

# Columbus Sportsman's Association

## Range Rules and Regulations

### 1. PURPOSE:

The following Range Rules and Regulations are established to insure safety and discipline for members and guests on Club Ranges and on Club Property as well as safety for our neighbors and the surrounding community, and to ensure CSA continues to be an asset to the community. Everyone MUST adhere to the following rules.

### 2. ORIENTATION:

Per the by-laws of the Columbus Sportsman's Association (CSA), all members will be required to go through an orientation meeting at which time the rifle, pistol, archery, trap, ranges and club house rules will be explained (this applies to all members; rifle, trap, archers, etc.). The orientation meeting will be scheduled as needed by the Board of Directors & Officers. This is an effort to make our ranges as safe as possible. A member's most important duty is safety, range safety as well as general safety. The next most important duty is protecting the property and interests of the Columbus Sportsman's Association. All members are expected to politely point out to any shooter in violation of these rules, the nature of the violation, request that they stop, and if continued violations occur, report the incident along with the Violator's name to an Officer and/or a member of the Board of Directors who will take further action. Failure to report safety violations or accidents to a board member or officer is a violation of the range rules.

- a. All members must complete the orientation, pay their membership fee, understand and become familiar with the appropriate range rules PRIOR to using that range, turn in the signed copy of the range rules, and be approved by the Board of Directors at a monthly meeting before they will receive their key.
- b. Two copies of the Range rules will be given to each member for review. After reading and comprehending the range rules, the member will retain the first copy, and the second copy will be signed, and dated by the CSA member and by the Officer or Director who gave the member the orientation. Any questions about the range rules must be resolved at this time. The club will retain the signed copy at the clubhouse.
- c. All Rules and Regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the Officers and Board of Directors. All members will be notified of any changes, as soon as possible, by letter, email, or posting at the clubhouse. This information will also be maintained on the CSA website.
- d. Club officers and Board of Directors are not excused from these rules. Any problems with anyone refusing to comply with this or any club rule should be reported to a Board Member or Officer ASAP with as many details as possible, i.e. time, date, names, etc.
- e. Any such member who is under review for a violation of the rules and regulations will be placed under immediate temporary suspension and must surrender their key until the case is taken under review and ruled upon by the Board. The infraction will be reviewed at a meeting called by the Board. The member will be allowed to present his/her case to the Board of Directors and Officers at this meeting.

### 3. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- a. The ranges will be open daily from 8 am. to sunset, unless other Club events are occurring and/or the range closed signs are posted. Range closures are posted on the club website [www.csa12.com](http://www.csa12.com). If “**RANGE CLOSED**” signs are posted the range is **CLOSED – NO EXCEPTIONS**. These signs will be posted and removed by authorized personnel only, that being Club Officers and Board of Directors. All scheduled uses of any range shall take precedence over individual or personal activities.
- b. CSA is not responsible for any member’s or non-member’s personal property which is lost, stolen, or damaged.
- c. The sign-in sheet is MANDATORY on all ranges. Members and any guests must sign in prior to using the range. Vehicle license plate numbers, date, time in, the caliber of gun(s), and time out must be recorded and (if applicable) any guest(s) and fees paid. Print first and last names on the list, no initials. Match registration will be considered as sign in on the range in use.
- d. NO ALCOHOL and/or Drug consumptions prior to shooting or on any of the ranges will be allowed.
- e. All local ordinances and state and federal laws concerning the possession, use, and handling of firearms must be strictly obeyed. It is the shooter’s responsibly to know these ordinances and laws.
- f. Ear and eye protections are required for anyone on or behind the firing line.
- g. All guns will have the action open when coming to the line and when not in use (example: when changing or setting targets, guns in open cases, or setting guns in rack) unless competing in an event where the event rules call for a different method of presenting a firearm. Legal open carry and concealed carry exempted. See Pistol Range rule e.
- h. No firearm handling on a cease fire command or a range clear command. Example: While people are down range changing targets or a need arises to stop firing on the line.
- i. Members are responsible for knowing how to work their firearm(s) safely. They must be knowledgeable enough to be able to recognize when a firearm is cleared, i.e.: magazine out, fixed magazine empty, actions open, chamber(s) empty, and safeties on.
- j. Keep fingers off the trigger until ready to fire.
- k. Keep the muzzle direction pointed downrange at the backstops when loading, shooting, or unloading. No snap caps or dummy round are permitted in the clubhouse or patio unless used for training purposes.
- l. If you are unsure whether someone is a club member, ask to see their membership card which should be carried at all times.
- m. The club reserves the right to correct any unsportsmanlike conduct on CSA property.
- n. CSA Ranges may not be used for any event which is not approved by the board of directors or for any commercial uses.
- o. Hunting on CSA property is prohibited unless approved by Officers and Board of Directors for special events.
- p. .50 BMG firearms may not be used on our ranges at this time.

- q. **NO USE of any fully automatic firearms** will be allowed by anyone on CSA grounds. No strings of uncontrolled fire or rapid fire without accurate aiming at a target! Your firearm **MUST BE** under your control at all times when it is in operation. Ten rounds maximum at one time, approved events may allow additional rounds.
- r. At no time shall any member or guest handle or discharge a firearm in a manner that potentially jeopardizes the safety of other club members, guests or the general public. Shoot only so that the projectile impacts in the backstop area.
- s. Pets must be under control by owners at all times while on the club house grounds. Please clean up after your pets.

#### **4. BEFORE USE OF THE RANGE:**

- a. It is required to keep the Main gate closed and locked (unless during an event).
- b. Inspect the range being used for hazards, children and animals prior to use.
- c. When bringing guests to use any of the ranges: The member will be held responsible for their guest's conduct while on CSA grounds and that the guest is aware of the CSA Range Rules. Only one guest per member may actively shoot at a time. A five dollar fee per guest must be placed in the donation box. The \$5 fee allows the guest to use the pistol and lower ranges and the static archery targets for the day. The \$10 guest fee to use the 3-D course also applies. For Family membership holders the guest fee does not apply to the couple and their minor children. Any more distant relatives are guests. The member must accompany their guest at all times while on the club grounds.
- d. Any firearm requiring maintenance shall be removed from the firing line **ONLY** after it has been cleared of all ammunition.
- e. All targets will be placed on Target Netting at each backstop. **DO NOT** hang or set targets against railroad ties or fence supports. No impacts are allowed on fence supports or railroad ties. Only balloons, paper, clay, cardboard targets, and existing steel on Upper Range will be allowed. Steel targets may be used for IDPA/USPSA/SASS/Silhouette, Club events or special matches only.
- f. In the event of a misfire, you must wait 30 seconds before removing cartage from any firearm except black powder then you must wait 2 minutes. You may attempt to fire round two more times. If the round fails to discharge and after waiting the required amount of time, you are to place the round in the barrel marked misfires.

#### **5. AFTER USE OF THE RANGE**

- a. Prior to leaving the firing line, a shooter must unload and make their firearm(s) safe, for open and concealed carry firearms, refer to section 8, rule e.
- b. Clean the firing line area and downrange area that you utilized.
- c. Remove any live or dud ammunition from the range placing it in the designated cans.
- d. Make sure the gate is locked behind you.

## **6. LOWER RANGE RULES:**

### **SHOOTING IS FROM DESIGNATED BENCH AREAS ONLY**

When using lower range and shooting at:

- 25 yd. Backstop – use first set of benches only
  - 50 yd. Backstop – use second set of benches only
  - 200 yd. Backstop – use third set of benches only
  - 100 yd. Backstop – use fourth set of benches only
- a. No cross-lane firing allowed.
  - b. Do not fire above or below the Target Nets. Do not fire at any net supports.
  - c. If the benches for the distance you want to shoot are full, please shoot at another distance or wait your turn. Remember, if it gets really busy don't be selfish; ask if someone else wants to shoot at that distance and use common sense!
  - d. Open Chamber indicators are required to be in place, or the bolt must be removed on all firearms that are uncased either on or off the firing line and are not in active use. Open Chamber indicators must be in place or the bolt removed on all firearms before any person is allowed to go downrange during a range closure for target changes etc. Open chamber indicators are available on the range. The red range closed lights must be turned on when anyone goes downrange or the range needs to go cold for any reason. When the red lights are on all firearms must be cleared of all ammunition, magazines must be removed, and open chamber indicators put into place. Firearms on the line must not be handled when anyone is downrange.
  - e. No use of shot shells is allowed on the lower range. Shotguns may be patterned on the trap field.

## **7. UPPER RANGE**

### **Who can shoot at the CSA Upper Range**

- a. Members that have completed the CSA Long Range Qualification Class.
- b. Nonmembers who have attended CSA Long Range Training Class or CSA Long Range Qualification Class are qualified to use the CSA Upper Range and may shoot at club sponsored events and through the tube range as a guest.
- c. Individuals participating in CSA sponsored events, IBS, NBRSA or other sanctioned match with documented match experience at a similar distance. That documentation shall be submitted to the RSO or Match Director prior to the match for confirmation.
- d. Qualified members and their qualified guest may shoot through the Tube Range without RSO supervision.
- e. When an RSO is present and with the RSO's consent, Unqualified CSA members may shoot with an Upper Range Qualified shooter who shall act as a mentor. While mentoring an unqualified shooter the mentor may only be engaged in overseeing the unqualified member and must be within arm's reach.

- f. Other Qualified Members: Members who have completed other formal Long Range training classes can apply to the CSA Board of Directors for certification as “qualified”. A copy of the certificate of completion and course content should be submitted to the CSA Board for review and confirmation. If training meets CSA Long Range Qualification requirements the member can be deemed “qualified”.
- g. CSA members that have been mentored for 3 events and additionally, under RSO supervision, have passed a Proficiency Assessment which is the ability to impact steel targets at 350, 400, 450, 500, 550 and 600 yards using a maximum of 20 rounds, on their own, without coaching. These members can be recommended by the supervising RSO to the CSA Board of Directors for certification as “qualified”. This must be completed within a calendar year. Documentation to be submitted by the RSO should contain the dates of the events and signature of the mentor(s) along with the date of the PA and signature from the RSO.

**When can the Upper Range be used**

- a. At scheduled matches and club sponsored events.
- b. The Tube Range may be used from 8:00 am until sunset daily when there are no scheduled events.
- c. When the range is opened and supervised by a Range Safety Officer. The opening of the range by an RSO must be communicated to the membership by 6 PM of the day prior to the opening. RSOs opening the range should send an e-mail to the CSA Secretary who will forward to the membership. At the RSO’s discretion members that are not Upper Range Qualified can be accommodated and that information will be included in the notice to the membership but must be mentored as outlined in **Who can shoot at the CSA Upper Range** item f..

**Upper Range Fees:** \$15.00 for Non-Members, there is no fee for CSA members. Place fees in an envelope in box provided.

**Safety Rules when shooting from bench area.**

- a. All guns shall be brought to the range with the bolt removed. Guns with other actions shall have the chamber open and an empty chamber indicator inserted.
- b. Guns shall be placed on the firing line by instruction from the RSO only.
- c. Guns shall be made ready to fire by command only.
- d. Guns shall be pointed at the target area only, except under instructions and supervision of an RSO.
- e. Upon a cease fire command, the bolts shall be opened. Upon a removed bolt command, the bolts shall be removed from the gun. Other actions shall be placed in the open position and an empty chamber indication inserted.
- f. Guns shall only be fired following a command to do so by the RSO or Match Director under RSO supervision.
- g. No steel core, armor piercing, or tracer ammunition may be used. Only lead core and solid copper ammunition can be used on the Upper Range.
- h. Turn on red “range closed” lights and place range closed signs up before going and while down range.

## **Safety Rules when shooting through Tube Range.**

- a. All guns shall be brought to the range with the bolt removed. Guns with other actions shall have the chamber open and an empty chamber indicator inserted.
- b. Muzzle must be aimed through tubes at all times. Do not bring the gun to the bench until ready to aim through tubes. Only then may a gun be made ready to shoot. When finished remove bolt/make safe and remove gun from the bench.
- c. No steel core, armor piercing, or tracer ammunition may be used. Only lead core and solid copper ammunition can be used on the Upper Range.
- d. If you bring a guest, you must supervise your guest while they are shooting.
- e. Turn on red "range closed" lights and place range closed signs up before going and while down range.

## **Incident Reporting**

**Report any incident to a Board Member Immediately.**

### **8. PISTOL RANGE RULES:**

- a. Targets must be placed at proper height as to insure bullet impacts are in the netting. Do not allow impacts into ANY area other than the prescribed netting. No bullet impacts are allowed on the steel center pole protectors or on the center support poles.
- b. Any impact to the center support of wooden portion of the crib will result in fines.
- c. Put any target stands and tables used away when you are finished shooting. Close and latch all doors. Clean up your brass after shooting. If you damage target support sticks either replace them or put a \$2 into the donation box for their replacement.
- d. Rim fire and pistol caliber long guns may be used on the pistol range and are subject to all safety rules listed on the lower range.
- e. No firearms may have any ammunition or magazine placed into the firearm behind the red firing line painted on the concrete which includes inside the pistol house at any time under any circumstances. All uncased firearms must have the action open for semi-automatics or the cylinder open for revolvers or be unloaded and holstered when behind the firing line. No cased firearm may be loaded. If the design of a semi-automatic pistol does not allow the action to be locked open, then an open chamber indicator must be used. Open carry and concealed carry firearms are exempted. Open carry and concealed carry firearms may only be removed from the holster or concealment on the firing line. When removing or replacing the firearm from the holster or concealment the muzzle must remain pointed at the ground or into the berm at all times. Sweeping anyone or anything with a loaded firearm is a serious violation of the range rules.

### **9. ARCHERY RANGE**

- a. Arrows may not be nocked if someone is down range.
- b. Shooting of broad heads at 3D targets and practice target butts is prohibited.

**10. TRAP RANGE**

- a. All gun actions must remain open until it is your turn to shoot. No loading of more than one shell except while shooting doubles.
- b. All shooting must be done behind the trap houses and targets land in the normal trap field. NO shooting across the club lot lines or towards the pistol bay, lower rifle range or archery range will be allowed.
- c. Patterning of bird shot or turkey loads allowed with member-supplied targets and target holders.
- d. Hand and portable throwers are permitted as long as the targets and shot land in the normal trap field.

**11. FINES AND FORFEITURES:**

- a. All Rules Violations will be reviewed by the Board. The person suspected of a rules violation will be required to appear before the board at a meeting called to investigate the violation.
- b. The Board will determine the amount of the fine and the length of suspension of membership privileges. Suspension can be permanent and the fine has no restriction.

**12. EMERGENCIES:**

- a. **Personal Injury:** CALL 911 to secure aid. Stay with the injured person and administer basic first aid. Post a person, if available, at the entrance to open the gate and direct emergency vehicles.
- b. **Fire:** Clear the area of all people. Call 911. Post a person, if available, at the entrance to open the gate and direct emergency vehicles.
- c. **The club location is:** (for the 911 operator) W10924 Breyer Road – Columbus Sportsman’s Association.
- d. ALL emergencies MUST be reported to the Board of Directors along with a written report signed by all witnesses.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) have read and understand all the rules & penalties, etc. in this entire document. I also understand that I am responsible and accountable for all my actions and those of all my guests while on the Club grounds. I certify that I and any guests I bring to CSA are allowed under all State and Federal laws allowed to possess, use and own firearms. CSA reserves the right to use video surveillance at any time. By signing and dating this document I hereby agree to abide to all the above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Officer/Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

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