

Range Safety Rules



Administrative Range Rules

- Use of this Club is restricted to members and escorted guests, except for participation in events open to the general public.
- Keep the gate locked upon entry and exit, except when a sign is posted for public events.
- Wear your ID badge so that it is visible at all times.
- You are responsible for your family members and guests. Maximum twelve guests per year, no more than two guests per visit, per badged member.
- Dogs or other pets, with the exception of certified service dogs, are not allowed on the shooting range.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that is responsible and respectful to the shooting range, Club property and other members.
- Participate in at least one range cleanup each year (fee charged if you do not participate).
- The hours of operation are sunrise to sunset.
- Smoking, alcohol, and drugs (including recreational) are not allowed on Club property or shooting range
- Presence of livestock or wildlife on or in vicinity of any range closes the range.
- Call local police or hospital in the event of an emergency and then notify the Range Master.

Gun Handling Rules

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- Yell out "CEASE FIRE" if you see an unsafe condition.
- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Wear eye and ear 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.

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General & Specific Range Rules – Pistol Range

- Handguns only—semi-auto, revolver, air, black powder, etc. No rifles or shotguns.
- Pistol Caliber Carabines (PCC) can be used if barrel is less than 9 inches and no braces.
- Raise range flag when range is in use. Lower range flag when range is not in use.
- Communicate with all shooters when range is CLOSED and when range is OPEN. Double check!
- When range is OPEN, you may handle and discharge your firearm. Stay behind red firing line.
- When range is OPEN, do not touch firearm, magazine, etc. Stay behind yellow ready line.
- SAFE your firearm before going OPEN. Remove magazine, empty cylinder, open action and leave facing up, point muzzle downrange, engage safety (if applicable), and bench firearm.
- Yell CEASE FIRE if you believe an unsafe condition exists or a safety infraction has occurred.
- If you hear CEASE FIRE, stop firing, keep muzzle pointed downrange, and await instructions.
- Armor piercing, tracer, explosive, or incendiary ammunition and targets are prohibited.
- Shoot only in your designated lane (no cross shooting). Know where others are at all times.
- Shoot only at pre-made cardboard targets or commercial steel at base of backstop berm.
- Do not shoot at target frames, holders, guardrails, posts, cover, livestock, wildlife, etc.
- Drawing from holsters is allowed on shooting stations 1 through 5 only.
- Keep your range clean—pick up spent casings, misfired ammunition, used targets, and trash.
- Failure to observe these rules is cause for suspension or expulsion from the Club.

General & Specific Range Rules – Rifle Range

- Rifles allowed on all shooting lanes. Handguns and shotguns allowed on lanes 1 – 10 only.
- Fully automatic, echo triggers, burst, or bump firing is not allowed.
- Raise range flag when range is in use. Lower range flag when range is not in use.
- Communicate with all shooters when range is CLOSED and when range is OPEN. Double check!
- When range is CLOSED, you may handle and discharge your firearm. Stay behind red firing line.
- When range is OPEN, do not touch firearm, magazine, etc. Stay behind yellow ready line.
- SAFE your firearm before going OPEN. Remove magazine, empty cylinder, open action and leave facing up, point muzzle downrange, engage safety (if applicable), and bench firearm.
- Yell CEASE FIRE if you believe an unsafe condition exists or a safety infraction has occurred.
- If you hear CEASE FIRE, stop firing, keep muzzle pointed downrange, and await instructions.
- Armor piercing, tracer, explosive, or incendiary ammunition and targets are prohibited.
- Shoot only in your designated lane (no cross shooting). Know where others are at all times.
- Shoot only at authorized targets—no glass, clays, loose particle board, rocks, or metal objects, except commercial steel targets placed at least 25 yards in front of firing line.
- Do not shoot at target frames, holders, guardrails, posts, cover, livestock, wildlife, etc.
- Keep your range clean—pick up spent casings, misfired ammunition, used targets, and trash.
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- Activities allowed include drawing from a holster, crossing the firing line, engaging multiple targets, rapid fire, transition drills, various shooting positions, shooting on the move, etc.
- Handguns only—semi-auto, revolver, air, black powder, etc. No rifles or shotguns.
- Range Safety Rules and Gun Handling Rules apply to the use of the Tactical Bays.
- Only one active shooter at a time may use the bay. Know where others are at all times.
- Raise range flag when range is in use. Lower range flag when range is not in use.
- Communicate with all shooters when range is CLOSED and when range is OPEN. Double check!
- Yell CEASE FIRE if you believe an unsafe condition exists or a safety infraction has occurred.
- If you hear CEASE FIRE, stop firing, keep muzzle pointed downrange, and await instructions.
- Armor piercing, tracer, explosive, or incendiary ammunition and targets are prohibited.
- Do not shoot at target frames, holders, guardrails, posts, cover, livestock, wildlife, etc.
- Keep your range clean—pick up spent casings, misfired ammunition, used targets, and trash.
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General & Specific Range Rules – Shotgun Fields

- Shotguns only with fixed stocks and target load 6 – 9 shots only (no slugs).
- Shotgun Fields are closed when Tactical exercises are occurring due to potential overspray of shots.
- Raise range flag when range is in use. Lower range flag when range is not in use.
- Communicate with all shooters when range is CLOSED and when range is OPEN. Double check!
- Keep actions/breaches open when not on a shooting station. Reopen after shooting.
- Do not load shotgun until you are on your station. Load from standing position.
- Never pass in front of Skeet or Trap houses when range is CLOSED.
- Yell CEASE FIRE if you believe an unsafe condition exists or a safety infraction has occurred.
- If you hear CEASE FIRE, stop firing, keep muzzle pointed downrange, and await instructions.
- Armor piercing, tracer, explosive, or incendiary ammunition and targets are prohibited.
- Do not shoot at target frames, holders, guardrails, posts, cover, livestock, wildlife, etc.
- Keep your range clean—pick up spent casings, misfired ammunition, used targets, and trash.
- Failure to observe these rules is cause for suspension or expulsion from the Club.

General & Specific Range Rules – Archery Range

- Firearms are not allowed on the Archery Range.
- Raise range flag when range is in use. Lower range flag when range is not in use.
- Yell CEASE FIRE if you believe an unsafe condition exists or a safety infraction has occurred.
- If you hear CEASE FIRE, stop firing, keep arrow pointed downrange, and await instructions.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Shoot only at designated targets from designated firing positions.
- Keep your range clean—pick up used targets and trash.
- Field point target tips only. Broadhead arrows are not allowed as they damage the targets.
- Only authorized personnel can move targets.
- Do not knock an arrow until you are ready to draw and shoot.
- Do not draw your bow until you have identified your shot point and are ready to shoot.
- For release shooters, do not place your finger near the trigger until your pin is on the shot point of your target.

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- Archery is a silent sport and so are most archers. Pay attention to signs and arrows to avoid walking into an active shooting lane.
- Failure to observe these rules is cause for suspension or expulsion from the Club.