

North Sportsman's Club Range Safety Officers Guidelines

- 1. The Range Safety Officer is the Club's Official on the firing line to ensure safety and help shooters by educating them about safe shooting and range safety. Range Safety Officers provide direct supervision on the firing line to ensure that shooters follow all range regulations to prevent possible injury and property damage. It is the duty of the Range Safety Officer to maintain order on the range.**
- 2. The Range Safety Officer's authority is provided by the Standard Operating Procedures of The North Sportsman's Club as adopted and approved by the Board of Directors. All range users are required to follow the directions of the Range Safety Officer on duty. Failure to follow the directions of the on duty Range Safety Officer may result in loss of range privileges and other sanctions as decided by the Board of Directors.**
- 3. Commands issued by Range Safety Officers are to be obeyed immediately and without question. Any questions regarding commands may be addressed after the command has been followed.**
- 4. Range Safety Officers have the right and obligation to inspect any firearm or ammunition for safety considerations and the right to ban or restrict the use of any firearm or ammunition they deem to be unsafe or not within the guidelines for use on the range.**
- 5. Any dispute regarding directions from a Range Safety Officer should be communicated to the Chief Range Safety Officer .**

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE RULES

- 1. RANGE HOURS ARE 9:00 A.M. UNTIL SUNSET**
- 2. ALL MEMBERS SHOULD CARRY THEIR MEMBERSHIP ID AT ALL TIMES AND DISPLAY SAME UPON REQUEST.**
- 3. ALL RANGE USERS MUST SIGN-IN PRIOR TO USING THE RANGE AND SIGN OUT WHEN LEAVING AND DOCUMENT THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED. VISITORS AND SPECTATORS MUST ALSO SIGN-IN.**
- 4. ALL PERSONS MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE RANGE AND READY AREA.**
- 5. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS ARE FORBIDDEN ON ANY RANGE. DRUGS ARE DEFINED AS ANY DRUG OR SUBSTANCE LEGAL OR ILLEGAL THAT EFFECTS THE JUDGEMENT OR SAFE CONDUCT OF A PERSON. NO SHOOTER MAY BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WHILE ON THE RANGE. ANYONE SUSPECTED OF BEING IN VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE RANGE.**
- 6. SHOOTERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AND SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.**
- 7. NO SHOOTING OF 50BMG. CALIBER FIREARMS.**
- 8. AUTOMATIC FIREARMS, BUMP/SLAM FIRES ARE FORBIDDEN. SEMI-AUTO FIREARMS ARE LIMITED TO 10 SHOTS RAPID FIRE, FOLLOWED BY A 5 MINUTE INTERVAL PER RAPID FIRE SHOOTER, UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE ON-DUTY RANGE SAFETY OFFICER OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
- 9. AMMUNITION IS LIMITED TO LEAD CORE BULLETS. NO STEEL OR OTHER SOLID METAL CORE AMMUNITION IS TO BE USED. TRACER OR INCENDIARY AMMO IS NOT TO BE USED. BIRDSHOT AND BUCKSHOT ARE NOT TO BE USED, PATTERNING OF SHOTGUNS MAY BE DONE AT THE PATTERNING FRAME ON THE TRAP FIELD.**
- 10. ALL SHOOTERS WILL USE PAPER OR OTHER APPROVED TARGETS. NO METAL GONGS, PLATES OR POP-UPS, PLASTIC OR GLASS**

BOTTLES OR OTHER OBJECTS MAY BE USED AS TARGETS. TANNERITE OR OTHER INCENDIARY TARGETS ARE FORBIDDEN. ALL TARGETS WILL BE AFFIXED TO THE TARGET FRAMES PROVIDED.

- 11. IF A SHOOTER IS ALONE ON THE RANGE, THEY WILL VISUALLY CHECK TO BE SURE NO ONE IS DOWN RANGE PRIOR TO LOADING THEIR FIREARM.**
- 12. ANY PERSON GOING DOWN RANGE WILL ACTIVATE THE ELECTRONIC WARNING SYSTEM PRIOR TO CROSSING THE FIRING LINE.**
- 13. FIREARMS WILL REMAIN UNLOADED UNTIL SHOOTERS ARE READY TO COMMENCE SHOOTING. IF AN RSO IS ON DUTY, FIREARMS WILL NOT BE LOADED UNTIL A COMMAND TO LOAD AND MAKE READY IS GIVEN. LOAD MEANS TO LOAD AMMO INTO MAGAZINES, MAKE READY MEANS TO CHAMBER CARTRIDGES.**
- 14. IF THE COMMAND “CEASE FIRE” IS CALLED ALL SHOOTERS WILL IMMEDIATELY STOP SHOOTING WITH FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE. WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTION. ANYONE MAY CALL A CEASE FIRE**
- 15. IF THE COMMAND “CLEAR OR MAKE CLEAR” IS GIVEN ALL FIREARMS MUST BE UNLOADED, MAGAZINES REMOVED, ACTIONS OPEN AND BENCHED WITH MUZZLE POINTED DOWNRANGE. NO FIREARMS WILL BE HANDLED ANYWHERE WHEN THE LINE IS CLEAR UNLESS PERMITTED BY THE RSO.**
- 16. FIREARMS WILL REMAIN BENCHED, UNLOADED WITH ACTIONS OPEN WHENEVER ANYONE IS DOWN RANGE.**
- 17. IN THE EVENT OF A MISFIRE, THE SHOOTER WILL CALL “MISFIRE” AND KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE AND IN HIS CONTROL FOR AT LEAST 30 SECONDS FOR A MODERN FIREARM AND AT LEAST 2 MINUTES FOR A MUZZLE LOADER.**
- 18. IN THE EVENT OF A MALFUNCTION OR JAM THAT REQUIRES ASSISTANCE FROM THE RSO, A SHOOTER WILL RAISE HIS HAND AND WAIT FOR THE RSO TO APPROACH THEM WHILE KEEPING THE FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE.**

- 19. SHOOTERS WILL FIRE AT TARGETS IN THEIR FIRING LANE ONLY. ALL BULLETS FIRED MUST ENTER A BERM. SHOOTING ACROSS LANES IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- 20. ALL FIREARMS NOT ON THE FIRING LINE MUST BE UNLOADED WITH ACTIONS OPEN AND MAGAZINES REMOVED OR UNLOADED AND HOLSTERED.**
- 21. UNLOADED FIREARMS MAY BE HANDLED AWAY FROM THE SHOOTING PAVILION WITH MUZZLES POINTED AT THE SIDE HILL. NO FIREARM WILL BE LOADED ANYWHERE OTHER THAN THE FIRING LINE.**
- 22. SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FIRING LINE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A PARENT WITH YOUTH, SPOTTERS AND COACHES.**
- 23. ALL SHOOTERS WILL POLICE THEIR FIRING POINTS AFTER THEY FINISH SHOOTING. BRASS, SPENT TARGETS AND OTHER DEBRIS WILL BE PLACED IN THE APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS. IF AN RSO IS ON DUTY THEY WILL GIVE THE COMMAND TO “ POLICE FIRING POINTS”. SHOOTERS MAY NOT POLICE FIRING POINTS WHILE THE RANGE IS “HOT”.**
- 24. CONVERSATION SHOULD BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM WHILE ON THE FIRING LINE, LOUD CONVERSATION IS A DISTRACTION TO OTHER SHOOTERS AND MAY EFFECT THE ABILITY TO HEAR RANGE COMMANDS.**
- 25. SMOKING, EATING AND DRINKING ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FIRING LINE TO AVOID LEAD CONTAMINATION TO SHOOTERS.**
- 26. HYGINE GUIDELINES: SHOOTING AND CLEANING OF GUNS EXPOSES YOU TO PARTICULATE LEAD AND SOLVENT OR CLEANING PRODUCT RESIDUE. IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT ALL SHOOTERS THOROUGHLY WASH THEIR HANDS AND FACE WITH COLD OR WARM WATER AND SOAP AFTER SHOOTING OR CLEANING GUNS.**