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1. No alcoholic beverages, medical or recreational marijuana, or any illegal substances are allowed on the range property. No person under the influence of alcoholic beverages, medical or recreational marijuana, or illegal substances will be permitted on the range property or use of range facilities. If caught on the property with any of these above-mentioned substances, your membership status will be reviewed by the Executive Committee with possible loss of membership. Remember, some prescribed and/or over the counter drugs such as antihistamines may cause impairment.
2. All members **must display** current year club ID card at all times and must have NJ Firearms ID card on their person while on the range property. If someone doesn't have their club ID displayed, please ask them to display it. If they do not have one and you think they may be trespassing, take down their tag number and give it to an Executive Officer.
3. Members may bring guests, but are limited to a maximum of 2 guests, unless prior approval from the Executive Committee. Guests must restrict themselves to the one bench with the member unless they are not being used by other members. Members are responsible for their guests. Members must see to it that their guests obey all club rules and must accompany their guests at all times. Guests cannot be on a different range than you. You **MUST** not give the gate code to anyone.
(NOTE: Immediate Family Members under 18 are not counted in guest quota. You can bring your spouse and 3 minor kids) **You may request an exception from Executive Committee for having more than 2 guests on case-by-case basis.**
4. Every member on the range is considered a range officer. You should make sure safe procedures are always followed. If you observe anyone that is unsafe, you should politely let them know of their infraction and take corrective action. If they get nasty or arrogant or just ignore you, do not get into a confrontation with them, note their name and tag number and report this to the Executive Committee. Even if corrective action was taken, unsafe actions are violations of club rules and must be reported to the Executive Committee.
5. Every shooter shall police his or her area, and take all targets, trash, brass, etc. with them when you leave.
6. Shooters are responsible for checking the range for safety before use.
7. The club is not responsible for theft or damage to any equipment or property of any member or guest.

B. NRA SAFETY RULES

1. Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot
3. Always keep your firearm **unloaded with actions open** at firing position until ready to use.
4. Know your target and what is beyond

C. GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. All guests must complete a liability waiver, including family members and minors. Forms are available at the Pavilion the rifle range and our web site. This is mandated by our Insurance Co!
2. Only **NJ legal** firearms are allowed on club property.
3. Every person present on the range must wear approved vision and hearing protection. This includes those not shooting.
4. Range flag must be flown while that range is in use. The last person leaving the range will see to it that the flags are down, and all equipment secured.
5. Speed limit on the access road is 15 mph.
6. During the time a club sanctioned event is in progress or a workday is called, the Executive committee may close ranges that are being used for that event or work.
7. No hunting is permitted on the range property without written permission from the Executive Committee.
8. The range operating times are from sunrise to sunset.
9. All firing must be done as to be sure that all bullets impact the berms. Do not shoot at ANY targets on the ground, unless they are up close to the berms.
10. No shooting any glass targets.
11. Before approaching the targets a "CEASE FIRE" will be given. All firearms will be cased, holstered or benched with actions open and unloaded and **NO HANDLING** of firearms while anyone is in front of the firing line, or any time a "CEASE FIRE" order is given by anyone. This includes loading magazines.
12. Dry firing is allowed only at the firing line while pointed downrange.
13. Holster use. You may draw and fire from a holster only if no one else is on that particular range with you. The only exception is if you are training with a certified instructor. It is recommended that the instructor be 5 feet behind the shooter and off to his / her weak side.
14. If during a club sanctioned match, shoot, or club organized practice and there is a conflict between these rules and the rules of the governing body of said match or practice the Executive committee may issue an exception on a one time or permanent basis.

D. RIFLE RANGE

1. Use only approved target backers on the rifle range. Backer legs must be 8' long if using in ground pipes, 6' high if free standing, with targets placed at the top end. Drawing is available on the website.
2. **Rifle Steel**: High powered rifles on steel targets only allowed at the rifle range. NO magnums allowed on club installed steel. Minimum distance to shoot rifle steel is 100 yards. Chained hanging targets are allowed.
3. No vehicles shall be driven on any of the ranges except for those with a disability or to carry steel targets on the rifle range.
4. No cross-range shooting from the 200 yard bench to the 100 yard berm, or vice versa.

E. PISTOL RANGES #1 AND #2

1. Only paper targets are allowed on these ranges, no steel or other targets allowed on either of these ranges.
2. High powered rifles are allowed on Range 1 (25 yards) only for the purpose of “sighting in”. Once on the paper, move to the rifle range to finish the sighting in process. High powered rifles are not allowed on Range 2.
3. Only .22 rim fire rifles or “straight walled pistol caliber” carbines are allowed at these ranges.
4. All targets on pistol ranges #1 and #2 must be centered between top & bottom rails. Nothing is to be placed “on” or “in front of” horizontal top rail or upright posts.
5. NO Shotguns allowed on these ranges

F. PISTOL RANGE #3

1. NO high-powered rifles allowed at this range.
2. NO magnum ammo allowed on steel except for rim fire 22 magnums.
3. Club Installed Steel:
Must be shot from at least 10 yards, No shooting from in front of the benches.
No cross-range shooting, from Bianchi plates to single plates, or vise-versa.
4. You can bring your own steel targets, BUT:
They must be factory produced steel targets and must be shot at a minimum of 25 yards.
No hanging chained steel targets are allowed at the pistol range.
It is suggested that steel targets have an angle slanted downward so all fragments deflect towards the ground.
5. Only .22 rim fire rifles or “straight walled pistol caliber” carbines are allowed at this range to shoot steel.
6. You can pattern buckshot and slugs on this range. But NOT at steel!

G. SHOTGUN RANGE

1. All firing of shotguns shall be limited to the area of the range designated for this use. Only trap or skeet loads with shot sizes no larger than #6 fine shot are permitted on the shotgun ranges.

H. Archery Range

1. No broad head (hunting) tips are allowed. Only field points can be used.
2. Crossbows are allowed.

I. VIOLATIONS

Any member who witnesses a violation to these RULES and REGULATIONS shall bring attention of the violation to a member of the Executive Committee. A member, who does witness a violation but does not act to **correct and report** it to the Executive Committee, shall also be considered in violation of these rules.

The Executive Committee shall investigate the suspected violation. If it is decided that a violation did occur, the Committee can, if it deems appropriate, dismiss the person from membership in the Club or take other disciplinary action.

Safety is no accident; it must become "Second Nature"

REMEMBER

It's what you do when no one is watching that matters

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