## Rifle/Pistol Range

#### Range Hours

- 1. Daily range hours 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
- 2. Big game hunting season range hours 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and then ½ hour past sunset to 9:00 PM. No exceptions.
- 3. Spring turkey hunting season range hours 12:00 NOON to 9:00 PM. No exceptions.
- 4. Range may be closed during scheduled events (leagues, competitions, steel plate challenge, archery events, NRA marksman events, classes, etc). Check calendar for schedule.
- 5. Range is closed during BRG family events (fishing derby, family picnic, pig roast, game dinners, etc).
- 6. Rifle / Pistol range will be closed during Trap times: 10 to 1 PM Sunday, 5 PM to 8 PM Monday

#### Range Use

- 1. Range Safety Officers are designated by the club as a position of authority and shooters are required to comply with instructions or direction given by them at any time. NRA accredited Range Safety Officers carry an official identification card.
- 2. Eye and hearing protection required of everyone in the range house whether shooting or observing.
- 3. Members and guests MUST sign-in prior to shooting. Range book is located on the counter, by the cash box.
- 4. Members must pay \$10 for each guest. Payments must be put in an envelope and placed in the range cash box. Write the member's name, ID number and name of guest on the envelope.
- 5. Members' children shoot free until age 12 then must become a member or pay the \$10.00 guest fee. Member spouses must be either a member or pay the \$10.00 guest fee.
- 6. Guests must be supervised by an adult club member. Children may not be unattended at any time.
- 7. Club members have priority over guests.
- 8. Keep range, buildings and parking lot clean. Brass must be picked-up before leaving.
- 9. Close windows, turn-off heat, lights and fans before leaving. All target stands must be brought in.
- 10. DO NOT open the first-aid kit unless tending to an injury. Do not remove tape or other items.
- 11. DO NOT remove any BRG property from the range (hearing protection, shooting stands, eye protection, first aid kits, etc).
- 12. DO NOT use green-tip or armor piercing ammunition on this range.
- 13. DO NOT place or remove any sign or notice at the gun range without prior authorization by the Chief Range Safety Officer.
- 14. One shooter per shooting station/firing line.
- 15. Targets must be positioned directly in front of the shooting station. Do not shoot across the range or diagonally.

#### Range Safety

1. DO NOT enter the range house while under the influence of alcohol or any drug.

- 2. DO NOT handle any firearm for any reason while any person is downrange. Rifles must be cased or racked, unloaded with action open. Handguns must be unloaded with action open or holstered.
- 3. DO NOT load guns unless at a shooting station. Firearm action must remain open and unloaded until ready to use. Loaded firearms must be holstered or pointed downrange at all times.
- 4. DO NOT load firearms at rear shelf, storage areas or in any parking lot.
- 5. DO NOT discharge any firearm into the shale banks, walls, concrete barriers, in the air or at any BRGC property. Doing so will result in immediate termination of membership.
- 6. DO NOT fire any fully automatic weapon at this range without prior approval from club management.
- 7. DO NOT use buckshot or birdshot on any wood-frame target.
- 8. DO NOT shoot at ground targets or bottles. Shoot only authorized targets.
- 9. DO NOT shoot from outside the range house unless doing so as part of a scheduled/approved activity. All shooting must be performed from a shooting station.
- 10. Minimum shooting distance for .50 BMG caliber guns is 50 yards.
- 11. Shooters must sound two long blasts on the air horn prior to shooting.
- 12. Any steel target use REQUIRES the permission and presence of a Range Safety Officer.
- 13. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Be sure of your target and beyond.
- 14. Follow all NRA safety rules.
- 15. Drawing of handguns may only be done from inside the range house.
- 16. All misfires and duds must be placed in steel safety box.
- 17. BRG CLUB RULES WHEN TARGETS ARE BEING CHANGED...: DO NOT APPROACH THE BENCH OR FIRING LINE WHILE TARGETS ARE BEING CHANGED. DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS CHANGING TARGETS OR DOWN RANGE. ALL RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS MUST BE PLACED ON THE RIFLE RACK AND ALL HANDGUNS MUST BE RE- HOLSTERED OR PLACED ON THE BENCH TABLE WITH THE ACTION OPEN AND UNLOADED

#### Important Legal Information

- Only persons licensed for handgun possession in the state of NY may legally possess or fire any pistol or revolver. Under NYS law the possession or use of any loaded handgun without a permit is a felony offense. Persons between 14 & 21 years old may shoot a handgun ONLY under the direct supervision of a certified handgun instructor (NYS Penal Law Article 265).
- Shooters shall comply with the laws of the state of NY regarding the handling and use of firearms at all times, NO EXCEPTIONS.



# Safety First Rules

### **NRA Gun Safety Rules Golden Rules**

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

## **Additional Safety Precautions \***

- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to safely use the gun.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons (especially children).

## **Hunting Safety**

- 1. TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WRE LOADED. Don't assume the firearm you're carrying is empty (give it the respect you would a loaded gun).
- 2. WATCH YOUR MUZZLE. Know and control the direction of your muzzle at all times. Never pull a gun by the muzzle toward you.
- KNOW YOUR TARGET. Make sure you identify your target before firing, and know your safe zone of fire. Prepare yourself by studying game features before hunting.
- 4. DON'T LOAD BEFORE YOU'RE READY. Take down or have all actions open before traveling. Make sure firearms are unloaded within their cases.
- 5. Watch your step. Newer climb fences, jump ditches or make awkward moves while holding a loaded firearm.
- 6. CONTROL YOUR TARGET PRACTICE. Be aware of your line of sight. Make sure your backstop is more than adequate. Avoid shooting at hard, flat surfaces or bodies of water, and always wear hearing and eye protection.
- 7. KEEP IT SERIOUS. No matter how enjoyable it is, hunting is no game. Avoid horseplay, and never point a firearm where you don't want to shoot.
- 8. INSPECT YOUR FIREARMS. Before loading, inspect your barrel for obstructions. Check ammunition to make sure its specifications match those of your gun.
- 9. STORE FIREARMS SAFELY. When not in use, store unloaded firearms separately from ammunition. Keep all out of reach of children and inexperienced users.

<sup>\*</sup> References: The Basics of Personal Protection – an educational training publication of the National Rifle Association. Reprinted by permission of the National Rifle Association of America.