

ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Range Rules - Updated 2017

The Rockford Sportsmen's Club is unique in that we do not limit our members to shooting when a Range Officer is present. To ensure that our members enjoy their sport safely, in effect we must all act as range officers. You should be familiar with and willing to enforce ALL the rules for ALL the ranges. Someone disobeying a range rule threatens not only the safety of those within the range, but the safety of the entire club. If you see a range rule violation:

1. Speak politely to the member about it.
2. If he/she does not desist the unsafe action, then please report it to the Board of Directors. Take down the violator's vehicle description and license plate number, if the person is unknown to you.

NOTE: If someone speaks to you about a range rule violation, don't take it as an affront even if you think that they are wrong. They are simply trying to remind you of your duty as a member.

Any violation of the General or Individual range rules may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

GENERAL RULES

THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL RSC RANGES, ALL THE TIME

1. Everyone, including spectators, will wear eye and ear protection while at any active range.
2. Absolutely NO ALCOHOL or ANY OTHER JUDGEMENT-IMPAIRING SUBSTANCE, whether internal or external, is permitted on the club ranges at any time.
3. Never go downrange without insuring that the range is safe and that everyone's firearms are unloaded, action open, magazine removed and benched. Unloaded means removing all the ammunition including that in the cylinder of a revolver.
4. Handling of firearms is prohibited when anyone is downrange.
5. If asked by another shooter to "cease fire" or "clear the range", UNLOAD your firearm, magazine removed and place it on the bench (if possible) with the action open.
6. All ranges are COLD ranges - no loaded firearms other than the one being used by the individual with the exception of legal handgun carry.
 - Some RSC events remove the carry exception. Event rules will serve as notification.
7. Rules for events will follow each sport provided that the rules meet or exceed any of the RSC General Rules.
8. Handgun carry, concealed or open, in accordance with State/Federal law is allowed provided that:
 - No one under the age of 21 may carry anywhere on the Club grounds..
 - Except as provided by Michigan State Law a holstered firearm must remain holstered unless on a firing line position at a rifle/pistol range that is ready for fire.
 - Any firearms that are not holstered must remain unloaded until on an assigned firing position at a rifle/pistol range that is ready for fire.
9. Shooting Hours - All outdoor ranges are 10:00 am - 9:30 pm. (Exceptions for limited firing with Event Director approval for scheduled events. RSC Board approval required for other exceptions)
10. All shots must be aimed. Uncontrolled and unsafe rapid fire is not allowed.
11. Only Board approved targets are allowed as specified by range. (See **Target Chart** on last page)
12. Clean up litter, brass and remove targets after using ranges.
13. Members Only!! Members are strictly responsible for the conduct of their guests using any facility. Associate members in the 1st year are not allowed guests, thereafter they are limited to 2 shooting guests.
14. NRA Safety Rules apply.

NRA SAFETY RULES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.• Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.• Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.• Know your target and what is beyond.• Be sure the firearm is safe to operate.• Know how to use the firearm safety. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm.• Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.• Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.• Store firearms so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.• Be aware that certain types of firearms and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions. |
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