

New Paltz Rod & Gun Club Range Rules

Range Hours:

- **Rifle Range & Trap Fields:**
 - 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM or Dark (if earlier than 8:00 PM) all days.
- **Pistol house:**
 - 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM all days.
 - League shoots may be extended with Board of Directors approval.

General Rules and Regulations:

The following firearm handling rules are for general safety. Maintaining a safe range is of the utmost importance, any infraction of range rules and policies of The Club will be dealt with and acted upon by the Directors of The Club.

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe, downrange direction. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow the bullet to fall into an area outside the backstop.
2. Keep fingers off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard until ready to fire.
3. Keep the action open, magazine removed, and firearm unloaded until ready to use. On a firing range, this implies being in position on the line and the loading and firing only after the range has been cleared for live fire.
4. Know how the firearm operates.
5. Be sure the firearm and the ammunition are compatible.
6. Wear eye and ear protection whenever shooting is in progress.
7. Do not mix alcohol and drugs with shooting.
8. Be alert for unexpected actions by other people and know where others are at all times.
9. Do not shoot any targets that will shatter (glass). Clay targets are OK.
10. Shoot only at authorized targets in authorized target frames.
11. Designate a qualified Range Officer when none has been assigned.
12. Anyone who observes an unsafe situation is to call "**CEASEFIRE**" immediately and point it out to the Range Officer.
13. Open, unload and bench or ground all firearms during a ceasefire.
14. Do not handle firearms or stand on the firing line when others are downrange.
15. Smoking, eating or drinking while on the firing line is prohibited.
16. Be sure of your backstop!! Ensure that all targets are placed at a height that your bullets, after passing thru the target, squarely strike the backstop and neither pass over the backstop nor strike the ground short of the backstop to possibly ricochet over it.
17. Each user is required to clean up the area after completing firing. Place brass and any refuse in designated containers. Return all equipment to its proper place and secure as necessary.
18. Please pay a range donation each time you use the range. These donations are used to maintain and improve the facilities.
19. All guests (non-members) must sign a liability waiver before utilizing the facilities as a shooter or as a spectator.

Specific Rifle Range Rules:

1. No targets shall be placed closer than 25 yards from the firing line to reduce the likelihood of bullets passing over the berm.
2. No targets will be placed on the ground, unless they are directly in front of, or on the berm.
3. No one shall be made to wait for more than 30 minutes to shoot on the range.
4. Replace any benches, tables, chairs, target frames, etc. back under cover if they were moved out from under cover.
5. If you observe your bullets striking the ground in front of the berm, you must move your firing position forward to insure impacting the berm. Most handgun calibers require that the firing line be set downrange in front of the berm.

Specific Pistol Range Rules:

1. Loaded holstered firearms will remain holstered at all times unless and until directed by the Range Officer.
2. No handling of firearms behind the firing line except by express permission of the Range Officer. All firearms will remain cased, boxed or holstered.
3. The following cannot be fired on the pistol range.
 - a. Rifles (except .22 Rimfire).
 - b. Carbines, even if they are in pistol calibers.
 - c. No rifle calibers, even if fired from a pistol (e.g., Thompson Contender).
 - d. No magnum loads.
 - e. Standard caliber jacketed ammo may be used.
4. All firing must be done forward of the red ready line.
5. NO shooting is to be done from outside the pistol building.
6. For ranges shorter than 50 feet target frames must be moved toward the firing line, please return them when finished.
7. No cross firing, all targets must be fired upon head-on so the bullets impact the backstop head-on.
8. Position target height so all rounds impact the first or second plates of the backstop.
9. No targets are to be placed on the ground.
10. No firing from the holstered position inside the pistol building.

Other General Rules:

1. You must sign the range book with your name or number and any guest names. The book and waiver forms are on the Rifle Pavilion post and on the table in the pistol building.
2. Guest waiver forms must be signed by each guest, even spectators.
3. Report any unsafe conduct, damage, or abuse of the Club facilities to an Officer or Director.
4. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests and for the safe handling of firearms on Club grounds.
5. Members and Guests must obey all federal and New York state laws while on Club grounds.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules in this document. I understand that violation of these rules may result in revocation of my membership.

Member Name (print)

Signature

Member #

Date