



## **RANGE RULES**

### **Four Universal Rules of Firearm Safety**

**Always Keep Your Gun Pointed In A Safe Direction.** Safe direction means downrange, at and not above the downrange berm. Never allow the muzzle of your gun point at anything you do not intend to destroy.

**Always Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Your Sights Are On Target.** Off the trigger means keeping a straight trigger finger, outside the trigger guard.

**Always Treat All Guns As If They Are Loaded.** Make visual checks to ensure an empty chamber. Leave a Chamber Flag in the chamber until you are ready to load and shoot.

**Be Sure Of Your Target And What Is Beyond It.** Unless shooting at approved steel targets, rounds must only pass through your paper target and the target backer, before impacting the downrange berm.

### **General and Specific Range Rules**

**1) Safety is our foremost concern.** Everyone using the ranges must read, understand and strictly follow all rules. Any rule deviation requires Rangemaster (or designee) approval. **In case of emergency**, call 911 from the hardwired phone near the Clubhouse entrance. Trauma kits are located in the shed by the Rifle Range and in the Trap Shack office. Defibrillators (AEDs) are located in the Trap Shack and in the Clubhouse near the bar. For Range Rule questions or any range-related matters, email [Range@HHRodandGun.com](mailto:Range@HHRodandGun.com)

**2) Range Hours: Every day, 9:00 am until 8:00 pm or dusk, whichever is earlier.** Range closures may occur for special events – check Club newsletter, email messages and the on-line Shooting Events Calendar.

**3) Ranges are for use by members and their guests only.** Sign in on each range you use, and while on the ranges display your Membership Card. Your card needs to show the current year and/on a yellow or blue sticker which indicates your current Range Certification status. Members renew their range certification every three years. Up to three guest shooters are allowed per range-certified member, but you must make safe and smart choices. If you and/or your guests are newer shooters, strongly consider having only one person shoot at a time. On the other hand, if you are experienced shooters, you may shoot simultaneously. **Guest shooters** must be accompanied by and shoot under the direct supervision of a range-certified member at all times. Non-shooting guests are welcome but must stay away from the firing line and absolutely avoid handling any guns. Children must be supervised at all times.

**4) Eye & Ear protection is required** for all members, guests and spectators when on or near active ranges – no exceptions.

**5) Use of alcohol or other intoxicants is not allowed during or prior to range use.** This includes medications that warn against the operation of vehicles, vessels or machinery. Violators will be suspended or barred from the facility.

**6) Range Safety Officers: Volunteer RSOs monitor shooting activities on all ranges to help ensure the safety of our members, guests, and others.** The RSO will verify a shooter's current membership and range certification status. RSOs will also observe the actions of shooters, looking to see that Range Rules are being followed, and may intervene to help shooters understand the rules and to offer other assistance. If you see unsafe behaviors from another shooter, act as an RSO and please ask the person to stop, then help them understand the safe way to proceed. You are responsible for following all range rules, even if you are shooting by yourself. When other shooters are present, coordinate with them and audibly communicate when the Hot or Cold status of the range is to change.

**7) We are a COLD Range facility which means: all guns\* brought to the Club must be unloaded and in a case, bag or holster.** An unloaded gun has an empty chamber and empty magazine or cylinder. \*(Does not include guns that are being carried concealed).

**8) Guns must not be removed from cases, bags or holsters until:** **1)** the range has been declared HOT and everyone is at or behind the firing line, **2)** the cased, bagged or holstered gun has been moved to the firing line, and **3)** the muzzle of the cased, bagged or holstered gun is known to be pointed downrange. **Violating this rule, and others, may result in suspension of range privileges.**

**9) Showing guns to be "Clear."** If your gun is out of its case, bag or holster and is not in your hand being fired (for example, it is lying on the firing line bench), it must be Clear which means: detachable magazine is removed, cylinder or fixed magazine is empty, action is open and a visible Chamber Flag is inserted in an empty chamber.

**10) Absolutely no gun handling while the range is Cold.** Stay back from the firing line when the range is Cold – behind the red painted concrete area (where applicable). Load all magazine types at the firing line, when the range is Hot. Detached magazines however, may also be loaded behind the firing line, even when the range is Cold.

**11) The only place guns can be handled** on the Pistol and Rifle Ranges is at the firing line when the range is Hot. See the Specific Rule Additions to understand where and how to handle guns in the Speed Bays and on/around the Shotgun Ranges.

**12) Concealed Carry**, by State Law is not allowed in the bar. Unless you want to shoot your concealed carry gun, just leave it concealed. If you plan to shoot your carry gun, you must do so in a Speed Bay, not on any other range.

**13) Use HHR&GC target boards**, with paper targets only. No homemade target stands. An exception is made for; steel targets/stands in the Speed Bays, RSO-approved steel targets on the rifle range, and the existing steel swingers at the 50yd. target board on the pistol range. No glass bottles/jars, no metal cans, no reactive targets, no other "trash targets," no exploding targets and no tracer or incendiary rounds, anywhere – no exceptions.

**14) Target placement.** Position paper targets so that your bullets hit only three things: **1)** your target, **2)** the target board, then **3)** the downrange berm. Doing this will help you avoid shooting the structure and hardware of any target board.

**15) Intentional or Reckless damage to Club property.** If you are tempted to shoot at anything that is not an approved target, and/or you intentionally or recklessly damage any Club property, for example; shooting the Speed Bay target bases, expect to receive harsh disciplinary action.

**The following detailed rules address specifics of each type of range. They are in addition to everything above and together they must all be followed. Read on...**

## Pistol Range - Specific Rule Additions

- 1) Only use; 1) handguns with handgun cartridges, 2) rimfire rifles, or 3) muzzle loading pistols or rifles.
- 2) No centerfire rifles of any caliber. No 'pistols' chambered for rifle cartridges.
- 3) Absolutely no open cases containing guns, or gun handling on the back bench.
- 4) The front table is the fixed firing line - no shooting allowed downrange of the front table.
- 5) Place range flag several yards downrange of firing line when the range is Cold and at the firing line when Hot.
- 6) Step back from the firing line when the range is Cold.
- 7) No holster-draw allowed on the pistol range (allowed in Speed Bays only).
- 8) No rapid fire allowed (no faster than one round per second).
- 9) Avoid shooting the target framework. Center your targets on the backer boards – not on the edges.
- 10) Muzzle loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association guidelines.
- 11) Keep the range clean, remove used targets and sweep up your brass.

## Rifle Range - Specific Rule Additions

- 1) Only use; 1) rifles, 2) pistols or 3) shotguns with slugs - no birdshot or buckshot.
- 2) Absolutely no open cases containing guns, or gun handling on the back bench.
- 3) Place range flag several yards downrange of firing line when the range is Cold, and at the firing line when Hot.
- 4) Wear the provided hi-viz vest when walking to the 200 yd. target board.
- 5) No shooting allowed downrange of the firing tables/firing line.
- 6) Step away from the firing line when the range is Cold.
- 7) No holster-draw allowed on the rifle range (allowed in Speed Bays Only).
- 8) No rapid fire allowed (no faster than one round per second).
- 9) Do not shoot target board support clamps or rail posts.
- 10) Muzzle loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association guidelines.
- 11) Keep the range clean, remove used targets and sweep up your brass.

## Speed Bays - Introduction

Speed Bays are available to members on a first come basis. Drive to and park in an open Bay then sign-in to secure it for your use. The Bays offer freedoms not available on other ranges but these freedoms come with risks and responsibilities. The Bays do not provide an "anything goes" environment. Taking great care and paying particular attention to the rules that govern the Bays are imperative to maintaining safety.

A Speed Bay is significantly different from our other ranges in several ways with the following features: functions as a "private" range; fixed or variable firing lines; no specific firing line while shooting on the move; use of pistol, rifle or shotgun; draw from a holster; move while firing; use of personal steel targets; shooting distances from "point blank" to about 25 yds. Note that the "Speed" in Speed Bay is just an option – if you simply want to practice slow stationary fire, that is a completely legitimate use of a Speed Bay.

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## Speed Bays - Specific Rule Additions

- 1) Pistols, rifles and shotguns are allowed. Birdshot, buckshot and slugs are allowed.
- 2) Absolutely no open cases containing guns, or gun handling on the back bench.
- 3) Handle guns only when the range is Hot, **and only when no one is downrange**.
- 4) Drawing from a holster, moving while firing and re-holstering are allowed.
- 5) When drawing and re-holstering take great care to not point the muzzle of the gun at yourself or anyone else.
- 6) Only one shooter at a time if drawing from a holster and/or firing on the move.
- 7) Clearly communicate the Hot/Cold conditions of the range with others in Bay – no range flag system is used.
- 8) Guns in hand, carried up-range or downrange, must be carried with the muzzle pointed at the downrange berm.
- 9) Move the small, portable table to designate a forward firing line if desired.
- 10) No shooting farther back than the large table on the concrete pad.
- 11) Rifle slings are allowed, but only to steady a gun while shooting – not for carrying or moving with the gun.
- 12) Do not shoot target bases/frames. Place target frames as close to the downrange berm as practical.
- 13) Steel targets must be designed to direct bullet fragments downward.
- 14) Place steel targets near the downrange berm. Bullets that miss steel targets must hit the downrange berm.
- 15) Shoot steel targets from at least 15 yds. to minimize hazards from deflected bullet fragments.
- 16) Non-shooting guests must understand the rules, particularly NO gun handling – no exceptions.
- 17) Shoot shotguns at cardboard on the downrange berm or at steel – do not use the wooden target frames.
- 18) **The target bases are not targets.** Shooting them is prohibited, and covered under Item 15, Page 2.
- 19) Keep the Bays clean, remove used targets and shotgun hulls when finished. Replace cardboard if unusable.

## Shotgun Field Rules

- 1) Safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see something say something.
- 2) Eye and ear protection for shooters and guests is required at all times.
- 3) Bring your unloaded shotgun to the shooting area in a case, bag or box.
- 4) Keep action open and gun unloaded whenever handling or carrying a gun to the line or when moving between stations.
- 5) Keep muzzles pointed either up or down, never allowing muzzle to point at any person at any time.
- 6) Use lead shot only, maximum shot size is 7-1/2.
- 7) Loading more than 2 shells is prohibited on all Shotgun Fields. Load one shell only for 16 yd. and Handicap Trap. Load up to two shells only for Doubles Trap, Continental Trap, 5-Stand and Skeet.
- 8) Shoot only from the designated shooting stations and only one shooter is permitted to shoot at each target thrown – no back up shooting.
- 9) If you have a misfire or malfunction, keep the gun pointed downrange, wait 10 seconds then carefully open the action, unload the gun and check the barrels for obstructions – seek assistance as needed.
- 10) Deviation from the above rules for competitions or other special events will be at the discretion of the Range Master or his authorized representative.
- 11) Use of alcohol or other intoxicants is not allowed during or prior to range use. Violators will be suspended or barred from the facility.
- 12) Shotgun Field 4: Shotgun use only. Available on a first come basis for member use during normal Range Hours (except noon to 3 on Thursdays and Sundays). Use the "range flag" to indicate the Cold and Hot status of the range. Use hand, foot or personal motorized target throwers. Shoot only from Station 3 of the five Trap stations. One shooter at a time, only load one shell at a time. Never allow the person operating a thrower to be any distance downrange of the shooter. All other Shotgun Field Rules also apply to shooting on Field 4.