

PISTOL RULES for 2019

Note: Any non-pistol certified primary member wishing to become pistol certified will be required to attend and pass a live fire qualification course before using the pistol range. Members and their spouses receiving a new pistol certification (not the annual recertification) must first pass a live fire test. A spouse may choose not to take the live fire test. In this case they would shoot under the same rules as a member's child – the certified member must stand beside them while they shoot and the certified member may not shoot but must supervise the spouse. To shoot off hours they must still pass the written and dummy gun portion of the annual pistol certification. Members failing to pass will not shoot on the pistol range. The live fire will not be given to any member twice. Members will use their own firearm at this course. Notification of these courses to new members will be by the website, email, or at the Sunday-Wednesday safety classes.

Use club paper targets (free) or bring your own paper targets. Use only one centered paper target per wooden target holder at 7, 15, and 25 yards. This means one bullseye only on the paper.

1.0 Arrival at the Pistol Range and Check-In during "Open" Hours: **All individuals must sign in on the pistol range during both on/open hours as well as off/closed hours.**

1.1 All handguns and rifles must be unloaded and packaged, meaning in a bag, sack, box, gun case, or the like. Magazines must be removed from all firearms before coming onto Club property.

1.2 No pistol will be carried openly in a holster, except during approved matches.

1.3 All magazines and speed loaders must be unloaded when entering and leaving the range.

1.4 **FIREARMS ARE TO BE UNCASSED ONLY ON THE FIRING LINE (BENCHES)**. DO NOT uncase any firearms on the tables, floor, or anywhere behind the firing line. Firearms must remain packaged unless on the bench at a shooting station.

1.5 Before taking a shooting station all shooters must check in with the Range Officer. Do not take a shooting station or unpack any firearm or touch any firearm without the Range Officer's approval.

1.6 The Range Officer on duty has full authority over the pistol range.

1.7 The Range Officer will ensure that all shooters have the proper badge, or are hosted by a member with a pistol range certified badge. **Hand your badge to the duty range officer during open hours.**

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2.0 Pistols and Pistol Ammunition Allowed

2.1 Pistols, including black powder pistols, must be .45 caliber or smaller; however, additional calibers approved by the Board of Directors may be posted at the pistol range.

2.2 Air pistols may be used. Inform others if they must be fired to unload.

2.3 If shooting black powder or air pistols, inform the Range Officer that these pistols cannot "just" be unloaded and made safe on command.

2.4 Single shot or bolt-action handguns are restricted to production straight wall pistol calibers.

2.5 AE .50 caliber has also been specifically approved by the Board of Directors.

2.6 The use of tracers, incendiary, and armor piercing ammunition, and ammunition prohibited by federal, state or local law, is prohibited.

2.7 **Changes for 2019. NO NECKED DOWN CATRIDGES OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED ON THE PISTOL RANGE. PERIOD.**

3.0 Rifles and Rifle Ammunition Allowed

3.1 Rimfire rifles must be .22 caliber and below.

3.2 If shooting an air rifle, inform the Range Officer that that the rifle cannot “just” be unloaded and made safe on command.

3.3 Only rimfire ammunition is allowed, including:

3.3.1 Winchester .22 caliber Magnum Rimfire

3.3.2 Hornady .17 caliber Magnum Rimfire.

4.0 Targets and Stations; Clean-Up

4.1 Shooters are responsible for cleaning up their stations and removing their targets. Shooters must clean up all targets used. Strip paper targets off the cardboard.

4.2 Use club paper targets (free) or bring your own paper targets. Use only **one centered paper target** per wooden target holder at 7, 15, and 25 yards. This means one bullseye only on the paper. **Hang the wooden target stand bases off the ground.**

4.3 Exploding targets, glass containers, and containers containing toxins are prohibited.

4.4 **No metal targets.**

4.5 No ground targets are allowed.

4.6 Shoot Only Down Range And Below The Berm Line.

4.7 Shoot only at targets directly out from the station where the firearm is set up; no cross firing is permitted. Lanes are numbered so shoot only the target in your lane.

4.8 Shooters may change stations; firearms do not change stations.

4.9 Pick up all empty shells when finished shooting.

- 4.10 Do not clean firearms on the range or your car. Take them home.
- 4.11 If benchresting a firearm you may use the rests supplied *and be sure your barrel is at the height of the center of your target.*
- 4.12 Do not shoot from a prone, sitting on ground, or kneeling position anywhere on the range.
- 4.13 Watch signs posted on the range for any rule changes.
- 4.14 Bullseye shooters who have their own “turning target” equipment are permitted to use them on the pistol range. The target must be at the same height as those nearby.
- 4.15 When loading a pistol, keep the muzzle pointed down range and not pointed up. A valid exception will be made for muzzle loading pistols which must be loaded in an upright position.
- 4.16 Shoot at a pace which allows you to fully control your firearm and maintain your ability to keep all your rounds on target. This range should be used for accuracy, not plinking.

5.0 Pistol Range Commands

5.1 Shooters are to instantly obey the commands of the Range Officer.

5.2 Those commands are:

5.2.1 **“Shooters to the Firing Line”**. Step to the bench. May unpack but not load.

5.2.2 **“You may load”**. Shooters may load ammunition; however a shooter cannot yet start firing and must wait for a further command to shoot. Shooters may package and unpack firearms and set up at a station.

5.2.3 **“Commence firing”**. Shooters may start firing. Shooters may also package and unpack firearms and set up at a station.

5.2.4 **“Cease Fire or Stop Firing”**. After this command is given, do not take another shot.

5.2.5 **“Make your firearms safe, slides back, cylinders out, magazines removed”**. After this command, shooters are to unload all firearms and remove all clips and magazines. All firearms must then be made safe. This means: for a double action revolver that the cylinder must be swung out and away from the frame; for a single action revolver that the loading gate is open or the cylinder is removed; for a semi-automatic that the slide is pulled back and locked open by a pin, a spent cartridge case, a stick, a pencil, or some other means of holding it open; for a bolt action that the bolt is pulled back or removed and the action is visible; and for all other actions that it is possible to visibly validate that the chamber is empty. Empty chamber indicators (open bolt, open action) indicators shall be used on any firearm on the bench that you are not in the process of firing. **Say this with the range commands.**

5.2.6 **“Step back from the firing line”** This means that all shooters must step back from the bench to the other side of the green line painted on the floor. Shooters may not cross the green line, touch firearms, ammunition, clips, gear, etc. The Range Officer will visually validate that all firearms have been made safe. Shooters should

do the same by looking at firearms on the stations to the right and left, while remaining behind the green line. At this time, only the Range Officer is allowed on the bench side of the green line.

NOTE: If the flashing red lights are on, these are to indicate that the range is currently under a cease fire and that individuals may be downrange. HOWEVER....Please check down range even if the red flashing lights are not on. DO NOT ASSUME ANYTHING. These lights were added as an additional safety measure, but again do not assume everyone is back from down range if the lights are off.

5.2.7 **“You may go forward to change targets”**. Shooters may go down range to set up targets, check targets, and retrieve targets. No one may touch any firearms, ammunition, clips, gear, etc.

6.0 Pistol Range Costs: Members = 1 token; Guests = 2 tokens.

6.1 The cost of shooting is posted. Kids (under 18) shoot free at pistol.

6.2 Shooters may bring their own paper targets but the club’s are free.

6.3 Paying for off hours is based on the honor system; money (tokens) should be put in the marked slot in the shed.

6.4 You should use tokens to pay the applicable daily charge when shooting off-hours. During Club “open hours”, when a Volunteer Range Safety Officer is present, the proper token is to be given to the RO.

7 Pistol Range Off-Hours

7.1 Badges must **always** be worn on the pistol range. If you do not have the proper badge do not come onto the range during off hours.

7.2 There must be one color (not white) pistol certified badge with your group. The rest must have badges with pistol certification. It is not acceptable that it is in your car or in your gear.

7.3 If you do not wear your proper badge you are not allowed on the pistol range. If you are found on the pistol range without your proper badge, You Will Be Told To Leave.

7.4 No guests are allowed on the pistol range during off-hours, except as noted in the Club Rules.

7.5 The first Pistol Range Officer (PRO) to arrive on the range is in charge until he leaves. They will have a color (not white) badge. Then, whoever comes next, etc., will be in charge.

7.6 When you show up on the Pistol Range off-hours and someone is there ahead of you, check in with the Range Officer and show him/her your badge.

8.0 Pistol Range Officers – Additional instructions to duty Pistol Range Officers

- 8.1 Situate yourself in a comfortable position from which you can see all incoming and outgoing shooters.
- 8.2 All members must sign in and hand/show their pistol certified badge upon entering the Pistol Range. All must wear eye and ear protection, including you.
- 8.3 Use the commands verbatim as posted on the range wall.
- 8.4 Familiarize yourself with the Club rules by re-reading them.
- 8.5 Open the shed if it is not already open.
- 8.6 It is not your responsibility to set up the targets or target stands - that is to be done by the shooter.
- 8.7 Be sure that all firearms are packaged when they enter and leave the Pistol Range.
- 8.8 If shooters are already present, introduce yourself to them and ask their names.
- 8.9 Check their badges, since all members must be wearing the proper badge, collect the proper token and deposit in the collection box, and turn this in to the shop at the end of duty.
- 8.10 During Club open hours (Saturday/Sunday) each guest must be hosted by a member with a pistol range certified badge (one on one). Members may not shoot while guest is shooting and must directly supervise them. Guest must also sign Club waiver before being allowed to shoot on the pistol range.
- 8.11 Check all firearms being used. If you believe they are not safe, do not let them be used.
- 8.12 The left side of the range ("left" from the position of facing the targets) is for 7, 15, 25, 40, and 50 yard targets only.
- 8.13 The right side is closed to any shooting.
- 8.14 Allow shooters to select their own stations, and get involved assigning stations only if the Range becomes crowded.
- 8.15 You may read or even shoot while on duty if you are by yourself, or if there is only one other shooter present, if you believe it is safe to do so.
- 8.16 You may want to bring water to drink and something to eat. Wash your hands prior to eating or handling food or drinks after handling or shooting firearms or handling ammunition.
- 8.17 Report all safety and Rules violations to the Committee Chairman or to the Board of Directors.
- 8.18 You must maintain visual supervision of shooters at all times. If one of the Pistol Range Officers needs to take a break, the other PRO must maintain visual supervision. Use the speaker system for commands if needed.

9.0 Pistol Range Hosting

- 9.1 The hosting of guests at the Pistol Range is limited to members with pistol range certified badges.

9.2 The hosting of guests at the Pistol Range is allowed only during Club open hours (Saturday/Sunday) when the duty range officer is present, excepting only NRA Certified Pistol or Rifle Instructors, either of which must have prior Board approval.

9.3 The host and guest must sign the Club waiver form before shooting.

9.4 A host may bring more than one guest, but only one guest at a time may shoot. When a guest is shooting, the host must not shoot and must directly supervise the guest.

9.5 The scheduled Pistol Range Officer (PRO) will have total authority at this time.

10.0 Concealed Firearms

10.1 Concealed firearms are allowed on Club property, in accordance with North Carolina's concealed carry law.

10.2 If you want to fire your concealed carry pistol on the pistol range, unload it off club property, case it, and then bring it cased to the pistol range.

Pistol Test Review

-You **MAY NOT** uncase any firearm on the tables, floor, or anywhere behind the firing line.

1. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PISTOL RANGE YOU WILL LOOK FOR ANY ACTIVITY AND OBSERVE SAFETY CONDITONS. WERE GATES OR THE SHED UNLOCKED TO INDICATE RANGE ACTIVITY? ARE OTHERS ALREADY PRESENT?

2. IF OTHERS ARE PRESENT YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THEM, LOOK FOR SAFETY, LOOK FOR THEIR BADGES. NO BADGE? ASK THEIR NAME AND ASK THEM TO LEAVE THE RANGE. REPORT THE NAME TO CURRENT PISTOL RANGE CHAIRMAN.

3. IF OTHERS ARE PRESENT YOU MUST KNOW AT ALL TIMES WHICH RANGE COMMAND YOU ARE UNDER AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. IF RANGE COMMAND IS "YOU MAY GO FORWARD TO CHANGE TARGETS", YOU MAY SET UP A TARGET AND AWAIT THE "SHOOTERS TO THE FIRING LINE" COMMAND AT WHICH TIME YOU MAY SET UP YOUR GEAR ON THE LINE AND AWAIT THE "YOU MAY LOAD" COMMAND.

4. IF NO ONE IS PRESENT, YOU MAY SET UP A TARGET AND PREPARE TO SHOOT.

5. WHEN SETTING UP ON THE LINE, ANY FIREARM OUT OF ITS CASE WILL IMMEDIATELY HAVE ITS ACTION OPENED AND AN EMPTY CHAMBER (OPEN ACTION) INDICATOR INSERTED. THE ONLY TIME THIS INDICATOR WILL BE REMOVED IS WHEN THIS FIREARM IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FIRED. IF YOU HAVE THREE FIREARMS ON THE BENCH, TWO SHOULD HAVE INDICATORS IN THEM AND THE OTHER SHOULD HAVE YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.

6. WHEN INSERTING ROUNDS OR REMOVING ROUNDS FROM THE FIREARM GREAT CARE MUST BE EXERCISED IN KEEPING THE MUZZLE STRAIGHT DOWNRANGE. AT NO TIME WILL YOU EVER POINT THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM (LOADED OR UNLOADED) ANYWHERE BUT DOWNRANGE AS THIS WILL GUARANTEE IMMEDIATE HOSTILITY TOWARDS YOUR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP.

7. MUZZLE CONTROL IS ALSO EXPECTED REGARDING BULLET IMPACT. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO IMPACT THE REARWARD BERMS FROM YOUR POSITION. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO GET SOMEONE TO SPOT FOR YOU. IF YOU SHOOT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE GROUND CAUSING A RICHOCHET OR OTHERWISE FIRE OVER THE BERM WE TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND WILL IMPOSE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES IN SUCH CASES. GUIDE YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY. YOU WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR SHOOTING THE GROUND, FOR A RICHOCHET, OR OBVIOUSLY FIRING OVER THE REAR OR SIDE BERMS.

8. NEVER POINT A LOADED FIREARM ABOVE THE TOP OF THE REAR OR SIDE BERMS.

9. EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATORS (OPEN ACTION) SHALL BE USED ON ANY FIREARM ON THE BENCH THAT YOU ARE NOT IN THE PROCESS OF FIRING.

10. AGE REQUIREMENTS

a. RIFLE:

- i. .22 & .17 Rifle: Must be 8 years old with adult supervision
- ii. .22 Rifle & .17 Rifle: Must be 18 years old to shoot alone

b. PISTOL

- i. .22 & .17 Pistol: Must be 10 years old with adult supervision
- ii. Centerfire Pistol: Must be 16 years old with adult supervision

c. **ALL....You must be at least 21 years old to shoot pistol alone**

No one is allowed on pistol range off-hours without pistol certification on their badge. Spouses, and member children without pistol certification on their badge may not step onto the pistol range during off-hours.. Guests and visitors are prohibited from stepping onto the pistol range during off-hours.

YOUTH UNDER 18 SHOOT PISTOL FOR FREE!

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