

Rochester Rifle Club Range Rules

The Board of Directors have established these Rules to promote the safe use of firearms at the RRC. It is the responsibility of the Member to be familiar with and to comply with these Rules. Directors, Range Safety Officers, and other authorized persons reserve the right to prevent any activity or conduct they consider to be unsafe, irresponsible, or detrimental to the club. A member who witnesses such conduct shall report it to a director or the board. Permission to waive a Rule must be made by written request to the board. Granted waivers must be in writing and in the possession of the member when the rule is being waived. The conduct of matches and competitions are governed by the rules of the overseeing organization with Board approval. The Board reserves the right to interpret the Rules.

General

1. Members must use their issued key card to key-in when entering the building, and key-out when leaving, unless the building is open for a Board approved activity.
2. Persons without a key card must sign in and out in the Register Log; unless present for a Board approved activity.
3. Everyone shall conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner.
4. No firearm or airgun is to be handled without the owner's permission.
5. Smoking and Vaping are prohibited in the building.
6. No food or beverages are allowed on the range.
7. Both sets of doors to the range shall be kept closed during range activity.
8. Persons under the age of 19 years must complete a Basic Safety Program prior to using the range. They must also be under the direct supervision of a member aged 21 years or older.
9. Members must clean up debris, collect spent brass, and take down targets when finished at the range.
10. Firearms may not be cleaned in the Club Room unless part of an authorized function and under the supervision of a Safety Officer.
11. No person may modify club property without Board approval.
12. No person may damage club property. Members must report damage to a director, the board, or a range officer as soon as possible. Damage includes shots fired into the walls, ceiling, shooting stations, benches, or anywhere other than the backstop. Failure to report damage is a serious violation of the rules.
13. The last member leaving the building is responsible to turn off the lights, fans, and timers, and to secure the exterior door.

Equipment

1. All shooters, firearms, and ammunition must comply with Federal, State, and local laws.
2. Ammunition may not exceed either of the following specifications: Muzzle energy of 520 ft/lbs or Muzzle velocity of 1400 ft/sec. All ammunition must be a single projectile of common lead and/or copper jacketed construction. Board authorization is required to use any other ammunition.
3. Shot guns, shot shells, Black Powder and substitutes, and BB guns are not allowed on the range.
4. Only paper targets a maximum of 24 inches wide x 36 inches high are permitted. No target resembling a person, the human silhouette, body part, or other tactical characteristic is allowed. All targets must be hung from the shooting station carrier.
5. Targets must be fully extended against a stop before shooting. Targets at stations 1-4 may be set at 10 meters. Targets at stations 5-12 must be set at 50 feet unless being used by shooters of a pellet airgun at 10 meters.

Range Safety

1. All persons must wear ear and eye protection on the range. No one may shoot until verifying that all persons on the range are wearing ear and eye protection.
2. Members must always handle their firearms in a safe, competent, and responsible manner.

3. Members are entitled to one shooting station.
4. Firearms must be in an unloaded condition when brought onto the range. Holstered worn handguns are exempt.
5. Muzzles must always be pointed in a safe direction.
6. Firearms must be pointed downrange at the backstop when on the firing line.
7. Firearms may only be loaded and unloaded at the shooting benches.
8. A shooter may load only one firearm at a time.
9. No loaded firearm is to be left unattended.
10. Firearms on the firing line must have their actions or cylinders open, and magazines detached unless being fired.
11. Shooting must be from a stationary position at the firing line toward a target positioned for that specific station.
12. Handguns, with the exception of holstered handguns, must be empty of ammunition and in a case when brought onto the range. The only holsters permitted in the club are those that retain the handgun with the muzzle pointed downward. Drawing and firing from a holster, pocket, belt, vest, or otherwise is prohibited. Persons must face downrange when drawing their handgun from a holster. The muzzle must be pointed down or downrange when being drawn. They must place the handgun on the shooting bench before firing.
13. Members are responsible for every shot they take. Members must be certain of their target and backstop. Shots that fail to hit the target or backstop are evidence of failure to control a firearm in a safe, competent, and/or responsible manner.
14. Cease Fire: When any person calls a Cease Fire all shooters must immediately cease fire, open the action or cylinder of their firearm, empty the chamber, remove detachable magazines, and place their firearm on the bench with the muzzle pointed downrange at the backstop. They must then step away from the firing line and acknowledge the Cease Fire. Firearms are not to be handled anywhere on the range during a Cease Fire. No person shall cross the firing line until all persons on the range have acknowledged the Cease Fire and the Cease Fire Strobe lights are turned on. All persons on the range are responsible to verify all persons, firearms, and the range are safe before the Cease Fire is ended by turning off the Cease Fire Strobe light. No person may end a Cease Fire before recognizing an acknowledgment from all persons on the range that they are aware the Cease Fire is to be ended and verifying no person is beyond the firing line.

Rifle Specific Rules

1. No rifle other than a .22 caliber rimfire or air rifle is allowed on the range.
2. Rifles carried to and from the firing line must have the action open and muzzles pointed upward with an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in place.
3. Rifle actions must be open unless on the firing line or while weighing a trigger pull.
4. Unattended rifles on the firing line must be pointed downrange at the backstop and have an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) placed in the open action.

Guests

Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Guests must complete a waiver form prior to entering the range. Members must supervise their guests continuously. Only one guest may shoot at a time and be under the direct supervision of the inviting member. Each guest may visit a total of three times.

Matches and Programs

Shooters must cease fire, pick-up brass and debris, and clear the range 30 minutes prior to any scheduled event, match, or program.

Range officers, and other officials of any scheduled event, match, or program have the final say as to whom may be on the range during the event.