

Canaan Conservation Club

Rifle/Pistol, Trap and Archery Range Rules

1. Safety Rules – The Safety Rules of the Canaan Conservation Club were approved by membership on November 28, 2017.

1.1 Statement of Club Policy towards Firearms & Archery

The Canaan Conservation Club and its members, support firearm safety both to insure the safety of the members, their guests, and the public and to promote shooting sports through example. Club members and their guests must always handle firearms safely. Obey the following guidelines:

Firearms Safety

- 1. Always Keep the Muzzle Pointed In a Safe Direction**
- 2. Firearms Should Be Unloaded When Not Actually In Use**
- 3. Don't Rely On Your Gun's "Safety"**
- 4. Be Sure Of Your Target and What's Beyond It**
- 5. Use Correct Ammunition**
- 6. If Your Gun Fails To Fire When The Trigger Is Pulled, Handle With Care!**
- 7. Always Wear Eye and Ear Protection When Shooting**
- 8. Be Sure the Barrel Is Clear Of Obstructions before Shooting**
- 9. Don't Alter or Modify Your Gun, and Have Guns Serviced Regularly**
- 10. Learn the Mechanical and Handling Characteristics of The Firearm You Are Using**

The key to safe hunting and target practice is a person's ability to handle a firearm or bow, the right way. A tragedy involving firearms will involve costly litigation by the injured party or his/hers heirs and could result in criminal prosecution if criminal negligence or depraved disregard for human life is proven.

In General:

Each member will be required to sign the log book in the kiosk that is in front of the Clubhouse every time they are on the property. Please use the appropriate signage to indicate where/why you were there. Guests must also sign the log book. Each member will be required to police the brass and shells in their point after use. Clean up the area after use. The meeting room, kitchen, bathroom, and ranges are for the convenience of all members. Leave them as you would like to find them. Garbage and recyclables will be disposed of properly. This should be accomplished without specific request by officers but rather by a voluntary desire on the part of all members. If it is reported otherwise, privileges may be revoked.

The range will be open from 9:00 AM until dusk. However, organized club events will take precedence over informal shooting times. Notice of events will be posted. There will be NO HORSEPLAY at any time near platform and shooting ranges. There will be no indiscriminate display of firearms. It is mandatory that all members use some type of eye and ear protection while shooting.

1.2 **Range Safety Rules**

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY TYPE ARE PROHIBITED FROM ANY PART OF THE RANGE. MEMBERS AND GUESTS MUST REFRAIN FROM THE CONSUMPTION OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BEFORE BEGINNING TO USE THE RANGE. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED ON CLUB GROUNDS DURING ANY ORGANIZED SHOOT. ANY MEMBER FOUND UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY DRUG OR ALCOHOL WHILE AT THE RANGE WILL HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP REVOKED.
 2. Rifles will be unloaded BEFORE entering the range area or shooting platform.
 3. When carrying rifles on or to the range, the action will be open, and if possible, the safety on.
 4. When carrying pistols on the range or coming up to the range, they will be securely fastened in a holster or if not holstered, carried with the action open, and the safety on if possible. Unload facing a safe direction before entering the range.
 5. Firearms on the range will only be loaded when shooting. Shooting will occur immediately following loading. If the range is under control of a Range Officer, firearms will only be loaded upon his/her command. No person will move forward of the firing line unless all firearms are in a safe condition.
 6. The muzzle of all firearms will be aimed in a safe direction at all times. When loaded, the muzzle of the firearm will never be pointed above the range impact area.
 7. The range will be used by a maximum of four (4) shooters at any one time. Only the shooter and one coach and/or spotter is permitted on the range. All other bystanders must remain behind the shooting platform or outside the shooting area.
 8. Firing will cease immediately if any person is observed anywhere down range including the pistol range area and archery course. Down range includes but is not limited to shooting area and berms. Such persons will be politely ask to wait and leave the areas if the use of the shooting range began before the use of the other said areas.
 9. All members and their guest(s) using the range, must sign in on the log provided, every time they use the range area.
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2. Instructions for Rifle/Pistol and Targets

1. Target and impact rules are required to promote safety, insure that the range impact area remains neat and clean, and to prolong the life of the impact area. The new ranges have been designed so that all types of paper targets are attached to back boards only. Do not attach them to the back stop. A staple gun, provided by the club, is located in the supply box on the shooting platform.
2. Under no circumstance will any type of glass, clays, or any other breakable object be used for targets.
3. All used, non-breakable targets must be properly disposed of, away from impact area. Do not litter.

2.1 Proper Use of Target Area

1. Accidental shooting of any object other than target should be avoided by careful aiming and shooting techniques. Intentional shooting of anything other than your target is strictly prohibited. Shooting across range is prohibited.
2. The impact area behind the back boards is designed to prevent ricochet. Keep bullet placement in this area. Back boards should be placed so as to prevent continuous impact into the same area.
3. **Report any intentional damage to the range area to any club officer as soon as possible. Intentional destruction of club property will be investigated and reported to local police agency or club membership as appropriated.**

2.2 Rifle Rules

1. All rifles in the range area are to be uncased, unloaded, with action open and stored in the rack when not in actual use. Uncased rifles anywhere in the club area must be unloaded and have their actions open. Auto-loading rifles, whose bolts do not remain open, must be equipped with a device to block the action open.
2. Rifles with magazines, clip, or tube will be loaded with a maximum of five rounds. There will be no rapid fire on the range.

2.3 Pistol Rules

1. Guns will always be pointed down-range. Guns will be unloaded with actions open unless in the actual act of shooting.

2. Every shooter shall have in their possession a valid pistol permit covering the gun they are shooting.

3. Rifle/Pistol/Archery Range Courtesy Rules

THE MOST IMPORTANT RULES IS TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS THAT USE THE CLUB FACILITIES AND THAT MEMBERS MUST, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WORK OUT CONFLICTS IN A COURTEOUS, FRIENDLY, AND COOPERATIVE MANNER.

The following rules should help avoid some basic conflicts:

1. The range is available on a first come, first served basis except for planned club activities.
2. Members are permitted to have guests use the range, but the member MUST be present with the guest(s).
3. Members have preference over guests whenever there is more than four (4) shooters wanting to use the range.
4. The range is a multi-use area. Only one activity is permitted at one time. If the range is being used for one activity and a member(s) indicates a desire to use the range for another activity, the shooters using the range must relinquish the range to the other activity after ½ hour of informal use.
5. Informal shooting has no fixed time limits as long as conflicts described above do not arise. Shooters engaged in the same activity should agree on shooting periods, checking of targets, etc.
6. Members should resolve all conflicts among themselves in a courteous, non-argumentative manner. The range is a shared facility. Non-members have no voice in resolving conflicts.
7. *All departures of range rules must be brought to the attention of a club officer or member as soon as possible after the violation. Problems encountered with any range rules may be placed on the floor for discussion at any regularly scheduled monthly meeting.*
8. Respect other shooters at all times.

ANY MEMBER OR GUEST OBSERVED NOT FOLLOWING THESE RULES MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE RANGE AREA. IF RULES ARE BEING REPEATEDLY BROKEN, MEMBERSHIP MAY BE REVOKED AND THE INDIVIDUAL BREAKING THE RULES WILL LOSE ALL SHOOTING PRIVILEGES ON THE PROPERTY.