

NBRGC Range Rules

Revision 5a

1. PURPOSE

The North Berwick Rod & Gun Club (the club) has established these rules in order to:

- a. Provide a safe environment for members, guests and neighbors.
- b. Maintain good relations with its neighbors through conduct respectful of their property and their right to a reasonably quiet environment.
- c. Protect the property of the club and members.
- d. Instill conduct consistent with the clubs' core constituency of hunters and disciplined marksman.

2. QUALIFICATIONS / OUTDOOR RANGES

- a. Members in good standing may use the range when open.
- b. A member in good standing may allow at most one (1) of their guests to shoot under their supervision at a time.
- c. Members shall bear the full responsibility for their guest's safety and conduct.

3. HOURS

- a. Shooting not permitted before 9:00 A.M.
- b. Shooting not permitted after sunset.
- c. The shooting ranges may be closed during events sponsored by the club and when the club is used for private events. (SEE CLUB WEB PAGE FOR THE STATUS OF RANGES)
- d. Shooters will limit their use of the range to one half hour (1/2) if others are waiting to use it.
- e. Individual range(s) is/are closed when the range closed sign(s) are displayed at the firing line.

4. CONDUCT

- a. Members and their guests WILL conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner.
- b. Members and their guests must abide by the rules specified in the Rules of Conduct and any subsequent additions and revisions.
- c. The possession of alcohol or drugs on club property is not allowed. No person; member or guest is allowed on club property while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- d. Shooting conduct that would generally be characterized as paramilitary or horseplay is forbidden.

Examples of such conduct include but are not limited to:

- (I) Shooting from positions that preclude the use of firearms site (e.g. shooting from the hip)
- (II) When multiple shooters are on the firing line, moving toward or away from the target while holding a loaded firearm.
- (III) Shooting more than one firearm at a time, i.e. one firearm in each hand.
- (IV) Shooting at other than approved targets as set forth in paragraph 5 .

WHEN IN QUESTION, THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT SPECIFIC INCIDENTS CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THESE OR ANY OTHER CLUB RULES.

- f. When entering the club property members will log in with their electronic key card except during club sponsored events.
- g. When leaving the club property members will log out with their electronic key card except during club sponsored events.
- h. Members will present their electronic key card when requested.

- i. A shooter shall not engage in arguments with other members or their guests. In cases where demands that a shooter perceives to be unreasonable are made, the shooter shall refer the complaining party to the Range Safety Officer or BOD in writing.
- j. Shooters shall retrieve all targets, trash and spent casings before leaving.

5. FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, TARGETS & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- a. Permitted firearms are manually operated and semi-automatic rifles, handguns, shotguns and muzzleloaders.

AUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND DEVICES THAT SIMULATE AUTOMATIC FIRE (e.g. Bumpfire / Hell fire) as well as 50BMG and the 416 Barrett are PROHIBITED!

Forced Reset Triggers are PROHIBITED!¹

- b. No loaded firearms anywhere except on the firing line and only when the range is clear. Exception: Law enforcement and other civilians entitled to carry a concealed firearm under Maine statute may carry a loaded firearm concealed on club property.
- c. Place all firearms unloaded, with breeches open, in the racks or in cases/gun boxes except when on the firing line.
- d. When the firing line is cleared for personnel to go down range, all firearms will be unloaded and their actions open. No handling of any firearm while personnel are down range.
- e. All shooters shall use the same firing line at any given time.
- f. Shotguns may only be fired at the target frames when loaded with a single projectile. Shooters wishing to pattern their shotguns may do so with shot shells using the shotgun patterning range.
- g. Permitted targets are paper, clay pigeons and commercial steel targets. These targets shall be placed within or directly in front of a bullet trap (on the rifle range) or the berm (if in a pistol bay).

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Exploding targets, such as Tannerite, are not allowed on club property.

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- h. Shooting at the bunker structural members is strictly prohibited and may lead to suspension or expulsion if deemed deliberate or the result of reckless shooting.
 - i. Place your target on the cardboard, (available in the target shack), between the two vertical straps and hung on the horizontal bar or wire within the bunker face on the main range or on the target boards in the pistol bays.
 - j. Tracer ammunition is prohibited due to the risk of a fire.
 - k. AP, (armor piercing), ammunition is prohibited.
 - l. Shooters shall wear proper vision and hearing protection.

6. EXCEPTIONS

- a. Certain circumstances may warrant specific exceptions to one or more of these rules defined herein. Such exceptions require advanced notice and expressed written consent of the Range Safety Officer or BOD

7. VIOLATIONS

- a. Members should report violations of these rules to the Range Safety Officer/BOD as soon as possible. Members should record the date and time of the incident, the nature of the violation and the identity of the violator if known.
- b. Violations will be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Club bylaws. Penalties range from verbal warning to permanent expulsion. Failure to appear when requested to meet with the BOD may result in the loss of membership.

8. INDOOR RANGE

- a. The indoor range will be available for shooting as scheduled. Schedules will be made based on the interest and continued participation.
- b. **ALL FIREARMS SHOOTING WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER, (RSO).**
- c. **PROPER EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION IS MANDATORY WITHIN THE INDOOR RANGE BUILDING WHENEVER LIVE FIRE IS CONDUCTED!**
- d. When shooting firearms, only frangible bullets may be used.
- e. Frangible ammunition must be verified correct by the RSO on duty. The RSO will section one bullet from any QUESTIONABLE batch to verify that they are frangible.
- f. Lead air rifle/pistol pellets may be fired in the range provided they are shot into the air gun pellet traps provided.
- g. Bulls eye/target shooting will utilize the portable shooting cubicles at a uniform distance from the target stands.
- h. When loading semi auto pistols the muzzle will be pointed at the back stop, (steel), and the shooters finger outside the trigger guard when going into battery, (closing the slide).
- i. When the RSO directs that the line be cleared so that targets may be replaced the shooter will show clear by placing an EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATOR in the chamber of the firearm. On revolvers it will be placed in one of the chambers of the cylinder with the cylinder open. Empty chamber indicators will be provided by the Club. (This is not required when firearms are individually checked by the RSO at the end of a string of fire in action pistol events).
- j. Action Pistol shooters will utilize the safe tables as the only place to handle your unloaded firearm. The RSO will direct you as to when you may load/unload. **NO AMMUNITION WILL BE HANDLED AT THE SAFE TABLE.**
- k. When steel targets are used, they shall be placed behind the plywood barrier and as close to the back stop as practical.

9. INDOOR ARCHERY

- a. SEE ATTACHMENT A

10. QUESTIONS

- a. Questions concerning these rules should be directed to a Range Safety Officer or the BOD

11. REVISIONS

- a. These rules are subject to revision as deemed necessary by the BOD. These rules may be revised and or amended by a majority vote of the BOD at any regular or emergency meeting of the BOD. Revisions shall be posted on the range within two, (2), days of enactment.

INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE & EQUIPMENT RULES

Qualifications

1. Members and guests only, guests must be accompanied by a current member except for special events.
2. All shooters must sign in and pay posted fees before shooting. Signing in constitutes acceptance and understanding of all posted rules.
3. Members will be responsible for the actions of their guests.
4. If any member or guest knowingly violates any of the rules presented, they may be asked to leave the range.
5. Members will be subject to restitution for damages to the club property caused by themselves or their guests and subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

Conduct

- a. Absolutely NO alcohol or drugs on club property.
- b. Shooting is strictly forbidden while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Equipment

6. Bows need to be cranked down to a maximum of 70 pounds. Keep arrows slicked with arrow lubricant to preserve the integrity of the fletches.
7. For reasons of range safety; broadheads of any type are not permitted within the Indoor Range.
8. Field tips or target tips only, Arrow points cannot be larger or smaller than the arrow shaft.
9. All shooting will cease and all bows un-arrowed if a person is detected within any area that could be considered 'downrange' of the shooting line.
10. Arrows are to be removed from bows when people are downrange. Do not draw even an unarmed bow when people are downrange.

SPECIFIC ARCHERY RANGE SHOOTING RULES

NBRGC general range rules apply

1. Bows are not allowed to be drawn in the direction of the ceiling to avoid putting an arrow through the building ceiling if misfired.
2. Shoot downrange only at paper targets on the bales, club paper target holders required, no nails please.
3. Only club supplied targets or other archery paper target faces permitted.
4. Shoot at paper targets or provided targets only. No clay targets, cans, bottles etc.
5. A maximum of 4 paper target faces per bale allowed. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the bale can be used per archer at any one time on a first come serve basis.
6. All shooters must shoot at the same line.
7. Wait for verbal approval from the Range Captain or his designee before starting to shoot.
8. After you are done shooting wait for the word "CLEAR" from the Range Captain or his designee before going toward the targets to retrieve your arrows.
9. A maximum of five minutes to shoot arrows per line after the shooting line is ready to shoot, (this could be either one of two shooting lines back-to-back at 5 minutes each), then retrieve all arrows at the same time.
10. Bows may be drawn only, with or without an arrow, in the direction of the targets on the target line.
11. No cross-range shooting
12. WALK, don't run toward the targets. Remember that arrows are sticking out and can injure you.
13. When pulling arrows out of the target stand to one side and insure no one is directly behind you.
14. Remove target faces when done shooting prior to leaving the range.