

# THESSALON AND AREA ROD AND GUN CLUB

## CLUB PROPERTY AND RANGE SAFETY RULES

**CLUB PROPERTY** is only for the use of our members and invited guests, except for shooting/special events that are open to the public. Members shall be responsible for insuring that the guest(s) are aware of the club and range rules, and supervise their actions. A member is limited to 2 guests shooting at a time and a guest is limited to a maximum of three shooting visits per calendar year. Guests not already covered by insurance as a member of an approved shooting/archery club or institution shall pay an insurance fee for coverage set annually as prescribed by the Insuring Agent when using the property. The insurance fee is posted above the registration book. Please put the fees in the small box mounted above the registration book.

**ALL PERSONS** entering the grounds shall sign the registration book. Columns are provided for the Club Member's number, the date, time of arrival & departure, range(s) used, type of firearm(s) used and class of firearm used. Guest's names are signed in on the sponsoring member's line in the registration book

**ALCOHOL OR DRUGS** use shall not be permitted on the club property at anytime. Anyone found under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be permitted on the club property.

**SERIOUS INJURIES ON CLUB PROPERTY** - 911 is available for ambulance, fire and police. The **municipal address is 53 Ansonia Road, Municipality of Huron Shores**. A serious injury is something requiring a medical doctor's attention or an injury caused by the discharge of a firearm. A member of the executive or board of directors shall be notified of a serious injury to a member or guest as soon as practical.

**MEMBERS SHOOTING ALONE** shall fill out and sign the **Liability Waiver Form**. The filled out form is to be placed in the slot in back of the **Liability Waiver Form box**

**DANGEROUS AREAS.** Do not walk onto the shooting ranges, climb berms or backstops while shooting range(s) are active. Do not walk in front of the trap house while the trap machine is in operation. Shooters not on the firing line or spectators shall remain behind the ceasefire line.

**THE RANGE CLOSED/ OPEN SIGN** located on the side of driveway shall be used to indicate the overall condition of the ranges. The **RANGE CLOSED SIGN** shall be displayed when the ranges are not in use. The **Closed Sign** shall be locked closed when work is being done on the **Club property** and the movable Work-in-Progress-Barrier shall be placed at the main entry gate. **THE RANGE OPEN SIGN** shall be displayed when **any shooting activity** is in progress on the range(s). The **Range Status Sign** located inside the clubhouse shall be used to display the condition (open / closed) of each of the ranges.

**A RANGE OFFICER** shall be appointed when more than one member is on the range. He/she shall be responsible for the shooting activities and safety at the firing line. All range commands that are given by the range officer or his/her designate shall be obeyed.

**BRINGING FIREARMS ON TO THE RANGE** If no one is at the club, bring **unloaded** and **encased firearms** to #1 range safety tables to uncase and perform **ACTS – PROVE** on the firearms. Proceed to the range to be used. If another person(s) are at the range, check with the **appointed range officer** for the group about bringing firearms onto the range to the **safety table. ACTS – PROVE** the firearm **at the safety table**. At a **formal shoot contact the Range Safety Officer for permission** to bring **unloaded** and **encased firearms** to the **safety tables**. At the **safety table**, uncase the firearm and perform **ACTS-PROVE** on the firearm. The **Range Safety Officer** shall check the firearm(s) before directing the firearm(s) be racked, benched or stored.

**FIREARMS SAFE HANDLING ON THE RANGE** . Do not touch another's person firearm without his/her permission. Assume every firearm is loaded until **you PROVE** it is safe. All firearms shall be unloaded (clear of ammunition in the chamber and attached magazine / cylinder) and have the actions open when not on the firing line. Do not load firearms until you are on the firing line and the range is declared active. When moving a firearm keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed up at all times in the club house, downward or in the safest available direction outside the club house. Control the muzzle at all times so it is pointed in safest available direction.

**CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARMS OR HORSEPLAY** shall not be permitted on the Club property. Do not distract others while they are preparing to shoot. Refer also to **Bylaw # 14**

**EAR & EYE PROTECTION** shall be worn by shooters and spectators that are within close proximity to the firing lines.

**CEASE FIRE.** Upon hearing the **Range Officer** (or other person) give the command **STOP** or **Ceasefire**, all shooting shall **immediately stop**, unload firearms, lay firearm down with muzzle pointing down range and action(s) left open. **The Range Officer** shall inspect all the firearms and he/she shall give instructions on how the firearms are to be situated before shooters leave the firing line (left at shooting position, racked or cased). Shooters shall then move to the ceasefire line. No shooting or handling of firearms on the range shall be permitted until the **Range Officer** declares the range to be **active**.

**RANGE FLAGS USED WHEN SHOOTING** A **green flag** shall be displayed on the firearm range(s) any time the range is inactive and/or a person is down range of the firing lines. A **red flag** shall be displayed to indicate the range(s) are active and in use. Range # 3 trap house shall be equipped with a **yellow flag** on a short pole. This **yellow flag** is to be raised by the trap operator to indicate a ceasefire is required. The Range Officer shall call a ceasefire and shall inform the trap operator when it is safe to leave the trap house.

**RANGES:** Firearms and archery equipment on club property shall only be carried and discharged on **approved ranges**. Approval by a club executive and/or a director shall be required to carry/discharge firearms and archery equipment on the rest of the club property. An example of approval needed to carry a firearm or archery equipment off approved ranges may be for pest control  
**#1 RANGE** – Use paper targets and bunkered steel reactive targets. Rifles up to **.338 Lapua Magnum** and **shotguns with slugs only** can be used at up to 100 yards on this range. Handguns shall only be used up to **50 yard** backstop from club house firing line.

**#2 RANGE** – Use paper targets and bunkered steel reactive targets. Rifles up to **.338 Lapua Magnum** and **shotguns with slugs only** can be used at up to **75 yards** from backstop. Handguns shall only be used up to **50 yards** from the backstop.

**#3 RANGE** - Trap- No other ranges shall be open when trap shooting is taking place. The trap range shall be closed any time the archery 3D range is in use.

**#4 RANGE**- – Archery FIFA Range – only field points or target points may be used on the targets. **Range # 3 trap** shall be closed, ranges #'s 1 and 2 may be in use at the same time. All firearm ranges #'s 1, 2 and 3 shall be closed during sanctioned archery shoots (OAA archery shoots). Archery ranges #'s 4 and 5 shall be closed during formal firearm target shoots.

**#5 RANGE**- – 3 D Archery- only field points or target points may be used on the 3D targets. **Range # 3 trap** shall be closed, ranges #'s 1 and 2 may be in use at the same time. All firearm ranges #'s 1, 2 and 3 shall be closed during sanctioned archery shoots (OAA archery shoots). Archery ranges #'s 4 and 5 shall be closed during formal firearm target shoots.

**SAFETY TABLES:** the safety tables are located in the Club House, and at other locations on ranges as needed. **No live ammunition is allowed at the safety tables** Signs will be posted where the tables are located.

**TARGETS.** Use only targets approved by the club and place targets so the top of the target is below the centerline of the backstop. Do not shoot at target numbers, glass bottles, or materials that can cause a bullet to ricochet or cause dangerous debris. Do not fire at targets sitting directly on the ground. Bullets striking the ground may be deflected over the side berms or backstops. All metal targets shall be reactive, (they must move or fall down when hit), be enclosed in an approved bunker and must be positioned at right angle to the firing line. Metal targets minimum firing distance for –Rim-fire handgun/rifle and Center-fire handgun 10 meters (11 yards.) – Center-fire Rifle 50 meters (55 yards). All targets, and portable shooting stands shall be picked up after the shoot. Try to pick up as many of the broken/unbroken clays as possible after a shoot.

**SHOTGUN SHELLS FOR TRAP SHOOTING** No more than 2 shells shall be loaded at a time on the firing line. Load only when it is your turn to shoot. No shot shells larger than 12 GA., 2 ¾" long, 1 1/8 oz lead shot and no shot size larger than 7 1/2 shall be used. Shot velocity shall be no more than 1300 ft/sec. or 396 m/sec taken within 5 feet or 1.5 meters of the shotgun muzzle.

**AMMUNITION MALFUNCTION:** Keep the muzzle pointed down range. Wait 60 seconds before removing the shell or cartridge from the chamber of the firearm. **ACTS/ PROVE** the firearm.

**FIREARMS REQUIRING MAINTENANCE** shall be removed from firing line to a designated safe maintenance area on the direction of the range officer. For example a maintenance area may set up for cleaning black powder firearms at a shoot. Keep the firearm muzzle pointed in the safest available direction at all times and the firearm under control.

**HOT RANGE.** During sanctioned events, (Cowboy Action and IPSC) a **Hot Range** concept may be used for handguns. A **Hot Range** warning sign shall be displayed. Only **unloaded handguns** (Revolver empty cylinder –Semi-auto chamber empty and magazine removed – other handguns shall be carried as directed by Range Safety Officer) shall be worn in holsters. Handguns shall only be removed from the holster at the **Safety Table(s)** or at the **Firing Line(s)** to load for target shooting.

**EMPTY BRASS AND SHELLS** shall be picked up when a shooter has finished shooting. Containers are located in the building for disposal of the brass and shells.