



RANGE RULES

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Four Universal Rules of Firearm Safety

- 1) Always Keep Your Gun Pointed In A Safe Direction.** Safe direction means downrange, at the downrange berm. Never let the muzzle of your gun point at anything you do not intend to destroy
- 2) Always Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Your Sights Are On Target.** Off the trigger means keeping a straight trigger finger, outside the trigger guard
- 3) Always Treat All Guns As If They Are Loaded.** Make multiple visual checks to ensure an empty chamber. Leave a Chamber Flag in the chamber until you are ready to load and shoot
- 4) Be Sure Of Your Target And What Is Beyond It.** Unless shooting at approved steel targets, your rounds must only pass through your paper target and target backer before impacting the downrange berm

General and Specific Range Rules

- 1) Safety is our foremost concern.** Everyone using the ranges must read, understand and strictly follow all rules. Any rule deviation requires Rangemaster (or designee) approval. **In case of emergency**, call 911 from the hardwired phone near the Clubhouse entrance. Trauma kits are located in the shed by the Rifle Range and in the Trap Shack office. AEDs are located in the Trap Shack and in the Clubhouse near the bar. For Range Rule questions or range-related concerns, email Range@HHRodandGun.com
- 2) Range Hours: Every day, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm or dusk, whichever is earlier.** Range closures may occur for special events – check newsletter and on-line range calendar
- 3) Ranges are for use by members.** You must **sign-in** with all required information before using the ranges. You must also **display your current Membership Card with a 'Range Certified' sticker** while on the ranges. Members re-new their Range Certification every three years. Up to 3 guest shooters are allowed but you must make safe and smart choices. If you and/or your guests are newer shooters, strongly consider having only one person shoot at a time. On the other hand, if you are well-experienced shooters, you can shoot simultaneously. Guest shooters must be accompanied by and shoot under the direct supervision of a range-certified member. Non-shooting guests are welcome but must stay away from the firing line and absolutely avoid any gun handling. Children must be supervised at all times
- 4) Eye & Ear protection is required** for all members, guests and spectators – no exceptions

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5) No intoxicating substances allowed on any ranges. No use of such substances before shooting.

Includes medications that warn against the operation of vehicles, vessels or machinery. If you have had a drink or other intoxicant, you are done shooting for the day – no exceptions

6) Range Safety Officers: Volunteer RSOs visit the ranges to help ensure the safety of our members, guests, and others.

If an RSO provides direction, don't argue, just acknowledge and follow it. However, if you disagree, clear* your gun then discuss the situation with the RSO away from the firing line, and the RSO will resolve it. If no RSO is present and you see unsafe behaviors from another member, please ask the member to stop what they are doing and help them understand the safe way to proceed. Even when by yourself you are still responsible for following all range rules. When others are present, clearly communicate when the Hot or Cold status of the range is to change. *(See #9 below)

7) We are a COLD Range facility which means: all* guns brought to the Club must be unloaded in a case, bag or holster. An unloaded gun contains NO ammunition in its chamber(s) or in any type of magazine – no exceptions. *(Does not include guns that are being carried concealed)

8) Guns must not be removed from cases, bags or holsters until: 1) they are on the firing line, 2) they are pointed downrange, and 3) the range has been declared HOT and everyone is behind the firing line. In other words, **only** move guns to and from the firing line (or between the back and front tables) while the guns are unloaded and cased, bagged or holstered

9) Showing guns to be “Clear.” If your gun is out of its case, bag or holster and is not in your hand(s) being fired (e.g., it is lying on the firing line bench), it must be “Clear” which means: detachable magazine removed, cylinder or fixed magazine empty, action open and a visible Chamber Flag inserted in an empty chamber

10) Absolutely no gun handling while the range is COLD. Stay away from the firing line when the range is Cold. Detachable magazines must be loaded away from the firing line or behind the red painted area of concrete when the range is Cold. You may load magazines at the firing line only when the range is Hot

11) The only place guns can be handled on the Pistol and Rifle Ranges is at the firing line when the range is HOT. Because Speed Bay firing lines can be variable, see the Speed Bay Specific Rules to understand safe gun handling in the Bays

12) Concealed Carry: By State Law it is not allowed in the bar. Unless you want to shoot your concealed carry gun, just leave it concealed. If you plan to shoot it, you must do so in a Speed Bay

13) Use HHR&GC target boards. No “homemade” stands. Paper targets only. An exception is made for; steel targets in the Speed Bays, RSO-approved steel silhouette targets on the rifle range, and the existing steel swingers at the 50yd. target board on the pistol range. No glass bottles/jars, no metal cans, no reactive targets, no other “trash targets” and no exploding targets, anywhere – no exceptions

14) Position all targets so bullets only pass through your target, then the target backer, then impact the downrange berm. Do not post targets so that bullets hit the target frame, or the frame behind it, or the steel brackets holding the target boards on the Rifle Range

The following detailed rules address specifics of each type of range. They are in addition to everything above and together they must all be followed. Read on...

Pistol Range - Specific Rule Additions

- 1) Only use; 1) handguns with handgun cartridges, 2) rimfire rifles, or 3) muzzle loading pistols or rifles
- 2) No centerfire rifles of any caliber. No 'pistols' chambered for rifle cartridges
- 3) Absolutely no open cases or gun handling on the back bench
- 4) The front table is the fixed firing line - no shooting allowed forward of the front table
- 5) Place "range flag" several yards downrange of firing line when range is Cold and at the firing line when Hot
- 6) Step away from the firing line when the range is Cold
- 7) No holster-draw allowed on the pistol range (Speed Bays only)
- 8) No rapid fire allowed (no faster than one round per second)
- 9) Avoid shooting the target framework. Center your targets on the backer boards – not on the edges
- 10) Muzzle loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association guidelines
- 11) Keep the range clean, remove used targets and sweep up your brass

Rifle Range - Specific Rule Additions

- 1) Only use; 1) rifles, 2) pistols or 3) shotguns with slugs - no birdshot or buckshot
- 2) Absolutely no open cases or gun handling on the back bench
- 3) Place "range flag" several yards downrange of firing line when range is Cold, and at the firing line when Hot
- 4) Wear the provided hi-viz vest when walking to the 200 yd. target board
- 5) No shooting allowed downrange of the firing tables / firing line
- 6) Step away from the firing line when the range is Cold
- 7) No holster draw allowed on the rifle range
- 8) No rapid fire allowed (no faster than one round per second)
- 9) Do not shoot target board support clamps or rail posts
- 10) Muzzle loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association guidelines
- 11) Keep the range clean, remove used targets and sweep up your brass

Speed Bays - Introduction

Speed Bays are available to members on a first come basis. Drive to and park in an open Bay then sign-in to secure it for your use. The Bays offer freedoms not available on other ranges but these freedoms come with risks and responsibilities. The Bays do not provide an "anything goes" environment. Taking great care and paying particular attention to the rules that govern the bays are imperative to maintaining safety.

A Speed Bay is significantly different from our other ranges in several ways with the following features: functions as a "private" range; fixed or variable firing lines; no specific firing line while shooting on the move; use of pistol, rifle or shotgun; draw from a holster; move while firing; use of personal steel targets; shooting distances from "point blank" to about 25 yds. Note that the "Speed" in Speed Bay is just an option – if you simply want to practice slow stationary fire that is a completely legitimate use of a Speed Bay.

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Speed Bays - Specific Rule Additions

- 1) Pistols, rifles and shotguns allowed
- 2) Absolutely no open cases or gun handling on the back bench
- 3) Handle guns only when range is Hot, and only when no one is downrange
- 4) Drawing from a holster, moving while firing and re-holstering are allowed
- 5) When drawing and re-holstering take great care to not point the muzzle of gun at yourself or anyone else
- 6) Only one shooter at a time if drawing from a holster and/or moving and firing
- 7) Clearly communicate with others in Bay when the range is Hot or Cold – no range flag system is used
- 8) Guns in hand, carried up-range or downrange must be carried with the muzzle pointed at the downrange berm
- 9) Move the small, portable table to designate a forward firing line
- 10) No shooting farther back than the large table on the concrete pad
- 11) Rifle slings are allowed only to steady a gun while shooting – not for carrying or moving with the gun
- 12) Do not shoot target bases/frames. Place target frames as close to the downrange berm as practical
- 13) Steel targets must direct bullet fragments downward
- 14) Place steel targets near the downrange berm. Bullets that miss steel targets must hit the downrange berm
- 15) Shoot steel targets from at least 15 yds. to minimize hazards from deflected bullet fragments
- 16) Non-shooting guests must understand the rules, particularly NO gun handling – no exceptions
- 17) Shoot shotguns at cardboard on the downrange berm or at steel – do not shoot the wooden target frames
- 18) Keep the Bays clean, remove used targets and shotgun hulls when finished. Replace cardboard if unusable

Shotgun Field Rules

- 1) Safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see something say something
- 2) Eye and ear protection for shooters and guests is required at all times
- 3) Bring your unloaded shotgun to the shooting area in a case, bag or box
- 4) Keep action open and gun unloaded whenever handling or carrying gun to the line or when moving between stations
- 5) Keep muzzles pointed either up or down, never allowing muzzle to point at any person at any time
- 6) Use lead shot only, maximum shot size is 7-1/2
- 7) Load one shell only for 16 yd. and Handicap Trap. Load up to two shells only for Doubles Trap, Continental Trap, 5-Stand and Skeet. Loading more than 2 shells is prohibited on all Shotgun Fields
- 8) Shoot only from the designated shooting stations and only one shooter is permitted to shoot at each target thrown – no back up shooting
- 9) If you have a misfire or malfunction, wait 10 seconds, carefully open the action, unload the gun and check the barrels for obstructions – seek assistance as needed
- 10) Deviation from the above rules for competitions or other special events will be at the discretion of the Range Master or his authorized representative
- 11) Use of alcohol or other intoxicants is not allowed during or prior to range use. Violators will be suspended or barred from the facility
- 12) Shotgun Field 4: Shotgun use only. Available on a first come basis for member use during normal Range Hours (except noon to 3 on Thursdays and Sundays). Use the "range flag" to indicate the Cold and Hot status of the range. Use hand, foot or personal motorized target throwers. Shoot only from Station 3 of the five Trap stations. One shooter at a time, only load one shell at a time. Never allow the person operating a thrower to be any distance downrange of the shooter. All other Shotgun Field Rules also apply to shooting on Field 4.