

NIAGARA COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION
2506 LOWER MOUNTAIN RD. RANSOMVILLE, NY 14131

CLUB RULES

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THE NCSA IS A SANCTUARY. KILLING OF GAME IS NOT ALLOWED.

COMMON SENSE

The following rules will be strictly enforced. However, they are only a guideline. The use of common sense and safety is expected of every member and guest.

Any action that is not addressed by these rules but is deemed unsafe, unethical, or void of common sense will be dealt with as if it were a violation of these rules. You will be asked to appear before the Board of Directors to explain your/their actions. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING IN VIOLATION OF THESE RULES, SAY SOMETHING.

SAFETY

1. Open Bolt Indicators are required for ALL benched firearms.
2. Keep guns pointed down range at all times.
3. Clear and check your gun when done firing.
4. When anyone goes down range, guns must be placed on the bench or ground pointing down range, fully unloaded with open bolt indicator in the receiver. Stand behind the white line until everyone returns.
5. Eye and ear protection are required on ALL ranges, except archery, where eye protection is recommended.
6. Targets on ALL ranges MUST be placed completely down range on our target boards.
7. Shooting from the hip (cowboy style) is NOT allowed.
8. Any and all types of firearms and archery MUST only be fired on the specified ranges, regardless of the person or type of firearm.
9. Paper is the only acceptable target on all ranges except in a designated area of the plinking range. Glass or metal targets are NOT allowed on any range.
10. With the exception of the archery and combat ranges, shooters must maintain a minimum distance of 25 yds from the target line. Shooters must place and shoot targets directly in line with their shooting bench. Crossfiring at targets is NOT allowed, i.e.: #1 on bench to #14 on target line.
11. Bench shooters always have preference.
12. ALL misfired rounds must be placed in the designated receptacle, NOT IN THE TRASH OR USED BRASS BUCKET.
13. All guns in the clubhouse MUST be open and empty, with the exception of holstered handguns. Positively no handling of any firearms, loaded or unloaded, in the ready-room.
14. Shooting under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is strictly FORBIDDEN. Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed on club property except for scheduled events, with prior written Board approval.
15. All NCSA buildings are "no smoking" areas.
16. Mining of lead is not allowed on any outdoor range.
17. NO ONE is allowed on pond ice at any time.
18. Range trash cans are for paper and trash only. No solvents, misfired rounds or explosives.

GENERAL

1. ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS MUST SIGN THE REGISTER BOOK UPON ENTRY TO THE PROPERTY.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

2. No outdoor shooting of any type is allowed before 9:00 AM (10AM Sunday) without prior permission of the Board of Directors. Ranges close at **"IT'S TOO DARK TO SHOOT SAFELY"**.
3. When a member brings a guest, **YOU MUST** shoot on the same range. You are the safety officer for your guest. Only one person from the group is allowed to shoot at a given time. Guests are limited to 2 paid visits before they must join the NCSA.
4. All shooters are to show range courtesy at all times.
5. A \$20.00 deduction in dues is awarded any member who records 10 hrs. of work during the membership period, June 1 to May 31.
6. Good housekeeping must be maintained on all ranges at all times, including the clean up of targets, brass and trash.
7. Picnics are allowed but you must extinguish all fires and clean up the area.
8. Fishing is allowed during the fishing season with a valid NYS fishing license. (Largemouth bass fishing is "catch and release"). (Guest fee for fishing is \$5 per guest).
9. **NO SWIMMING.**
10. New members are on probation for 12 months and **NOT** allowed to bring guests during that time period. For all ranges.
11. When at the club, **ALL** members must carry their membership card and show it willingly upon request.
12. Except at a scheduled shoot, **ALL** guests must be accompanied by a member. There is a limit of two (2) guests per member.
13. **ALL** guests must pay a fee of \$5.00 for the use of all ranges, except for a scheduled shoot. Range fee for groups will be \$10.00 per person with a minimum group fee of \$100.00. All fees are at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Spouse, no fee. Guests between 12 and 17, no fee, but they must be accompanied by an adult member.
14. All ranges and club facilities, including fishing, are closed during the General Membership meeting and work nights.
15. All shooters younger than their 16th birthday must be supervised by a parent, a member with written parental permission, court appointed legal guardian, or certified instructor.
16. Any organization bringing in \$50.00 or less per month will report to the board 4 times a year with a financial report. If they bring in \$50.00 or more, they will report monthly. The report will consist of how much was taken in, how much was paid out, and how much is on hand.
17. Digging of trees and shrubs, or picking flowers is **NOT** allowed.
18. Pets **MUST** be leashed and not allowed to run loose anytime.
19. Pets are **NOT** allowed in club buildings.
20. To replace a lost keycard is \$10.00.

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

1. Firearms on all ranges are limited to hand held or shoulder fired.
2. There is a one inch or less limit to caliber of barrels on all ranges.
3. Only the military and police are allowed to fire "full auto", and only with Board approval.
4. Explosive charges of any type are **NOT** allowed. (i.e.: Tannerite).
5. Any device or modification which allows the simulation of full automatic is **NOT** allowed.
6. Armor piercing or tracer ammunition is **NOT** allowed.
7. The use of buckshot is **NOT** allowed.

OUTDOOR RANGE RULES

PLINKING RANGE

1. One area of this range is designated for shooting at cans and plastic jugs. No targets hard enough to cause a ricochet. The other area of this range is for **PAPER** targets only. Distance of 50 yds maximum.

2. Do **NOT** use recyclable cans from the clubhouse as targets. All glass is prohibited.
3. **DO NOT** place cans or plastic jugs on or in front of the target frames. Place your paper targets as to **NOT** deliver fire into the target frames. **NO GLASS.**
4. All trash **MUST** be removed on completion of shooting.
5. Shooting from closer than 25 yards is **NOT** allowed.
6. Bench shooters have priority at all times.
7. The Plinking Range will be closed for the duration of any organized event on the outdoor Pistol Range.

PISTOL RANGE

1. This range is restricted to the use of paper targets only, attached to backer boards and placed in target frames at 25 or 50 yards. Anyone caught deliberately shooting at the target frames or numbers will be called before the Board of Directors to explain their actions.
2. Shooting from beyond the bench is **NOT** allowed without prior approval of the Board of Directors.
3. The use of high power rifles and shotguns is **NOT** allowed on this range.
4. The use of .22 cal rim fire rifles or black powder pistols is permitted.

RIFLE RANGE

1. This range is restricted to the use of paper targets only and **MUST** be placed as to **NOT** deliver fire onto the target frames.
2. **ALL** shooting will be done **ONLY** from the covered firing line for all distances, 100/200/300 yds.
3. Motor vehicles are **NOT** allowed on the pedestrian walkway to the rifle range.
4. **ALWAYS** raise the red flag before using the Rifle Range and lower it when finished.
5. The Rifle Range will be closed during any scheduled trap competition.

TRAP AND COMBAT RANGE **GENERAL**

1. The simultaneous use of the Trap and Combat ranges poses an obvious safety hazard. Therefore, the following priority for use must be adhered to.
2. Only one range is to be used at a time. Meaning, when one is in use, the other is closed.
3. If either range is in use and a member wishes to use the opposing range, he or she must wait until those members are finished and have cleared the range. A waiting list should be established giving priority to those members arriving at the range first. Courtesy should be used as to not tie up either range for a prolonged period of time.

TRAP RANGE

1. This range is closed when the Combat Range is in use, however, a scheduled match takes precedence over the Combat Range.
2. The door on the trap house is locked except for scheduled events. You may throw targets by hand and shoot at any time during regular club hours. The automatic thrower will be run only by the trap chairman or his designee.
3. During a scheduled trap competition, the Combat Range and Rifle Range will be closed.

COMBAT RANGE

1. This range is closed when the Trap Range is in use. Distance of 25 yds maximum.
2. This range is restricted to the use of paper targets only. Targets are to be placed as to **NOT** deliver fire into the target frames.
3. Shooting from less than the maximum distance of 25 yards is permitted on this range. Minimum distance allowed is 7 yards. Bench shooters do **NOT** have preference.
4. The use of rifles, pistols, shotguns and/or pistols chambered for rifle calibers is permitted.
NO BUCKSHOT.
5. Each bay is limited to use by individuals or small groups of shooters, all shooting from the same distance.

ARCHERY RANGE

1. Archers must shoot from the designated firing line only. Eye protection is recommended. Distances of 10 yds through 60 yds available.
2. Field points only on NCSA bales. The use of broadheads only on your bale or 3-D. **DO NOT** place broadhead bale in front of NCSA bales.
3. To retrieve arrows or change targets, make sure the line is safe; bow at rest, archers behind the white line.
4. Tower user **MUST** wear a safety harness attached to the lanyard. One archer at a time. (safety harness in Ready Room).
5. Secure tower gate after use.
6. Place targets and trash in the trash can.

INDOOR RANGE

1. To sign up for Indoor Range access, you must first attend a "New Member Orientation Class" where the Rules are given and explained.

Additionally, before your "Key Card" will be activated to allow access to Indoor Range, you must schedule and attend an "Indoor Range Evaluation" to demonstrate your knowledge of Indoor Range rules and procedures and your shooting proficiency. You must bring all your own equipment.

INDOOR RANGE EVALUATION MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.

Information on new member orientation and Indoor Range evaluation will be posted in the clubhouse and/or on the website.

2. Indoor Range fee is \$25 per membership year.
3. A key card is to be used only by the member to whom it was issued. Guests and non-key-card holders must be accompanied by a member who will be responsible to see that ALL rules are followed.

4. All pistol caliber bullets up to 45 ACP are allowed with the following restrictions:
 - A. NO HIGH VELOCITY (OVER 1250 FPS), +P OR MAGNUM LOADS ALLOWED.
 - B. SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED ARE:
17 HMR, 22 MAGNUM, 5.7X28, 357 MAGNUM, .44 MAGNUM, .454 CASULL, 460 S&W AND 500 S&W.
 - C. NO INCENDIARY OR METAL PIERCING ROUNDS.
5. All gun boxes, cases, bags, etc. are to be placed directly on the benches prior to removing any guns. No handling of guns in areas behind the benches.
6. The air circulation and exhaust fans must both be turned on when shooting.
7. Except when a gun is ready to fire, gun **MUST** be benched, pointed downrange, unloaded with action opened, open bolt indicator inserted. Shooters must stand behind the white line whenever anyone goes down range.
8. Paper targets are the only allowable targets on this range. All targets for rimfire and/or centerfire cartridges must be placed at the 50 foot target line. Shooting from less than 50 feet is **NOT** allowed.
9. For air powered pistols and rifles, paper targets may be placed and shot at a distance of 33 feet.
10. Any form of quick draw or combat type shooting is **NOT** allowed.
11. Black powder shooting is **NOT** allowed.
12. The rear emergency door will be left closed at all times.
13. The range will be policed of brass, targets, refuse, etc. after completion of firing. The range must be left in a clean condition.

IT'S YOUR CLUB
RESPECT IT !