but not limited to: Fishing, Archery, Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, Rifle / Pistol range and other shooting events. The range is open during daylight hours or special events. UCOA Board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM. Members are encouraged to attend regular meetings. UCOA Trustees and Board members reserve the right to close the range at any time. Special events take precedents over the use of the range.

Security

Make sure the gate is closed after entry. Security cameras are in position to monitor the facility.

UCOA Range Rules

1. All members must attend a safety class prior to receiving a membership card.
2. ***MEMBER Guest** – Guests are permitted after the member had received approval from the board.
3. All shooters must have their membership card **visible** while at the range. Trustees & Board members reserve the right to validate membership upon request.
4. Paper or cardboard targets only. Any other targets will be furnished by the UCOA.
5. **DO NOT SHOOT** the frames used to hang targets.
6. Ages 14 and under must be accompanied by a non-shooting adult member.
7. **DO NOT** shoot buckshot or slugs at the rubber mats. Sighting in deer slugs is permissible on cardboard targets not mounted to the rubber mats.
8. **No Automatic Weapons.**
9. **No Bump shooting.**
10. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the shooting range.
11. Everyone on the range must have eye and ear protection. No exceptions.
12. No armor piercing rounds or tracers permitted.
13. No explosive targets permitted.
14. Shooters will remain behind the firing line when shooting downrange.
15. No shooting outside of the baffle area.
16. While shooters are down range all guns must be unloaded, actions open and resting on bench with muzzle pointing down range. **DO NOT HANDLE GUNS WHILE SHOOTERS ARE DOWN RANGE.** If your actions will not stay open you will need to have a chamber flag inserted.
17. **DO NOT** shoot into the baffle, support columns or target stands.
18. Report anyone demonstrating unsafe handling of firearms to a Trustee or Board member.
19. Shooting Bays are reserved for pistol shooting only. Shooting rifles in the bays is prohibited.

In case of an emergency dial 911. Board and trustee phone numbers are posted around the facility.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Once you have finished shooting dispose of any items you brought onto the range. The portable target stands will be placed in front of the backstop to prevent the bullets from skipping off the ground or over the backstop. All misfire rounds must be disposed in the orange containers at the back of the firing line.

Rifle/Pistol Range Lights and Buzzer

Using the safety lights/buzzer to set-up and tear down targets down range. Please follow these simple steps.

1. Clarify with other shooters first that the **RANGE IS SAFE and ACTIVATE LIGHTS** before moving down range. When you have returned from down range check to make sure no one else is down range. Inform all other shooters the **RANGE IS HOT and DEACTIVATE LIGHT.** (When you are ready to go down range make sure all other shooters are at a stopping point. Turn on Range Lights and confirm with all shooters the range is safe. After returning from down range confirm no other shooters are still down range, inform shooters range is going hot and turn off the lights.)
2. The club installed flashing red lights and a buzzer at the rifle/pistol range. The lights are in front of the bench rest and the switch is at the back. The purpose of the lights and buzzer is to warn shooters when the range is safe. The procedure is as follows:

Please note: when the range is safe and shooters are down range NO ONE should be handling their gun. Gun should be on the shooting bench with actions open and muzzles facing down range. Be courteous to other shooters and wait while everyone has cleared their guns and placed them on the shooting bench before proceeding down range.

All members will abide by these 4 gun safety rules.

- Rule One: **Treat all guns as if they are loaded.****
- Rule Two: **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target.****
- Rule Three: **Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.****
- Rule Four: **Be sure of your target and what is behind it.****

*Guest Membership: Guest must be approved by a Trustee prior to being on the property. To get an approval for a guest send an email to: guest@ucoa-findlay.com. In the subject field type Guest Request and include in the email Your Name, phone number, name of the guest(s) and date when you will be at the range. Guest must follow all UCOA policies (same as a member) while on the property. You will get an email reply approving your request. Print off a copy of the email and have with you when at the range with your guest.