



# Range Rules

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*These Range Rules may be adjusted for approved  
Club events by the Board of Directors and Chief  
Range Officer*

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## General Safety Rules

- a. Always treat the gun as if it is loaded.
- b. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- c. Always keep fingers away from the trigger, indexed high on the frame or on the side until ready to fire.
- d. Always keep firearms unloaded and the action open until ready to shoot on the firing line.
- e. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to destroy.
- f. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
- g. Check that the barrel is clear of obstructions.
- h. Always use the proper ammunition for the firearm.
- i. If the firearm fails to fire, hold the shooting position for several seconds in a safe direction then carefully unload the firearm.
- j. Shooting Cross Lane or Cross Range is **PROHIBITED**. Shooters **MUST** align themselves directly in front of the target they intend to shoot.
- k. Shooters and spectators **MUST** wear eye and ear protection appropriate for the respective activity.
- l. The first member to arrive at a range assumes control at the range and becomes the Range Officer until that member departs or is relieved by another member willing to be Range Officer.
- m. Going down range is **PROHIBITED** while others are still shooting.
- n. **When a range has been declared “Cold” handling of firearms is PROHIBITED, and shooters MUST unload their firearm and step away from the firing line.**

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### . General Rules for All Ranges

- a. **Outdoor shooting hours are from 9:00am until 30 minutes after sunset but no later than 8:00pm during the school year and 9:00pm during school vacation.**
- b. Firearm silencers or suppressors are permitted on the relevant ranges. However, eye and ear protection **MUST** still be worn
- c. Other than during club events supervised by approved club range officers or certified instructors, members may only use the Indoor Pistol, Indoor Archery, Action Shooting Ranges or Designated Practice Traps after successfully completing the qualification requirements for the desired range.
- d. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is available in the clubhouse and general purpose First Aid kits are available at most of the ranges.
- e. Children **MUST** be under close supervision by their parent(s) or responsible adult.
- f. Members on Club property **MUST** visibly display their membership badge. If any Club member requests to see the badge it **MUST** be shown.
- g. Guests **MUST** be accompanied by a current club member who will be responsible for their conduct while on club property (except for events open to the public).
  - i. Members may bring multiple guests; however, they **MUST** always be accompanied by the member.
  - ii. The member and guest(s) **MUST** share **one** shooting lane. **Only one person can shoot in the lane at a time while others observe.** (Exception is the dueling tree at the Steel Plate Range)

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- iii. Guests **MUST** be logged in at the Clubhouse, pay the appropriate fee and be given a temporary badge, which **MUST** be visible while on club property.
- iv. Guests **MUST** sign out and return the temporary badge when leaving club property.
- h. **Drawing a firearm from a holster on CRGC property is PROHIBITED with the following exceptions:**
  - i. During Law Enforcement training and qualification on a closed range.
  - ii. For the purpose of instruction in drawing from holster, any student who is in the presence of a nationally Certified Draw from Holster Instructor while on an Action Shooting Range is permitted to draw from holster (subject to the limitations in the CRGC Instructor Policy).
  - iii. To comply with steps in the “**Draw to clear and load to carry**” policy.
  - iv. See “Appendix, Section 4 Action Shooting Range Rules” for more details on drawing from holster.

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- i. The following procedure “**Draw to clear and load to carry policy**” is to be used by anyone wishing to shoot their loaded carry firearm at any authorized range:
  - i. Upon arrival at the range or clubhouse entrance, proceed to the provided **RED SAFETY BARREL**. On the Outdoor Pistol Range, Steel Plate Range and Outdoor Rifle Ranges, make sure that the range is “**hot**” and there are no shooters down range before proceeding.
  - ii. Draw the loaded firearm and insert the muzzle into the barrel. Unload as required for the type of firearm. For ALL firearms– verify the chamber or cylinders are clear.
  - iii. With the action open, if possible, re-holster the empty firearm and proceed to the firing line without handling the firearm in transit.
  - iv. Conduct your shooting activity in compliance with the relevant range rules.
  - v. When finished shooting, unload and clear the firearm with the muzzle pointing down range.
  - vi. Re-holster the empty firearm with the action open if possible and proceed to the safety barrel.
  - vii. At the safety barrel, reload the firearm whilst the muzzle is in the barrel and re-holster.

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- j. All spent cartridges; targets, hulls, and other shooting trash (no household trash) shall be disposed of in the respective trash containers, brass buckets, hull buckets, or one of the dumpsters, which are located at the clubhouse or by the Outdoor Rifle Range.
- k. ATV’s are allowed during weekly events, club maintenance and for those using the Sporting Clays course. ATV’s are subject to the club’s 15 mph speed limit.
- l. **The following target materials are allowed for all permissible ammunition: paper, cardboard, ballistic polymer, balloons, and flat AR500 steel. In addition, non-AR500 flat steel is allowed with .22 caliber ammunition. All other target materials are prohibited.**
  - i. Any type of target designed to be shot on the ground is **PROHIBITED**.
  - ii. Armor piercing and tracer ammunition are **PROHIBITED on all ranges**.
  - iii. Shooting steel core or armor piercing ammunition at any steel targets is strictly **PROHIBITED**
  - iv. Exploding targets and exploding projectiles are **PROHIBITED on all ranges**.
- m. All Class III fully automatic firearms are **PROHIBITED** on all ranges. Any mechanical device attached to any firearm enabling it to simulate automatic fire, is **PROHIBITED** on all ranges. These mechanical devices include but are not limited to bump fire stocks, binary triggers, or a crank fire device. This prohibition covers all future technologies and enhancements that simulate automatic fire

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- n. Alcohol and the consumption thereof are **PROHIBITED** on Club property. Persons whose ability to handle a firearm is impaired by alcohol or any drugs, prescribed or illegal, are **PROHIBITED** from Club property.

### General Indoor Range Rules

- a. The indoor ranges are available for shooting 24/7 except when closed for monthly BOD Meetings, monthly Membership Meetings, scheduled activities, and maintenance.
- b. All adult shooters including guests **MUST** sign in and out in the respective pistol or archery range log book. For guest policy information, see Section 1. g. of the “General Rules for All Ranges.”

### Outdoor Rifle and Pistol Range Rules

- a. Any shooter wishing to go downrange **MUST** verify the range is “cold”, raise the safety gate, and verify that the red warning beacons are flashing prior to going forward of the firing line. Upon return to the firing line, verify no one is downrange, then lower the safety gate prior to declaring the range “hot” and allowing live fire to recommence.
- b. All shooters **MUST** unload their firearm and remain behind the safety line marked on the concrete pad while the range is “cold” until the range is “hot” again.

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- c. Any firearms, cased or uncased, may not be brought to the firing line or removed from the firing line while the range is “cold”, and the red beacons are flashing.
- d. Targets **MUST** be placed in the fixed target stand holders at the set distances.
- e. **It is the member’s responsibility to place all targets at a height that ensures the bullets travel parallel to the ground and only impact the middle section of the berm.**
- f. Paper targets, cardboard silhouettes, and balloons may be used on these ranges. You are allowed 2 targets on a rifle target frame and 1 target on a pistol target frame, centered on the cardboard portion of the frame. Balloons may be hung at the appropriate height from string attached to separated target holders.
- g. Metal spinning, knockdown, or suspended gong targets may be used on the Rifle or Pistol Range. They **MUST** be placed within 3’ of the base of the berm. Any personal steel used on the 75-yard berm **MUST** be placed in the club designated bunker. No exceptions. When other shooters arrive on the pistol range, you must shoot your personal steel from the pistol shed or remove it.
- h. All rifles **MUST** be shot on the rifle range and all pistols **MUST** be shot on the pistol range. The **exceptions** are as follows:
  - i. Pistols that use center fire rifle cartridges and pistols used for hunting as specified by NH Fish & Game are allowed on the Rifle Range.

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- ii. Shotguns using slugs, or 00 buckshot are allowed on the Rifle Range.
- iii. Hunting pistols **MUST** be shot at the Rifle Range firing line at 75 to 150 yards. Any pistol shooting at 50 yards or less **MUST** be done on the Outdoor Pistol Range.
- iv. Only rimfire rifles are permitted on the pistol range if a lane is available.

### Outdoor Archery Range Rules

- a. Only field and target tips are allowed.
- b. **Broad heads and Practice Broad heads are PROHIBITED from being shot at club targets.**
- c. All archers **MUST** shoot from the designated firing line.
- d. Archers **MUST** raise the black front and back sun screens before shooting and lower them when finished shooting.
- e. A lane to the left of the 50-yard target has been provided for shooting Crossbows or Broad heads or Practice Broad heads. Shooters **MUST** provide their own stand and backstop.
- f. Personal backstops and targets **MUST** not be placed in line with club target stands or targets.
- g. **For errant shots that hit the wooden target holder, do not try to dig out the arrowhead.** Unscrew the arrow shaft and leave the arrowhead imbedded in the wood.

### Patterning Boards

- a. Two patterning boards are available to the east of the road between the 5-Stand and Sporting Clays ranges.

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- b. **Only lead shot sizes 7-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 8, or 9 are permitted on the steel patterning board.**
- c. Shooters **MUST** bring their own cardboard/paper for the frame if so desired.
- d. Turkey loads and steel shot may be used at this patterning frame.
- e. The patterning boards may not be used if the 5-Stand is in use, or vice versa.

### Steel Plate Range Rules

- a. The steel plate racks **MUST** be shot from the designated firing line.
- b. Only one shooter at a time can engage a Steel Plate Rack. Although two shooters can engage the Dueling Tree at the same time if shooting side by side on the firing line.
- c. Steel Plate racks may be engaged from a standing low ready position, kneeling, or sitting at a table.
- d. If more than one person would like to use a plate rack, each person or pair shall yield the use of the plate rack to the next waiting shooter(s) at the completion of the active shooter's course of fire.
- e. **ONLY PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS** are permitted in the Steel Plates Range.
- f. 9 mm and .38 caliber through .45 ACP are permitted in the Center Fire Pistol area.
- g. Only .22 caliber (.22LR or Magnum) are permitted in the .22 Rim Fire Pistol area.
- h. **Rifles and Pistol Caliber Carbines are PROHIBITED.**

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- i. Center fire rifle ammo, 5.7 X 28mm, 4.6x30mm, .380 autos and smaller caliber or low velocity ammunition is **PROHIBITED** in the Steel Plate Range.
- j. Action Shooting qualified members are permitted to draw from the holster on this range.
- k. Inspect all targets before use for damage, functionality, etc. Never shoot on steel that is cratered, pitted, or damaged in any way. Report any damage to the Range Committee.

### l. **Bowling Pin Range Rules**

- a. Pin shooting practice is permitted year-round.
- b. Pistols or revolvers 9 mm, .38 and up may be used.
- c. .22 caliber handguns may be used.
- d. **.380 auto pistols are Prohibited**
- e. Center fire rifle ammo, 5.7 X 28mm, 4.6x30mm, .380 autos and smaller caliber or low velocity ammunition is **PROHIBITED** in the Bowling Pin Range.
- f. **Rifles and Carbines are PROHIBITED.**
- g. No shooting is allowed on the Bowling Pin range if there is a scheduled event at the 5-Stand area. If people are practicing at the 5-Stand area prior to your arrival, you **MUST** notify the shooters that you would like to use the Bowling Pin range and wait until they finish shooting.

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### 9. **Statement**

- a. A signed statement signifying understanding of these Range Rules, willingness to comply with these rules and a release of liability **MUST** be on file.
- b. A new statement **MUST** be signed each year and submitted as part of membership renewal applications. Life and waived memberships are also required to provide these statements.
- c. An electronically transmitted/submitted Membership Application or Membership Renewal document with appropriately checked boxes expressing willingness to comply with these rules and agreement to a release of liability will be **binding verification that sender will execute the respective document either by written signature or electronic means.**

### 10. **Discipline**

Members may be subject to discipline per CRGC Bylaws Article XIII Section I for violation of the Ranges Rules committed by themselves, family members, or guests.

# **Range Rules Appendix**

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- 1. Indoor Pistol Range**
- 2. Indoor Archery Range**
- 3. Sporting Clays and 5-Stand Range**
- 4. Action Shooting Range**



### Indoor Pistol Range Rules

- a. The following are the **only firearms permitted** on the indoor pistol range:
  - i. Handguns up to .45ACP (less than 16” barrel length).
  - ii. Pistol Caliber Carbines using 9mm, 38/.357, 40 S&W, or 45 ACP ammunition.
  - iii. .22 Short or Long Rifle caliber rimfire rifles.
  - iv. Pellet and BB rifles and handguns are allowed.
- b. The following are **PROHIBITED** on the indoor pistol range:
  - i. Center fire rifles shooting center fire rifle caliber ammunition, .22 Magnum rifles, or shotguns.
  - ii. Shot shells, centerfire rifle rounds, .17HMR, 5.7x28mm and 4.6x30mm rounds. All bottleneck style centerfire ammunition except .357 Sig.
- c. Handling of firearms is **PROHIBITED** in the Ready Room.
- d. The indoor pistol range ventilation system **MUST** be turned on prior to using the range and turned off when all shooters are finished.
- e. Shoot only from within the booth.
- f. Shooters **MUST** use the appropriate target holder rod to ensure rounds travel parallel to the floor.
- g. Shooters are permitted to shoot standing, sitting, kneeling, or prone. (Remove the wood foot panel at the front of the booth when shooting prone.)
- h. The minimum target distance from the firing line is 25 feet, indicated by the yellow line on the floor and walls downrange.
- i. **The maximum target size permitted is 12”x 20”.**
- j. **Paper or cardboard targets only.**

### Indoor Archery Range Rules

- a. Only field or target tips are allowed.  
**Broadheads or Practice Broadheads are PROHIBITED.**
- b. Crossbows are **PROHIBITED**.
- c. Lubricant on arrows is **PROHIBITED** as it will cause staining on the face of the backstop.
- d. Arrows **MUST NEVER** be nocked while archers are in front of the firing line.
- e. Archers **MUST** keep bows with an arrow nocked pointed down range.
- f. All archers **MUST** shoot from same firing line. Indoor targets have unlockable casters for easy movement.
- g. Use only the provided plastic pins to attach a target to the face of the backstop.
- h. All archers **MUST** remove any targets, balloons, etc. from back stop, when finished shooting.
- i. When withdrawing arrows, place hand on the face of the backstop while withdrawing the arrow slowly and as straight as possible.
- j. When finished shooting, remove the pins from the backstop and return them to their proper location.
- k. Do not try to remove arrowheads from wood or black backstop boarder. Please unscrew arrowhead from arrow.

### 5-Stand and Sporting Clays Ranges

- a. Hand throwing of clays is **PROHIBITED** on club property.
- b. Only shotguns are allowed on the 5-Stand or Sporting Clays ranges.

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- c. Only lead shot sizes 7-1/2, 8, or 9 are permitted.
- d. Turkey loads, buckshot, and slugs are **PROHIBITED**.
- e. Shooters **MUST** shoot from established shooting positions.
- f. Moving traps or shooting positions from their established locations is **PROHIBITED**.
- g. Use of any of the club's automatic traps is **PROHIBITED** except by members certified on the Designated Practice Traps.
- h. Certified Clays members shall be issued a colored sticker for their club badge.
- i. Access to the Sporting Clays area is through the swing gate by the 5-Stand area. Only certified members are permitted to unlock this gate.
- j. Members **MUST** use the club's clay pigeons provided at the Designated Practice Traps.
- k. Only members authorized by the Clays Committee are permitted to adjust or service any Club traps.
- l. Everyone **MUST** stay on course paths during live fire activities.
- m. No shooting is allowed on the 5-Stand range if there is a scheduled event at the Bowling Pin or Action Shoot ranges. If people are practicing at the Bowling Pin or Action Shoot ranges prior to your arrival, you **MUST** notify the shooters that you would like to use the 5-Stand range and wait until they finish shooting.

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### Action Shooting Range Rules

- a. Certified Action Shooting members shall be issued a colored sticker for their club badge.
- b. **Drawing from a holster is only permitted at the Action Shooting and Steel Plate ranges by certified Action Shooting members.**
- c. Handguns, rifles, and shotguns may be shot in the Action Shooting ranges.
- d. All shooting **MUST** take place within the boundaries of the berms and the designated muzzle safe limits.
- e. Firearms **MUST** arrive unloaded and cased or holstered following the **“Draw to clear and load to carry”** policy.
- f. The action shooting ranges may be run “cold” or “hot” at the discretion of the Range Officer.
- g. The Range Officer **MUST** inform shooters arriving to use the AS range when the range is being run “hot”.
- h. On a “cold” range:
  - i. all firearms **MUST** be verified as “Clear” and holstered unloaded.
  - ii. Firearms will be unloaded and holstered until ready to shoot on the firing line. After shooting, the action will be opened, and the firearm verified “Clear” by the Range Officer.
- i. On a “hot” range, pistols **MUST** remain in holsters until shooter is on the firing line ready to shoot. PCCs, shotguns and rifles **MUST** be carried slung, muzzle down, with safeties on until shooter is on the firing line.

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- j. All targets **MUST** be placed on the appropriate holders and positioned so that all bullets safely impact the berm. Moving targets may also be used.
- k. Solo draw from holster is permitted, however when two or more certified Action Shooters are present, one will act as the Range Officer and the other(s) will shoot under their direction.
- l. Shooters without Action Shooting certification may only draw from holster under the following conditions:
  - i. During an Action Shooting certification class administered by Certified Draw from Holster Instructor.
  - ii. During a private instruction class in the presence of a club approved Certified Draw from Holster Instructor.
  - iii. During AS events under supervision of an AS RO.
- m. Cardboard, paper, balloons or ballistic plastic/rubber targets are permitted at any distance from 1 to 75 feet.
- n. Spinning or knockdown targets are permitted. They **MUST** be placed within 3' of the berms.
- o. Steel targets are permitted per manufacturer's recommended minimum safe distance using recommended ammunition, but no less than 7 yards from the firing line.
- p. Only lead #7.5, #8, or #9 birdshot may be used when shooting steel targets with shotguns.
- q. Shooting steel with centerfire rifles or pistols using bottleneck centerfire cartridges, except .357 Sig is strictly **PROHIBITED**.

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No shooting is allowed on the Action Shoot ranges if there is a scheduled event at the 5-Stand area. If people are practicing at the 5-Stand area prior to your arrival, you **MUST** notify the shooters that you would like to use the Action Shoot range and wait until they finish shooting.

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