

# RANGE RULES of the ROCHESTER RIFLE CLUB, INC

## General Rules

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1. At no time may a firearm, loaded or unloaded, open or closed, be pointed in the direction of another person. Laser devices are not to be pointed at any person. Think Safety!
2. No aiming practice will be permitted except at the firing line with the gun aimed toward the targets. All muzzles must be over the firing line when firing or aiming. Firing around an object at the firing line is not permitted. When a firearm is on the firing line, its muzzle must be pointed down-range at all times.
3. Targets must be fully against the 50 ft. backstop when firing. Only pellet airguns have the option of using the 10 meter stop with carrier guide wire located on the stop. BB guns are not permitted on the range.
4. Ear and eye protection, supplied by the user, must be worn by all persons in the range area while shooting is in progress.
5. No firing without first checking with others as to their ear and eye protection.
6. At no time may a loaded gun be left unattended on the bench or on the firing line. No exceptions will be allowed. Check to make sure all guns are safe before re-casing them. (Unattended means leaving the firing position.)
7. Only one firearm at a time may be loaded with a maximum of five (5) rounds.
8. Non member guests must sign in the RRC Register log and complete a RRC Club Waiver prior to using the range. Each guest must be continuously supervised by a current member; only one at a time.
9. No person shall be allowed beyond the firing line without a CEASE FIRE condition in effect. The CEASE FIRE procedure for going down range is: CEASE FIRE is called and the CEASE FIRE strobe must be turned on before any activity forward of the firing line. All shooters are to stop shooting, open and empty chambers of their firearms, remove magazines and loading devices, with slides back, cylinders or bolts open, lay their guns down with the muzzle pointed downrange and open chamber visible from behind the firing line and then step back away from the firing line. The cause of the CEASE FIRE may then be resolved, including going down range.
10. Guns may not be cleaned in the Club Room unless part of an *RRC Club* authorized function and under close supervision of a designated Safety Officer.
11. Shotgun shells are not allowed. Shooting slugs or shot of any gauge is not allowed, whether fired from a long gun or handgun.
12. Food, beverages, or their containers are not allowed on the firing range.
13. Persons under the age of 19 must complete a basic safety program prior to using the range and must be under the supervision of an adult member (21 or older) while using the range. Handgun users (except air-gun) must possess a valid NYS pistol permit.
14. Smoking within the RRC building is prohibited.
15. Only paper targets of a maximum 24 inches wide x 36 inches high are permitted on the RRC range. Targets that resemble any form of human silhouette or body part are not permitted. This includes combat, bobber type, police silhouette or law enforcement training targets or action pistol targets. The only exception will be the NRA Training and Qualification target, animal plinking or animal silhouette target (TM1, AN23, thru AN26 and TQ12 thru TQ14).
16. All firing shall be done using sights or sighting equipment in such a manner that all shots will travel into the venetian trap backstop. Shoot only at the target on your corresponding firing point.
17. Please refrain from loud talk or other disturbing noises or actions while others are firing, either for record or practice. Others are entitled to the same consideration you would like to have.
18. Guns must not be handled by persons other than the owners without the owner's specific consent.
19. No person shall monopolize a firing point to the exclusion of others. One target immediately following a practice target will not constitute an infraction of this rule.
20. During matches, no person shall be allowed on the firing range except the Range Officer or Block Officers and those actually firing record targets.
21. No disorderly conduct or gambling will be permitted in the Club Room or on the range.
22. Any member using the range at a time when a special event is scheduled (i.e. a junior program) must clean up and be off the firing range a minimum of 30 minutes before the scheduled time for the event.
23. On nights when the range is assigned to the use of a Junior Program, no senior member may occupy a firing point without permission of the Senior Member in charge of the program.
24. The conduct of matches, scoring of targets, types of equipment and accessories used, positions assumed, etc., shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by the National Rifle Association or USA Shooting, which association, depending on event, shall be the final authority on all controversial questions arising thereof.

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25. The Range Officer shall be in charge of all matches and practice shooting and the Range Officer's decision on matters thereof must be accepted. Protests may be made, however, to the Board of Directors or organization conducting the match.
26. All members must key-card in and out when entering or leaving the building. The security system will automatically lockout a key-card that is not used in the specified sequence. Only one member may gain entrance at a time with a key-card. Other persons entering at that time without their own key-card must sign in and out in the register book. Shooting after key-carding out will be considered a range violation. Key-carding or signing in or out is not necessary for individuals attending a scheduled event where open access to the RRC building has been authorized. Key-card use is restricted solely to the person identified under that specific membership.
27. All doors to the range (interior and exterior) must be kept closed at all times.
28. Use of black powder or a substitute is not allowed.
29. The last member leaving the building must insure that all lights, fans, and timers are off and that the range doors are closed and the entrance door is locked.
30. Exceptions to these rules will only be granted by written request and approved by the Board of Directors of the RRC and such approval request must be in possession of the member.
31. These Range Rules shall be conspicuously posted in the Club and a copy shall be supplied by the Membership Officer to all new members. If guests fire on 3 different dates, the club would anticipate they join. It shall be the duty of all members to guide new members in the observance of these rules and warn violators. Intentional violations shall be considered sufficient cause for immediate expulsion from the range and from membership in the Club. If any club member witnesses a safety violation, it is their duty to report it immediately to a director.

## **Rifle Specific Rules**

1. Rifles must have the action open at all times except when on the firing line or when weighing trigger pulls. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
2. When carrying to and from the firing line, all rifles must have the action open. The use of an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) is required. All uncased rifles must have the barrel pointed up except when on the firing line. Unattended rifles at the firing line must additionally be pointed downrange with their empty actions open, and an ECI in place visible from behind the line.
3. Only .22 caliber rim-fire rifles or air rifles are allowed on the range.
4. SAFETY RULES will be enforced by the Range Officer or, if absent, club members present are expected to report rules violations to a director.

## **Handgun Specific Rules**

1. All handguns must be carried to and from the range in a case or properly worn holster. A properly worn holster must maintain the barrel in a vertical position (up or down) at ALL TIMES. Removing guns from the case or holster may only be done at the firing line.
2. When on the firing line all guns must be pointed down range at all times - never toward the ceiling - never left or right.
3. Fast and / or cross draw are not allowed. This includes from the holster, bench or other. Action Pistol shooting is not permitted (two hand hold is acceptable).
4. When on the firing line keep actions open, magazines out, cylinders open – except when in the act of firing.
5. Never leave the firing line with an uncased or un-holstered gun.
6. Use of any Magnum center-fire case is prohibited. Muzzle energy may not exceed 520 ft-lbs per manufacture's specifications. Muzzle velocity may not exceed 1400 ft / sec per manufacturer's specifications. See the RRC bulletin board for ammunition which is prohibited.
7. Never pick up brass ahead of the firing line until all other shooters back away from the firing line and the CEASE FIRE Procedure is in effect.
8. SAFETY RULES will be enforced by the Range Officer or, if absent, club members present are expected to report rules violations to a director.