

# CARRICK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



## SAFETY AND RANGES' RULES

### General Club Safety and Range Rules

#### I. BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

- A. The Range Rules given herein are to be considered as the official Rules and Regulations referred to in the By-Laws and are the application of the specifics of these rules as applied to the operation of the ranges.
- B. They may be amended, added to, or deleted at any time by the Board of Directors consistent with safety.
- C. The purpose of these Rules and Regulations, pertaining to the Club range property, is to set forth in writing, in a clear and concise form, an accepted regulatory guide for range operation, and to provide restrictive measures for the safe and controlled operation of the Club ranges and all its facilities.
- D. These range rules are given out to every member, at Orientation and at each Range Master class. Any member that lost their copy can ask for a new copy or an updated copy whichever is the case at any time.

#### II. SAFETY

- A. SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES
  1. The first rule of every range is safety.
  2. In addition to the rules posted for each range, the following NRA rules for safe firearm handling must always be followed every time you pick up a firearm.
    - **ALWAYS Keep the Gun Pointed in a Safe Direction; and never point a gun at anyone or anything you do not want to shoot.**
    - **ALWAYS Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger (and outside the trigger guard) Until Ready to Shoot.**
    - **ALWAYS Keep the Action Open and the Gun Unloaded Until Ready to Use.**
- B. WHEN USING OR STORING A GUN, ALWAYS FOLLOW THESE NRA RULES
  - Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
  - Know how to use the gun safely.
  - Use only the correct ammunition for the gun.
  - Know your target and what is beyond.
  - Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
  - Never use alcohol, over the counter or prescription drugs before or while shooting.
  - Store guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- C. GENERAL RANGE SAFETY RULES

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1. All firearms will be in a "SAFE" condition, slides back, magazines out, cylinder open, actions open and empty, with an ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) inserted, or boxed.
  - i. The lone exception is that break-open action shotguns may be closed in the rack.
2. All firearms will also be in a "SAFE" condition or boxed when being moved about the Club (for example, moving from the Clubhouse to the range, from the range table to the firing line, etc.).
3. Please note the following regarding your licensed personal carry firearm that is properly holstered:
  - i. All carry firearms must remain on your person and holstered at all times
  - ii. If you wish to use your carry firearm for shooting,
    1. You must first notify all shooters to please stand back of firing line, "I am unholstering my carry firearm."
    2. Standing at the firing line bench with the firearm pointing down range, release the magazine, unload, and make it safe, insert an ECI and reduce your magazine to 5 rounds.
    3. Then, notify other shooters that they can return to the firing line.
4. When in the Club House, at no time is a loaded magazine permitted to be inserted into a firearm. If you are cleaning or inspecting a firearm between matches, maintain all safety rules keep it open keep it empty, when an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) inserted.
  - i. The exception for personal carry firearm – which should be on your person and holstered.
5. Any practice that endangers any person, including yourself, or any other property is PROHIBITED (for example: Quick draw shooting)
6. No firearms, loaded or unloaded, are allowed forward of the firing line at any time
7. Before anyone goes forward of the firing line, all firearms will be "unloaded" and made safe with the use of an ECI.
  - a. Handling of firearms, magazines, or ammunition is prohibited.
  - b. Persons not going down range must stand back from the firing line at least two paces.
8. While on the firing line, all firearms must be pointed "down range" in a safe direction at all times. This rule must be followed while loading, unloading, and shooting so that an accidental discharge would not strike a person, ceiling, roof, or any other object.
  - c. While loading, muzzleloaders must be pointed in a safe direction.
9. All firing must be behind the bench, firing line, or other designated position only unless you are engaged in a special club activity.

### **III. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. Members must ALWAYS display membership and range classification cards while they are on Club grounds.
- B. Members are not permitted to give their membership Fob to any non-member, for any reason. This is reason for dismissal.
- C. Members must be qualified to shoot on each given range, and they must display their green range Classification Card in addition to their membership
- D. Alcoholic beverages of any kind are POSITIVELY, ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN on Club grounds except during Club parties when shooting is prohibited.
  1. For your safety and the safety of others, please never use the ranges if you have been drinking. Even one beer consumed off the Club grounds can alter your judgment.

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- E. Outdoor ranges may only be used during daylight hours, but not be used before 10:00 a.m. and all shooting must conclude by the PA Game Commission Hunting hours table, [http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022\\_23\\_hunting\\_hours\\_table.html#](http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022_23_hunting_hours_table.html#).
- F. Guests (including Family Members)
  - 1. A guest is a non-member
  - 2. All non-member guests must pay the range fee each time that they shoot.
  - 3. We encourage members to get associate membership
  - 4. Class "B" members may not bring any guest to the Club to shoot.
  - 5. Range Master "RM" and Class "A" members may bring only three (3) non-member guests to the Club to shoot at any one time.
  - 6. Members are not allowed to give private lesson(s) for a fee. They can instruct or assist any guest for free.
  - 7. Range Master "RM" and Class "A" members must supervise the shooting of their guest(s) on each range and ensure that the guest is following Club range rules and procedures
    - i. Guests must have completed safety and marksmanship orientation before shooting on the indoor range by the responsible Range Master "RM" or Class "A" member bringing them to the range.
    - ii. Any guest who has little or no prior experience with firearms must receive appropriate training on the indoor range before they shoot on any of the outdoor ranges.
    - iii. If any guest is unfamiliar with the shooting sports, the member shall not shoot and must supervise the guests until they become proficient with the rules of safety, as well as reviewing muzzle awareness, finger off the trigger until on target, how to load and especially how to unload the firearm safely.
  - 8. Range Master "RM" and Class "A" members must supervise and may not shoot when more than two of their guests are shooting.
  - 9. Members are totally responsible for all actions and range rule compliance of their guests while on Club property.
  - 10. All guests firing on each of the Club ranges must:
    - i. Complete a Club Guest Record card first time that they fire on each range. Afterward, they must only sign the logbook each time that they shoot.
    - ii. Enter their name, caliber(s) of all firearms being used, guest fees and member number on the logbook page clearly and legibly.
    - iii. The member is responsible to see that all items on the card are completed and the card turned over to the Club Member on the outdoor ranges with the logbook or filed at the indoor range sign-in station.
    - iv. Pay the range fee.
  - 11. When the range is crowded, a member and their guests are only entitled to use ONE shooting position. They must give up any additional spots for the use of Club members.
- IV. When leaving the Club, the member should be the last one to leave
  - 1. Turn off all lights.
  - 2. Secure the building by making sure the Clubhouse door is closed and double checked to ensure that it is locked.
  - 3. Pause long enough at the bottom of the driveway to ensure that the automatic gate is closing (approximately 30 seconds).

**V. GENERAL RANGES' RULES**

- A. A Range Master must be present to supervise all shooting at all outdoor firing ranges. Except during Club sponsored activities, individuals are not permitted to shoot on any outdoor firing range unless a Range Master is present.
- B. Smoking, beverages, and food are not permitted on or in ANY range. All smoking, beverages, and eating must be done outside, in the Clubhouse or other designated areas.
- C. The approved Range Masters are your fellow Club members who give generously of their time to facilitate your sport and ensure your safety. Refusal to obey their commands or directions is a profoundly serious offense that can result in "SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL."
- D. Members must complete the entries in the appropriate range logbook to include their name, Club card number, date, and time in and out, range classification ("RM", "A", "B" or "G" for guest) and firearm caliber(s) being used.
  - 1. "RM" = Range Master
  - 2. "A" = Member who has completed Safety and Club Orientations along with completing their indoor marksmanship demonstration.
  - 3. "B" = New member who is in the process of completing their Safety and Club Orientations and who has not yet completed their indoor marksmanship demonstration.
  - 4. "G" = Guest
- E. Eye and ear protection is mandatory and must be worn by all persons when there is shooting on a range.
- F. All firing will not exceed a controlled rate of fire. Indiscriminate, uncontrolled rapid fire is prohibited.
- G. Fully automatic firearms and all destructive types of ordinances as well as explosives are specifically forbidden to be used on Club property.
- H. The firing of armor piercing or tracer ammunition is strictly prohibited.
- I. Blackout firing is not permitted on any range.
- J. Defective ammunition must be placed in the receptacles provided or removed from the Club grounds. Ammunition disposed in any other way constitutes a danger and is forbidden.
- K. The use of targets with the image or likeness of a real person (whether living or deceased) is prohibited.
  - 1. Silhouette and "zombie" style targets may be used but may not have a human face
- L. New Club members are classified as Class "B" members. They must receive Club, safety, and marksmanship orientation on the indoor range before they may advance to class "A". This includes qualifying on the indoor range with the type of firearm that they plan to use.
  - 1. Class "B" member do not have a membership card, Club fob and do not have solo shooting privileges.
- M. Class "B" members are issued a class "A" classification card for the indoor range only after successful completion of the Club, Safety and Range Orientation and have completed their marksmanship demonstration.

**VI. RANGE MASTER INSTRUCTIONS & DUTIES**

- A. A Range Master must be present to supervise all shooting at all outdoor firing ranges, which could be the member. All individuals are not permitted to shoot on any outdoor firing range unless a Range Master is present.

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- B. The Range Master present shall insure that all range safety and operational rules are followed and enforced.
- C. As firearms come on to the range, make sure that they are visually checked to ensure that they are not loaded and that they are placed in a rack, or on a table or bench, and pointed in a safe direction.
- D. Firearms may be moved to a shooting position only when authorized by the Range Master command: "You may move to the firing line."
- E. Shooters may move forward of the firing line only when authorized by the Range Master command: "You may go forward and place your targets" or "You may go forward and change or remove your targets."
- F. Before beginning firing, the RM must check down range to ensure that the range is clear. When the range is clear, they will announce: "Down range area is clear, shooters may move to the firing position, load and commence firing."
- G. During a firing session, the RM will observe the actions of the shooters.
- H. To stop a firing session, the RM commands are:
  - 1. Cease Fire
  - 2. Unload and make your firearms safe
  - 3. Bench your firearm and step back two paces
  - 4. Stay away from the firing line and do not touch any firearm until told to do so
- I. Enforcement of Duties
  - 1. All violations of range rules or standard safety practices will be called to the attention of the shooter in a tactful manner, as appropriate.
- J. Equipment Failures and Accidents
  - 1. If personal injury occurs, the RM should immediately call "cease fire," evaluate the injury and take appropriate action.
    - i. There is a first aid kit in the Clubhouse, along with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
    - ii. In the event of a significant injury, call 9-1-1.
  - 2. In the event of an ammunition or firearm malfunction, the RM should immediately call "cease fire" and clear the firing line. After determining the nature of the problem, the RM should take the appropriate action.
  - 3. Firing may only be resumed when the situation has been resolved.

## **Indoor (50-Foot) Range Rules**

### **I. SAFETY**

- A. ALL GENERAL, SAFETY, HANDLING AND RANGE RULES APPLY – see General Club Safety and Range Rules.
- B. Firearms must be checked to ensure that they are not loaded when entering the range.
- C. Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI), eye and ear protection are mandatory for everyone on the range.
- D. All firing will not exceed a substantially controlled rate of fire. Indiscriminate, uncontrolled rapid fire is prohibited.
- E. No food, drink, or tobacco products on the range.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. The range may be used from 8:00 AM until 11:30 PM daily except during scheduled meetings, events, and work details.
- B. All shooting must be done from the bench positions. The only exception is for Club-sponsored special events.
- C. All firearms must be fired from the firing line, and never before the firing line. The only exception is for Club-sponsored special events.
- D. Members and guests must complete the log entries and guest information cards and fee, as described in the Administrative Instructions & Procedures under the General Club Safety and Range Rules.
- E. The light over the sign-in logbook must be on when the range is in use.
- F. The range door must be closed, and the exhaust fans should be operating as frequently as possible to move the air down range.
  - 1. At no time is there to be a direct passage of sound from the range to the outdoors.
- G. The exhaust fan should be on especially if center fire cartridges are being used.
- H. The range must be cleaned after use by removing targets, returning the screen dividers to the side, sweeping up the brass cases and depositing them and any trash in the proper container.
- I. Sweep up downrange where paper fragments from your targets
- J. Turn off all lights, exhaust fans, close the door, and turn off the light over the logbook.
- K. Leave the timer to run out. Please do not force it to zero, as that will damage it.
- L. Set the thermostat to 60 degrees
- M. Sign out by completing the log entries.
- N. If you are last to leave, turn off the range in use light

### **III. RANGE USE RULES**

- A. Any handgun may be used, provided that they meet the following requirements: .22 rim-fire short through and including 45 caliber handgun cartridges (except for 22 magnum, 357 magnum or 44 magnum); jacketed or semi-jacketed; all lead bullets; and a maximum velocity of 1200 fps.
- B. Rim-fire rifles firing .22 short, long, or long rifle cartridges; jacketed or semi-jacketed; all lead bullets; and a maximum velocity of 1200 fps.
- C. Black powder handguns are permitted.
- D. Prohibited uses include:
  - a. All .17 caliber, .22 magnum, 357 magnum, 44 magnum, +P, +P+ pistol rounds, 5.7x28 handguns, and all center-fire rifle & shotgun rounds **are prohibited**.

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- b. Pistol caliber carbines **are prohibited**.
- c. Carbines and Modern Sporting Rifles/Pistols regardless of barrel length or caliber **are prohibited** on the indoor range, with the exception of .22LR only.
- E. Only FIVE rounds at a time may be loaded in a chamber, magazine, or cylinder (combined).
- F. While on the firing line all firearms must be pointed down range in a safe direction always. When not firing, an ECI must be inserted to make the firearm safe.
- G. Use the appropriate target hanger for your shooting position provided that your line of fire is not lined up with the baffles, or the floors or wall.
- H. Targets are not to be suspended from the baffles. You may use any of the cables, as long as you ensure that you have a safe and straight line of fire with a target carrier of appropriate length for the shooting position.
- I. Do not attach targets to the Celotex, hang from baffles or place on the floor or the wood at the base of the impact area.
- J. Equipment such as turning targets, used by the pistol team members, are not to be used during regular shooting.
- K. When new shooters are entering the range where other members are already engaged in firing, the new shooters will wait until all shooters on the line have completed their string of fire.
- L. The General Range Safety Rules will apply before the new shooters can go down range to post their targets, including adding an ECI to your firearm
- M. The screen position dividers should be used especially by persons shooting semi-automatics.
- N. Beginning shooters should use .22 caliber firearms and shoot from a bench rest position at an 18 x 24 target on the 27-foot string.
- O. When shooting from the bench be aware of your target placement.
  - a. Be sure all your rounds are impacting into the back stop, and not hitting the floor, walls, or baffles.
  - b. ALWAYS BE SURE OF WHAT IS BEYOND YOUR TARGET.
- P. Black powder shooters must hose down the range after firing.

## **Trap Range Rules**

### **I. SAFETY**

- A. ALL GENERAL, SAFETY, HANDLING AND RANGE RULES APPLY – see General Club Safety and Range Rules
- B. A Range Master must be present to supervise the shooting
- C. Individuals not certified as a Range Master are not permitted to shoot on an outdoor firing range when a Club certified Range Master is not present
- D. Range Master instructions apply from the General Section above.
- E. Firearms must be checked to ensure that they are not loaded when entering the range.
- F. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for everyone in the range.
- G. All firing will not exceed a substantially controlled rate of fire. Indiscriminate, uncontrolled rapid fire is prohibited.
- H. No food, drink, or tobacco products on the range.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. Only "RM" may shoot on the range during daylight hours, but not be used before 10:00 a.m. and all shooting must conclude by the PA Game Commission Hunting hours table, [http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022\\_23\\_hunting\\_hours\\_table.html#](http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022_23_hunting_hours_table.html#).
- B. Class "RM" members may supervise Class "A" or "B" members and guests.
- C. Only shot size of 7-1/2, 8 or 9 may be used on the ranges
- D. The Program Director will
  - 1. unlock the trap house and the range gate
  - 2. will supervise the squad (line) assignment
  - 3. check to verify that that down range area is clear and that the traps are throwing regulation birds
  - 4. appoint one member of each squad as squad leader
- I. Shot larger than #7-1/2 may not be used, except during patterning.
- J. Patterning of shot larger than #7-1/2 must be done in the area to the right of the 50-yard pistol range when the range is not being used.
  - 1. A Director must be present and supervise the shooting.
- K. Individuals who have never fired trap must be given special instructions. The hand trap will be use when feasible.
- L. Members and guests must complete the log entries and guest information cards and fee, as described in the Administrative Instructions & Procedures under the General Club Safety and Range Rules.
- M. Sign out by completing the log entries.
- N. Informal shooting
  - 1. Members desiring to do informal shooting should contact the Trap Program Coordinator, or a Range Master to schedule a shoot.
  - 2. Informal – must bring your own throwers
  - 3. Shooters during informal shooting with hand or Taurus-type traps must shoot from the designated station and must control the shooting so that all shots go down range. The Range Master will monitor to control extreme wide-angle shots.
  - 4. The Range Master must give permission and supervise shotgun patterning.



**III. RANGE USE RULES**

- A. Upon arrival at the range, all shotguns must be unloaded and placed in a gun rack.
  - 1. The actions ON ALL shotgun, except break-open shotguns, MUST BE OPEN.
  - 2. Action on break-open shotguns may be closed.
- B. All shotgun actions shall be open upon removal from the gun rack and be pointed in a safe direction while entering the trap line and taking your position on the line.
- C. The only shotgun to be loaded while on the firing line is that of the squad member whose turn it is to shoot.
  - a. All other squad members on the firing line must have their shotgun unloaded with the action open and muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
  - b. Shooters may not close the action on their shotgun until after the person before them shoots, except for special shoots.
- D. The Range Master will call "Squad #, take your positions."
- E. The squad leader calls "Is the line ready?"
- F. The squad leader calls "Is the operator ready?"
- G. The squad leader calls "Is the line ready?"
- H. The operator responds "Operator ready or not ready"
- I. The squad leader calls "the line is ready?"
- J. When ready, the shooter in position #1 will call, "Pull"
- K. As the squad moves from one station to another, shotguns must be unloaded with actions open, and the muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
- L. After each line of trap, the squad leader will instruct all shooters to open their actions and check to ensure that their shotgun is not loaded.

## **100-Yard (Rifle) Range Rules**

### **I. SAFETY**

- A. ALL GENERAL, SAFETY, HANDLING AND RANGE RULES APPLY – see General Club Safety and Range Rules
- B. A Range Master must be present to supervise shooting.
- C. Except for Club sponsored activities, individuals are not permitted to enter the range unless a Range Master is present.
- D. Range Master instructions apply from the General Section above.
- E. Firearms must be checked to ensure that they are not loaded when entering the range.
- F. Place rifles, handguns, and shotguns in the rack or on a table.
  - 1. All firearm actions will remain open, with an ECI inserted into the action, and the firearm unloaded until the shooter is at their assigned shooting position and has been given permission by the Range Master to lock and load.
- G. ECI, eye and ear protection are mandatory for everyone in the range.
- H. All firing will not exceed a substantially controlled rate of fire. Indiscriminate, uncontrolled rapid fire is prohibited.
- I. No food, drink, or tobacco products on the range.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. Only "RM" may shoot on the range during daylight hours, but not be used before 10:00 a.m. and all shooting must conclude by the PA Game Commission Hunting hours table, [http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022\\_23\\_hunting\\_hours\\_table.html#](http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022_23_hunting_hours_table.html#).
- B. "RM" members may supervise Class "A", "B" members and/or guests.
- C. Handguns, and shotguns shooting only slugs (no buckshot, only single projectile) may be used.
- D. Members and guests must complete the log entries and guest information cards and fee, as described in the Administrative Instructions & Procedures under the General Club Safety and Range Rules.
- E. Each member must get the logbook and flag from the cabinet located in the kitchen and complete all entries in the log, ensuring that all entries are clear, legible, and accurate.
  - 1. The 100-Yard logbook must be taken with you to the range when shooting.
- F. The flag must be placed in the orange holder on the tree with the orange band, directly behind the range
- G. Open doors and turn on the lights and the fan when required.
- H. Open the shooting port(s) and secure them in the open position.
- I. The Range Master will declare the line safe and give the command to "Go forward and place your targets."
- J. The Range Master will check to verify that the down range area is clear.
- K. When done, clean up the range removing your targets, and place all trash in the proper container.
- L. Secure the shooting port(s) in the closed position.
- M. Sign out by completing the log entries.
- N. If you are the last person shooting, turn off the lights and return the 100-Yard logbook and flag to the Clubhouse kitchen cabinet.

**III. RANGE USE RULES**

- A. All firearm actions will remain open, with an ECI inserted, and the firearm unloaded until the shooter is at their assigned shooting position and has been given permission by the Range Master to lock and load.
- B. All rifle, shotgun and handgun barrels must protrude through the firing port when fired.
- C. All shooting must be done from the covered bench positions. The only exception is for Club-sponsored special events.
- D. All firearms must be fired from the firing line. The only exception is for Club-sponsored special events.
- E. Firearms are limited to no more than five (5) rounds in the magazine and chamber (combined).
  - a. The only exception is the M-1 Garand which is permitted to load eight (8) rounds in the clip.
- F. While on the firing line, all firearms must be pointed downrange in a safe direction at all times.
- G. All shots must be aimed shots. Indiscriminate or rapid firing is not permitted.
- H. No armor piercing or tracing ammunition may be used.
- I. All rifles should be bore sighted before using on the range.
- J. All shotguns and handguns should be sighted in on the at position #5 at 50-yard target holders (available from inside the building) before regular firing at the 100-yard target holders.
- K. Only paper targets may be used, except for special shoots.
  - a. All targets must be hung on the 100-yard mesh in positions that would not draw fire on the frame's support areas (marked in orange); or on the 50-yard target holders (available from inside the building).
  - b. Clothes pins are available in range house
- L. All shooters must adjust the ground or position level so that the gun barrel is centered in the port and in the center of the baffle ports.

## **50-Yard Outdoor (Pistol) Range Rules**

### **I. SAFETY**

- A. ALL GENERAL, SAFETY, HANDLING AND RANGE RULES APPLY – see General Club Safety and Range Rules
- B. A Range Master must be present to supervise shooting.
- C. Except for Club sponsored activities, individuals are not permitted to enter the range unless a Range Master is present.
- D. Range Master instructions apply from the General Section above.
- E. Firearms must be checked to ensure that they are not loaded when entering the range.
- F. Place handguns on a table or bench
  - 1. All firearm actions will remain open, with an ECI inserted, and the firearm unloaded until the shooter is at their assigned shooting position and has been given permission by the Range Master to lock and load.
- G. ECI, eye and ear protection are mandatory for everyone in the range.
- H. All firing will not exceed a substantially controlled rate of fire. Indiscriminate, uncontrolled rapid fire is prohibited.
- I. No food, drink, or tobacco products on the range.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. Muzzle-loading rifles and handguns may be used – following all the muzzleloader rules (found later in this document).
- B. Only “RM” may shoot on the range during daylight hours, but not be used before 10:00 a.m. and all shooting must conclude by the PA Game Commission Hunting hours table, [http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022\\_23\\_hunting\\_hours\\_table.html#](http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20222023/2022_23_hunting_hours_table.html#).
- C. “RM” members may supervise Class “A”, “B” members and/or guests.
- D. Each member must get the 50-Yard logbook and flag from the cabinet located in the kitchen and complete all entries in the log.
- E. Members and guests must complete the log entries and guest information cards and fee, as described in the Administrative Instructions & Procedures under the General Club Safety and Range Rules.
- F. Each member must get the logbook and flag from the cabinet located in the kitchen and complete all entries in the log, ensuring that all entries are clear, legible, and accurate.
  - 1. The 50-Yard logbook must be taken with you to the range.
- G. The flag must be placed in the orange holder on the tree with the orange band, directly behind the range
- H. Assign shooting positions and the Range Master will declare the line safe and give the command to “Go forward and place your targets.”
- I. The Range Master will check to verify that the down range area is clear.
- J. While on the firing line, all firearms must be pointed “down range” in a safe direction at all times. This rule must be followed while loading, unloading, and firing so that an accidental discharge would not strike a person, the roof, or any other object. The only exception is that muzzleloaders may be pointed in a safe direction while loading.
- K. Clean up the range, old targets, and place trash in the proper container.
- L. Sign out by completing the log entries.

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M. Return the 50-Yard logbook and flag to the Clubhouse.

**III. RANGE USE RULES**

- A. All shooting must be done from the covered bench positions. The only exception is for Club-sponsored special events.
- B. All firearms must be fired from the firing line. The only exception is for Club-sponsored special events.
- C. Only paper targets may be used, and they must be placed on the 25-yard or 50-yard target holders. The only exception is for Club-sponsored special events.
- D. Targets must be placed so that shots do not hit the target holder.
- E. Firearms may not be loaded with more than 5 rounds (chamber and magazine, combined).
- F. Any .22 rimfire caliber rifle and any handgun caliber may be used.
- G. All handguns permitted per Range Rules under the 50-foot range and .22 caliber rifles should be sighted in on the indoor range prior to firing on the 50-yard range.
- H. Carbines and Modern Sporting Rifle's/Pistols are permitted on the 50-yard range provided they are chambered in centerfire pistol cartridges only.
- I. Centerfire rifle designed cartridges are prohibited on the 50-yard range regardless of pistol platform.
- J. All shooters must select shooting positions that permit them to align their sighting between the bottom and the upper baffles with a clear view of their target.

## **Archery Range Rules**

### **I. SAFETY**

- A. ALL GENERAL, SAFETY, HANDLING AND RANGE RULES APPLY – see General Club Safety and Range Rules

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. Archery range hours are from sunup to sundown, daily.
- B. Class “A” members may shoot on the range during daylight hours.
- C. “RM” and Class “A” members may supervise Class “B” members and guests.
- D. Members and guests must complete the log entries and guest information cards and fee, as described in the Administrative Instructions & Procedures under the General Club Safety and Range Rules.
- E. Each member must sign the logbook in the drawer located to the right of the indoor range door, and complete all entries in the log, ensuring that all entries are clear, legible, and accurate.
  - 1. The logbook remains in the drawer while you are on the Archery Range.
  - 2. The code for the type of bow being used must be entered in the log under ‘Cal. Space’ as follows: long bow-LB; Re-curve -R; Compound-C.
- F. Inspect equipment for damage prior to shooting.
- G. Check arrows for cracks, loose vanes, bends, broken necks, or any other condition that may cause the arrow to fly erratically or to rupture when released.
- H. Check bows for frayed strings, loose pulleys, warped limbs, cracks, or other damages that may result in breakage when at full draw.
- I. Crossbows may NOT be shot on the archery range. You may only use your crossbow in the area to the right of the 50-Yard outdoor range, and must be “RM.”

### **III. RANGE USE RULES**

- A. Shoot only those arrows matched to the shooter’s draw length with spines attached to the bow’s draw weight.
- B. Never dry fire a bow, NEVER! The resistance of an arrow is needed to prevent damage to the bow limbs. Never overdraw a bow intentionally.
- C. Check surroundings before drawing a bow to shoot. Only knock arrows at the firing points
- D. 3-D model targets may be used in front of the backstop.
- E. Shooting may be done only from the yard markers and any distance between the markers, from directly in front of the target butts perpendicular to the target not to the left or right of center.
- F. Beginning shooters must shoot from the 25/30-foot position until they can hit a newspaper size target regularly.
- G. No arrows should be sighted above the straw backstop.
- H. Field tips only may be used.
- I. Clean up the range, old targets, balloons, and place trash in the proper container.
- J. Sign out by completing the log entries.

## **Crossbow Range Rules**

### **I. SAFETY**

- A. All Club safety and general range rules along with Club operational rules apply.
- B. Crossbows may not be shot on the archery range across from the Clubhouse. You may only use your crossbow in the area to the right of the 50-Yard outdoor range.
- C. You must follow safe range rules when going down range to remove your bolts, coordinating with the 50-Yard "RM", if shooting is occurring on that range.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. ALL GENERAL, SAFETY, HANDLING AND RANGE RULES APPLY – see General Club Safety and Range Rules
- B. A Range Master must be present to supervise shooting.
- C. Except for Club sponsored activities, individuals are not permitted to enter the range unless a Range Master is present.
- D. Range Master instructions apply from the General Section above.
- E. Insert must be "RM" and follow the 50-Yard rules, or one present
- F. Members and guests must complete the log entries and guest information cards and fee, as described in the Administrative Instructions & Procedures under the General Club Safety and Range Rules.
  - 1. The 50-Yard logbook must be with you when shooting on the Crossbow range.
  - 2. It is to be placed in the last position on the 50-Yard range
- G. You will need to supply/bring your own target butt.
- H. Return the 50-Yard logbook back to the Clubhouse.

### **III. RANGE USE RULES**

- A. Shoot only those bolts matched to the crossbow's weight rating.
- B. Field tips only may be used.
- C. Never dry fire a crossbow!
- D. Check surroundings before drawing a bow to shoot. Only knock arrows at the firing points
- E. 3-D model targets may be used in front of the backstop.
- F. Shooting may be done only from any distance directly in front of your target butt perpendicular to the target not to the left or right of center.
- G. Beginning shooters must shoot from a 25-foot distance until they can hit a newspaper size target regularly.
- H. Clean up the range and targets and place trash in the proper container.
- I. Sign out by completing the log entries.

## **Muzzle-loading Firearm Rules**

### **I. SAFETY**

- A. ALL GENERAL, SAFETY, HANDLING AND RANGE RULES APPLY – see General Club Safety and Range Rules
- B. The range rules for each range will also apply.
- C. Muzzle-loading handguns, rifles, and shotguns may be fired only on the three outdoor firing ranges (50-yard, 100-yard, and trap).
- D. Only muzzle-loading handguns may be fired on the indoor range.
- E. These rules apply to muzzle-loading firearms used on each of the above listed ranges.
- F. Smoking is prohibited on and in all ranges. This is an especially hazardous when loading and shooting muzzleloaders.
- G. Muzzle-loading firearms must be loaded at the loading table behind the firing line, while pointing them in a safe direction.
- H. Powder is not permitted at the firing line.
- I. Only black powder or pyrodex or similar powder may be used.
- J. Dipping powder from an open container is prohibited.
- K. Black powder firearms will be considered in a safe condition for approaching the firing line when they are uncapped or the flash pan is open and free of powder, and the hammer down.
- L. Cap and prime muzzle-loading firearms only on the firing line.
- M. Loading is not to be done until after the command, "Load" has been given.
- N. Priming is not to be done until after the command, "Commence Firing" has been given.
- O. Never shoot near or over a loading bench or over or near a can of powder.
- P. Flintlocks must have the pan empty, the frizzen open, and hammer down before anyone goes down range.
- Q. Cap and ball revolvers may not be elevated after each firing to remove the used cap.
- R. Shooters should allow at least 3 minutes before reloading after a shot to eliminate danger from any remaining sparks.
- S. In event of a hang-fire, keep the muzzle pointed down range for at least one minute.
- T. All firearms must be fully unloaded, by firing down range, before they leave the range.
- U. Ramrods will be used to check that the firearm is not loaded.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES**

- A. Black powder shooters must hose down the range after firing on the indoor range.