

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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ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB RANGE RULES

ARCHERY RANGE ALL THE GENERAL RULES APPLY !	SHOTGUN RANGE ALL THE GENERAL RULES APPLY !
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obey Range Officer at all times. - Do not retrieve arrow(s) in front of the firing line until directed. - Follow the appropriate whistle commands. Respect all shooters on the line. - Nock Arrows only on firing line and always pointed down range. - Field points only, No Broad heads. - Tie back loose hair, Remove loose Jewelry. These things can get caught in bow string <p>RANGE FEES: As posted</p> <p>YOU MAY SHOOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recurve, Compound, Longbow, and Crossbows. <p>YOU MAY SHOOT AT: (Recurve, Compound, Longbow)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper targets mounted on target butts or a backstop. - 3D foam animal targets. <p>YOU MAY SHOOT AT: (Crossbow)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Spyder" target. (A foam target butt will not stop a crossbow bolt) <p>YOU MAY NOT SHOOT AT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anything other than the targets placed at the backstop or on the target holders. <p>IN ADDITION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sky drawing is not permitted. - Shooting is to be at paper target faces only on target butts. There is to be no shooting at any object or animal, except during 3D target shoots. - When searching for a lost arrow, stand your bow crossways in front of the target to indicate your intent and advise the Range officer. - No member of a shooting group is to step forward of the position until all members have completed shooting. - Safety rules for crossbows follow the same rules. Note: Draw weight of crossbows is limited to allowable limits as set by Michigan as legal for hunting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The shotgun range is intended for skeet and trap shooting. - Only 7½ or smaller shot may be fired without a backstop! - No guns shall be loaded until the shooter is on the shooting station, the green pads that are clearly marked on Skeet & Trap fields. "Loading" is putting any part of a loaded shell in any part of the gun. - The gun shall be unloaded and the action opened before leaving the station or changing stations. - Load one shell at a time for Trap, or two for doubles (Skeet / 5 stand) <p>LINE FEES: As posted</p> <p>YOU MAY SHOOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SHOTGUNS with BIRD SHOT ONLY. Shot size #9 to #7½, target loads only. <p>YOU MAY SHOOT AT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clay birds thrown by hand held throwers or portable trap machines. <p>YOU MAY NOT SHOOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buckshot, slugs, or sabots in shotguns. - Any caliber rifle or handgun.

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NORTH & SOUTH RANGE ALL THE GENERAL RULES APPLY!	100 & 200 YARD RANGE ALL THE GENERAL RULES APPLY!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BEFORE GOING DOWN RANGE, make sure the range is clear, all GUNS are benched and SAFE. - When people are down range, all guns are to remain in a gun box, rack, or case; or on a bench with the slide or cylinder or bolt open. - When a range is operating in a HOT condition, all firearms unattended on a bench, shall have the slide or cylinder or bolt open and magazine removed. Chamber flag recommended where applicable. (SAFE CONDITION) - Quick draw practice or hip shooting is prohibited. <p>RANGE FEES: As posted.</p>	
<p>SPECIAL CAUTION (South Range)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When the Trap & Skeet field driveway is in use the access gate will block use of South range. <p>YOU MAY SHOOT: (South Range)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handguns or rimfire rifles <p>YOU MAY SHOOT: (North Range - 25/50 Yard)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rimfire or center fire rifles or handguns. - Shotguns. (Slugs only, Exception allowed for Patterning) - Black powder firearms (persons using black powder firearms please refrain from smoking). 	<p>SPECIAL CAUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Range/Cowboy Bowl MUST be clear. Verify gate at the 100 yd berm is blocking access. <p>YOU MAY SHOOT: (100 Yard Range)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shotguns, rimfire or center fire rifle or scoped handgun. - Black powder guns (persons using black powder firearms please refrain from smoking). - Bench rest, sitting, prone, offhand. <p>YOU MAY SHOOT: (200 Yard Range)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any high power center fire rifle or high power center fire rifle caliber firearm. - All firearms pre-zeroed at the 100 yard range. - Black powder guns (persons using black powder firearms please refrain from smoking). - Bench rest, sitting, prone, offhand.
<p>YOU MAY SHOOT AT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board approved targets mounted on the target stands. Where eyebrow bullet traps are provided, targets must be positioned so that the point of aim is within the boundaries of the trap. <p>YOU MAY NOT SHOOT AT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ANY target placed on the ground. - ANY target with the 'point of aim' or bulls eye lower than 36" from the ground. - ANY target that may cause ricochets OR positioned such that it would prevent the projectile from impacting the safety berm.. - The target frames or mounting posts. <p>IN ADDITION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rifles or rifle caliber pistols MUST be level with and aimed at the backstop before a round is chambered. This is to prevent an accidental discharge that could result in rounds clearing a berm, either by being fired directly over the berm or by hitting the ground in front of the berm and skipping over it." 	

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ACTION SHOOTING RANGE ALL THE GENERAL RULES APPLY!

- The action shooting ranges are intended for "practical" or "combat" style shooting sports such as IPSC, IDPA, Defensive Pistol or Cowboy-style activities.
- Verify the gate at the 100 yard target stand and the 100/200 range shooting line are blocking access.
- The 100/200 Ranges MUST be clear.

RANGE FEES: As posted.

YOU MAY SHOOT:

- Pistol-caliber only: 22 rimfire, 9mm, .38spl, .357, .38 Super, 40 S&W, 10mm, .45ACP or cartridges with similar ballistics, i.e.32 ACP, 44-40, 44LC, 38-40, .44SPL, and .44 Magnum.
- Metal Cowboy targets (Rounds for pistols, 1000 FPS (feet/second) maximum, rifles, 1400 FPS maximum, lead bullets only)
- Cowboy approved shotguns and Rifles only.

YOU MAY SHOOT AT:

- Authorized targets only: IPSC, NRA-Action Bianchi, IDPA, or approved steel targets.
- Targets placed on proper frames need not be at a berm, but, oriented to provide a safe backstop.

YOU MAY NOT SHOOT:

- Any rifle-caliber rifle or handgun.
- Shotguns (other than Cowboy approved).

YOU MAY NOT SHOOT AT:

- Anything other than approved targets.
- DO NOT place targets on props!
- DO NOT shoot at props.

IN ADDITION:

- The preferred practice range for Cowboy/Defensive Pistol shooters is the South range, but, the Action/Cowboy range is open to be scheduled for Cowboy/Defensive Pistol practice. When using this range make sure that your target placement ensures that your bullets will impact the berm. The South & 100/200 yard ranges MUST be clear with gates in place. Please be careful and considerate of the stage props when using the cowboy range, don't shoot up the props or the walls between the stages.

BOARD APPROVED TARGETS

Shotgun Range:
Clay birds only

North, South & 100/200 Yard Ranges:
Paper plates, balloons, reactive polymer (properly mounted 36" above ground level)

Action Range: Cowboy & Defensive Pistol
Metal, Paper

Strictly Prohibited: Metal targets of any kind on any range other than the Action Range

For Emergencies: Call 9-1-1 @ 11115 Northland Dr. **For First Aid:** Kit Locations

First Aid	Clubhouse - Behind Kitchen Door Shoot building - East wall	Trauma	Action Range (Cowboy & Def Pistol) (Requires special training for use)
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