

Club Rifle & Pistol Range Safety Rules

Authority: The Range Committee, acting under Articles VIII (e) and IX (b) of the By-laws, (August 1992) issue the following Range Rules:

Purpose: The following Range Rules and Regulations are established to ensure safety and discipline for members and guests on Club Ranges and on Club Property as well as safety for our neighbors and surrounding community.

Enforcement: All members are required to enforce all rules. All members are expected to politely point out to any shooter in violation of these rules, the nature of the violation, request that they stop and if continued violation occurs report the incident along with the violator's name to a range Chairman or board Member for further action.

Penalty: The Board of Directors will review all reports of range violations and after meeting with the member or members in question, will take one of the following actions:

1. No Action
2. Written Reprimand
3. Temporary Suspension of Membership
4. Expulsion from the Club

• *Members shall become familiar with the range safety rules and procedures PRIOR to using the range.*

• RANGE USAGE:

All scheduled use of the range shall take precedence over individual or personal activities.

1. Members must have in their possession and visually displayed their valid, up-to-date membership card while on club grounds
2. All vehicles shall be parked on the grass, or in the designated parking areas.
3. Members must sign in immediately upon arrival with their **actual arrival time**.

• Before Use:

1. The red range flag will be displayed if a match or other exclusive of the range is about to or is taking place.
2. Turn on the range warning lights and ring the warning bell. Inspect for other persons before stepping forward of the firing line.
3. Inspect range for hazards (and children and animals) prior to use.
4. Pets must be under control of owners at all times while on Club property.
5. Clean up after all pets.

• General Rules:

1. All firearms on the firing line shall be handled in a safe manner.
2. Keep the muzzle direction downrange at all times or under your control.
3. Keep finger off trigger until ready to fire.
4. Keep all long guns unloaded and all actions opened until on the firing line and ready to fire.
(A) Handguns must have their actions open unless either on the firing line and ready to fire or properly secured in a holster which points the muzzle toward the ground. Holstered handguns must be on safe if applicable to your model of handgun. Holstered single action revolvers must have the hammers resting on an empty chamber unless equipped with a transfer bar type integral safety mechanism.
(B) Holstered handguns may not be handled in any manner unless you are on the firing line and the range is "hot." (Lights off!)
5. Ranges are for use by members and under certain strict conditions by invited guests only, except for those shooting events that are open to the public. Members shall be responsible for ensuring that their guests are aware of the NRC shooting range rules and supervise their actions.
6. All firearms must remain cased until brought to the shooting benches at the firing line or inside one of the booths designated for shooting. The center control booth does not qualify. *No firearm may be placed into its case away from the shooting benches or booths.*
7. As per Federal, State & Local Laws, no one under the age of 18 may possess or fire a handgun without the immediate supervision of a parent or legal guardian or someone designated in writing by them
8. There are dedicated target frames (carriers) provided for specific distances. These are clearly marked for their intended purposes and **are not to be moved to or used at any other distance.** Square backed target frames (carriers) are for use at 25 and 100 yards, **only.** Rectangular backed target frames (carriers) are for use at 50 and 200 yards **only.** There are special, dedicated frames for use at 7 yards only and **no other distance.**
9. Only commercially printed targets may be used, and then only those that fit their target frames (carriers). Targets must not overlap either the target frames (carriers) legs or cross supports. If that requires the user to rearrange them, that is what must be done. Multiple targets on one target frame or carrier are prohibited unless they comply with this rule of not covering either the legs or the cross members.
10. No home made or commercially manufactured target holders may be used without the expressed written consent of the range safety committee. This includes, but is not limited to, real estate or political signs, or sheets or boxes of cardboard.
11. Any firearm(s) requiring maintenance shall be removed from the firing line to a designated safety area ONLY after it has been cleared of all ammunition.
12. Any disabled firearm with a live round in the chamber must remain on the firing line and shall only be repaired and/or removed by a LICENSED, CERTIFIED, GUNSMITH or Armorer. **Absolutely**

no exceptions. If there is a dispute over this, the police must be called and informed.

13. Shoot only proper targets that have been approved by the Range Committee. At no time shall any member or guest discharge a firearm in a manner that potentially jeopardizes the safety of other Club members, members' guests, or the general public. This may include shooting at target stands or frames, any object containing glass, or any such material that may potentially cause dangerous debris. Specific targets must be approved in writing by the range committee. Shoot only so that the projectile impacts the backstop berm.
14. Club metallic silhouette targets shall be used **only** during matches and may be fired upon **only** with pistols using **straight case pistol cartridges** or .22 L.R. or smaller .22 rimfire only rifles. **Bottlenecked cartridges are prohibited, even if fired from pistols!** For safety reasons, .17 HMR and .17 Mach II are **not** to be fired at Club silhouette targets.
15. Everyone on the concrete firing line or in one of the "shooting shacks" must wear eye and ear protection at all times. Spectators without such protection must remain behind the road, in the parking lot.
16. **Politely and positively respond when corrected concerning a violation of Club rules.**
17. The use of any **fully automatic** firearm is strictly prohibited on the range(s).
18. **No overhead firing of any kind is permitted.**
19. Prior to leaving the firing line, **EVERYONE** must completely unload and make his/her firearm(s) safe or holster your handgun safely & securely in accordance with General Rule #4, above.
20. **If you hear firing coming from other than the range while you are on Club grounds, make a note of the date, time, and approximate direction of the sounds and place that note in the sign in book for future reference. We don't want to be blamed for things going on outside of our property not of our doing.**

•After Use:

1. **Shooters must clean up their area after each use.**
2. Remove all "live" or "dud" ammunition from the range. Police your area after firing by placing all trash, "spent" casings, shells, boxes, etc. in the appropriate containers or the dumpster. **Remember, the dumpster is for range trash only, and not personal items brought from home that municipalities won't accept!**
3. Remove and discard (**DO NOT BURN**) your paper targets. Keep the range clean.
4. Secure all Club equipment, returning it to where you got it. Lower the range flag if appropriate. Sign out after firing, not necessarily cleaning and packing up. Lock the building.
5. Make sure the gate is locked behind you if you are the last person on Club grounds.
6. Return the padlock numbers to 0000.

•Emergency:

- Personal Injury: Call 911 to secure aid. Return to the injured person and do what you can to help. Post a person, if available, at the gate to direct emergency vehicles. TAKE WRITTEN NOTES from ALL witnesses.
- Fire: Call 911 then clear the area. Post a person, if available, at the gate to direct emergency vehicles.
- The location is: (for the 911 operator) 2710 St. Pat's Rd, Village of Suamico - Nicolet Rifle Club.

•Emergency contacts:

Name	Position	Home Phone	Work Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

*ALL emergencies MUST be reported to the Board of Directors along with written statements signed by all witnesses

•Special Public Functions:

1. During public events on the range, those responsible for the event shall appoint a range officer. The range officer shall be responsible for the shooting activities at the firing line and shall be the only one to give the command to "commence fire." Anyone seeing a dangerous condition can call a "cease fire."
2. The range officer in charge has total control of all activities on the range and must be obeyed.
3. The range officer shall also be responsible for ensuring that all firearms are unloaded during a cease-fire, and that no firearms are handled while any person is down range.
4. No ammunition may be handled in designated safety areas. All firearms must be proven clear at a designated safety area immediately upon arriving at, and prior to departing, the range facilities.
5. If a misfire or jam occurs, the shooter shall signal the Range Officer (by raising his hand while keeping the muzzle pointed down range) who will clear the firearm.
6. At the "Cease Fire" command, all firearms shall be immediately set down with the muzzle downrange, and the shooters must back away three feet from the bench and the firearm.
7. Firearms may only be handled after the range has been cleared and declared, "Ready to Fire."
8. All firearms placed on a firing line bench must have the actions open until made ready to fire. Handguns may be holstered in accordance with General Rule #4 unless the S.O.P.s (Standard Operating Procedures) for that event prohibits open/loaded carry which will only be in effect for the duration of said special event.
9. **No person impaired by alcohol or drugs shall be permitted to handle or discharge firearms on Club property. No alcohol is permitted on the range.**
10. **The use of illegal drugs is forbidden on Club grounds and will result in automatic expulsion.**

Hours of Operation

(Violators are subject to expulsion from the Club)

Seven days a week, except for match days and during Junior practice and Special Events

No Firing Before 9:00 a.m.

No Shooting Will Take Place After the Following Times, Based on the Month

January: 4:00 p.m.	February: 5:30 p.m.	March: 5:30 p.m.	April: 7:30 p.m.	May: 8:15 p.m.	June: 8:30 p.m.
July: 8:00 p.m.	August: 7:30 p.m.	September: 6:15 p.m.	October: 5:30 p.m.	November: 4:00 p.m.	December: 4:00 p.m.