

HOPEWELL FISH & GAME ASSN RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE RULES

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Exceptions to the rules must be approved by the Range Committee, Range Safety Officer or the Board of Directors prior to implementation.

I. BEFORE YOU BEGIN TO USE THE RANGE:

- a. You must sign in and out of all ranges every time you use the range.
- b. The users VALID (up to date) membership card must be displayed on your outer garment or otherwise conspicuously displayed at all times.
- c. Each member is allowed one guest. The guest must be read and sign the release statement and be signed in.
- d. A Safety Flag must be posted before using or visiting any of the ranges or the fish raceway. The flags are available for use in the post/box at the entrance of the range area. Please replace the flag upon completion of your use. The following are descriptions of the various flag usage:
 1. RED Flag-Rifle and Pistol Range
 2. WHITE Flag-Trap Range
 3. GREEN Flag-Archery Range
 4. BLUE Flag-Raceway
 5. YELLOW Flag-Silhouette Range
- e. Failure to sign in or in not displaying your membership could result in loss of range privileges.

II. SAFE SHOOTING PROCEDURES

- a. SAFETY is of paramount importance. Muzzle control (always pointing downrange) shall be practiced at all times especially during load/reload and jam situations. If a member feels like a range user is operating in an unsafe way, they may speak up if comfortable or they should leave the range immediately and report the incident to the range committee.
- b. All shooting shall be performed from the shooting benches. Under no circumstance will any shooting be allowed outside of this area.
- c. The red lights and flags at the benches shall be used to alert others when someone is downrange. In case of power failure, the safety flags shall be utilized. Bright color safety clothing is recommended for all users, especially when downrange.
- d. While people are downrange, all users shall use safety procedure to include, but not excluding the following:
 - i. All firearms on the range shall be unloaded with actions open prior to anyone going down range.
 - ii. No firearms will be handled or touched while someone is downrange for any reason, including reloading or sight adjustment.
 - iii. Magazines may not be reloaded at this time. *(this is new and a major change in wording. From what I read, muscle memory causes people to place the mags in the guns often).*

- e. Paper targets are the only acceptable targets to be used. They are to be placed on target backers provided and maintained by the range committee. NO metal targets, cans, bottles, clay birds or explosive targets may be used. Nothing may be placed on top of the ranges provided frames. Please insure that your targets are square on the frames provided to avoid the frames from being shot up and increasing costs for running the ranges. Make sure that your frame is clear of other frames, especially behind the target you are firing at to prevent unintended damage to another frame.

III. RANGE UTILIZATION AND LIMITATIONS

- a. Shooting hours are 8 AM until 9 PM.
- b. Firearms using center-fire cartridges .50 BMG caliber or larger are prohibited.
- c. Carbines, Rifles and Shotguns, regardless of caliber, shall not be fired on the pistol range.
- d. Full Metal Jacket ammunition above 2000 feet per second (such as 5.56/223 FMJ, 7.62x39 FMJ) shall not be fired on the Pistol Range.
- e. Shotguns may be patterned on the Rifle Range. Use the designated moveable target rack.
- f. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited.
- g. Rapid fire from any firearm is limited to 8 rounds at a time.
- h. Incendiary, explosive and tracer ammunition are prohibited.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR USE AND SAFETY

- a. When the range is busy;
 - i. please limit your use time to ½ hour.
 - ii. If a member has a guest, please SAFELY use one bench
- b. Please do not attach targets to the frame or backstops. These are maintained and paid for by the club and the less damage done to the frame the better
- c. Shooters are responsible for their targets, brass, boxes, trash, etc.,:
 - i. Used targets must be disposed of properly
 - ii. Place all brass in containers provided
 - iii. Used, defective ammo must go into the locked wooden box for disposal
- d. Motor vehicles are not allowed on the range
- e. Hearing and eye protection are required
- f. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the ranges at any time
- g. All children must be supervised at all times
- h. Only authorized members are allowed in the storage container
- i. Keep in mind that the fish run is close and we do have neighbors. Keep you line of sight horizontal to the target line. Do not aim or fire across the range or in an upward direction above the target.
- j. Never walk behind the range without the protections herein cited.
- k. Finally, COMMUNICATION with others on the range is key to safe use.