

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 and dues. The UCOA offers its members a wide variety of activities and promotes the safe use of firearms. Activities include, but not limited to, Fishing, Archery, Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, Rifle / Pistol range, and shooting events. The range is open during daylight hours. The UCOA Board and Trustees meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 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 precedence over the use of the range.

Security Gate:

Make sure to close the gate after entry. Security cameras monitor the gate and range facility. Your identification card and RFID security card must be present while on the property.

UCOA Range Rules

1. All members must attend a safety class prior to receiving a membership card.
2. ***MEMBER Guest** – Two Guests are permitted. Email: guest@ucoa-findlay.com
3. Members must have their Security and Identification Card **visible in your lanyard** while at the range. Trustees & Board members reserve the right to validate membership upon request.
4. Paper or cardboard targets only.
5. **On covered range shooters will not shoot from lower than the top of the shooting benches, no kneeling or prone shooting.**
6. Ages 14 and under must be accompanied by a non-shooting adult member.
7. **ABSOLUTELY no shot to be used on the rifle and pistol ranges.** Sighting deer slugs is permissible on cardboard targets not mounted to rubber mats.
8. **No Automatic Weapons. No Bump stock or Binary Triggers. No Exceptions, use of these devices will result in immediate loss of membership.**
9. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the shooting range.
10. Everyone on the range must have eye and ear protection. No exceptions.
11. Armor piercing rounds, exploding targets, or tracers prohibited.
12. No shooting outside the Baffle area.
13. Shooters will remain behind the firing line and within the bays when shooting downrange.
14. While shooters are downrange, unload guns, actions open and with the muzzle pointing down range. If your action does not lock back, you are required to have a chamber flag present. **DO NOT HANDLE GUNS WHILE SHOOTERS ARE DOWN THE RANGE.**
15. **DO NOT** shoot into the baffle, support columns or frame. Do not hang targets from the baffle.
16. Report anyone demonstrating unsafe handling of firearms to a Trustee or Board member.
17. Bays 1 & 2 used for Pistol or Pistol Caliber Carbines and Bays 3 & 4 are Pistol shooting only.
18. 50 BMG caliber rounds are prohibited. Shooting rifles in the bays prohibited.
19. Once you have finished shooting dispose of any items you brought onto the range. The portable target stands are placed in front of the backstop to prevent the bullets from skipping off the ground or over the backstop. All misfire rounds must be placed in the orange containers at the back of the firing line.
20. Access to the range and Pond will vary during daylight hours. Please note the hours on the website so you do not get locked in.
21. You will need your RFID card to access the Pond gate. Note changes to the Pond Rules and hours. Access to the pond will close during the winter months. Dates will be posted on the UCOA website.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Rifle/Pistol Range Lights and Buzzer

1. Clarify with other shooters first that the **RANGE IS SAFE and ACTIVATE LIGHTS.** Verbally announce to all other shooters that the range is safe. When all shooters have acknowledged the range is safe **ACTIVATE THE LIGHTS. DO NOT** turn on the lights and proceed down range without verbally informing all shooters the range is safe. When you have returned from down range check to make sure no one else is down range. Verbally announce to 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 downrange confirm no other shooters are still down range, inform shooters range is going hot and turn off the lights.)
2. When the range is safe, and shooters are downrange NO ONE should be handling their guns. Guns should be on the shooting bench with actions open; muzzles are pointing 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.
3. 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:

All members will abide by these four-gun safety rules.

Rule One: Treat all guns as if loaded.

Rule Two: Keep your finger off the trigger until your sight is 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.

If you have any questions, contact the Membership Secretary: Jon Nelson (419-889-9930)

*Guest Membership: Trustees or Board will approve guest before being on the property. To get approval for a guest send an email to guest@ucoa-findlay.com. In the subject field type: Guest Request and include in the email body Your Name, phone number, the name of the guest(s) and date when you will be at the range. Guests must follow all UCOA policies (same as being 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 or on your phone. You are limited to two guests at the range.

Retain this page for your records.

In the case of an emergency dial 911

The UCOA is incorporated as a non-profit club. Membership dues and income for events like Rental, Trap, Skeet, Steel Challenge, and IDPA make up the revenue used to keep the club viable for its members. The trustees and board members volunteer their time to operate the club's day-to-day operation. All monetary donations are accepted and will be used for future improvements. The club's meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Members are invited to attend and participate in the meeting. Meeting times are posted on www.ucoa-findlay.com website.