

PISTOL RULES for 2010

1. Arrival at the Pistol Range and Check-In during "Open" Hours

All handguns and rifles must be unloaded and packaged, meaning in a bag, sack, box, gun case, or the like. No pistol will be carried openly in a holster, except during a match. All magazines and speed loaders must be unloaded when entering and leaving the range. Firearms must remain packaged unless on the bench at a shooting station. Before taking a shooting station, all shooters must check in with the Range Officer. The Range Officer on duty has full authority over the pistol range. The Range Officer will ensure that all shooters have the proper badge, or are hosted by a member with a pistol range certified badge. Do not take a shooting station or unpack any firearm or touch any firearm without the Range Officer's approval.

2. Pistols and Pistol Ammunition Allowed

Pistols, including black powder pistols, must be .45 caliber or smaller, however, additional calibers approved by the Board of Directors may be posted at the pistol range. Air pistols must be .22 caliber and below. If shooting black powder or air pistols, inform the Range Officer that these pistols cannot "just" be unloaded and made safe on command. Single shot or bolt-action handguns are restricted to production straight wall pistol calibers. Additionally, the calibers approved for NRA "Hunter's Pistol" competition are permitted. These are .25-20, .32-20, .22 Hornet, .357 Sig, .30 Mauser, and .270 Rensing; .50 AE has also been specifically approved by the Board of Directors. The use of tracers, incendiary, and armor piercing ammunition, and ammunition prohibited by federal, state or local law, is prohibited.

3. Rifles and Rifle Ammunition Allowed

Rifles, including air rifles, must be .22 caliber and below. If shooting an air rifle, inform the Range Officer that that the rifle cannot "just" be unloaded and made safe on command. Only rimfire ammunition is allowed, including .22 Winchester Magnum Rimfire and the new .17 Hornady Magnum Rimfire.

4. Targets and Stations; Clean-Up

Shooters must clean up all targets used. Use club targets or bring your own paper targets. Exploding targets, glass containers, and containers containing toxins are prohibited. Any metal targets must be at a distance of 40 yards or more. No ground targets are allowed. Shoot Only Down Range And Below The Berm Line. Shoot only at targets directly out from the station where the firearm is set up; no cross firing is permitted. Shooters may change stations; firearms do not change stations. Shooters are responsible for cleaning up their stations and removing their targets. Pick up all empty shells or sweep them onto the field when finished shooting.

Leave target stands up unless two are in line. If two are in line lay one down. Use only one target (bullseye) per stand and center it in the frame on the lefthand half of the range. Shoot only from a standing position on the left-hand portion of the range. Do not shoot from a prone or creedmore position anywhere on the range. If benchresting a firearm, use only the tables at the center of the range.

Bullseye shooters who have their own “turning target” equipment are permitted to use them on the pistol range. The target must be at the same height as those nearby. When loading a pistol, keep the muzzle pointed down range and not pointed up.

5. Pistol Range Commands

Shooters are to instantly obey the commands of the Range Officer. Those commands are:

“Shooters to the Firing Line.” Step to the bench. May unpack but not load.

“You may load.” Shooters may load ammunition, however a shooter cannot yet start firing and must wait for a further command to shoot. Shooters may package and unpack firearms and set up at a station.

“Commence firing.” Shooters may start firing. Shooters may also package and unpack firearms and set up at a station.

“Cease Fire,” or “Stop Firing.” After this command is given, do not take another shot.

“Make your firearms safe, slides back, cylinders out, magazines removed.” After this command, shooters are to unload all firearms and remove all clips and magazines. All firearms must then be made safe. This means: for a double action revolver that the cylinder must be swung out and away from the frame; for a single action revolver that the loading gate is open or the cylinder is removed; for a semi-automatic that the slide is pulled back and locked open by a pin, a spent cartridge, a stick, a pencil, or some other means of holding it open; for a bolt action that the bolt is pulled back or removed and the action is visible; and for all other actions that it is possible to visibly validate that the chamber is empty. Open bolt (open action) indicators shall be used on any firearm on the bench that you are not in the process of firing.

“Step back from the firing line.” This means that all shooters must step back from the bench to the other side of the green line painted on the floor. Shooters may not touch firearms, ammunition, clips, gear, etc. The Range Officer will visually validate that all firearms have been made safe. Shooters should do the same by looking at firearms on the stations to the right and left, while remaining behind the green line. At this time, only the Range Officer is allowed on the bench side of the green line.

“You may go forward to change targets.” Shooters may go down range to set up targets, check targets, and retrieve targets. No one may touch any firearms, ammunition, clips, gear, etc.

6. Pistol Range Costs

The cost of Club supplies is posted. Shooters may bring their own cardboard target backers. Paying for these Club supplies is based on the honor system; money should be put in the marked slot in the shed. You may use tokens or pay the applicable daily charge when shooting off-hours. During Club "open hours", when a Volunteer Range Safety Officer is present, the proper token is to be given to the RO. Amounts are posted.

7. Pistol Range Off-Hours

During off-hours you must wear your pistol range badge. There must be one color (not white) pistol certified badge with your group. The rest can have white badges with pistol certification. It is not acceptable that it is in your car or in your gear. If you do not wear your proper badge you are not allowed on the pistol range. If you are found on the pistol range without your proper badge, You Will Be Told To Leave. No guests are allowed on the pistol range during off-hours, except as noted in the Club Rules. The first Pistol Range Officer (PRO) to arrive on the range is in charge until he leaves. They will have a color (not white) badge. Then, whoever came next, etc., will be in charge.

8. Pistol Range Officers

Additional instructions to Pistol Range Officers: Situate yourself in a comfortable position from which you can see all incoming and outgoing shooters. All persons entering the Pistol Range must wear eye and ear protection, including you. Use the commands verbatim as posted on the range wall. Familiarize yourself with the Club rules by re-reading them. Open the shed if it is not already open. It is not your responsibility to set up the targets or target stands - that is to be done by the shooter. Be sure that all firearms are packaged when they enter and leave the Pistol Range. If shooters are already present, introduce yourself to them and ask their names. Check their badges, since all members must be wearing the proper badge, collect the proper token and deposit it the money slot in the shed. During Club hours (Saturday/Sunday) each guest must be hosted by a member with a pistol range certified badge (one on one). Check all firearms being used; if you do not believe they are safe, do not let them be used. The left side of the range ("left" from the position of facing the targets) is for 40m, 60m, 77m, and 7, 15, 25, 40, and 50 yard targets only. The right side is for 100m, 75 and 100 yard targets. Allow shooters to select their own stations, and only get involved assigning stations if the Range becomes crowded. You may read or even shoot while on duty if you are by yourself, or if there is only one other shooter present, if you believe it is safe to do so. You may want to bring water to drink and something to eat. Report all safety and Rules violations to the Committee Chairman or to the Board of Directors.

9. Pistol Range Hosting

The hosting of guests at the Pistol Range is limited to members with pistol range certified badges. The hosting of guests at the Pistol Range is allowed only during Club hours (Saturday/Sunday), excepting only NRA Certified Pistol or Rifle Instructors *who have prior Board approval*. The host and guest must sign the Club waiver form in the pistol range shed before shooting. A host may bring more than one guest, but only one guest at a time may shoot. When a guest is shooting, the host must not shoot and must directly supervise the guest. The scheduled Pistol Range Officer (PRO) will have total authority at this time.

10. Concealed Firearms

Concealed firearms are allowed on Club property, in accordance with North Carolina's concealed carry law.

Pistol Test Review

1. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PISTOL RANGE YOU WILL LOOK FOR ANY ACTIVITY AND OBSERVE SAFETY CONDITONS. WERE GATES OR THE SHED UNLOCKED TO INDICATE RANGE ACTIVITY? ARE OTHERS ALREADY PRESENT?
2. IF OTHERS ARE PRESENT YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THEM, LOOK FOR SAFETY, LOOK FOR THEIR BADGES. NO BADGE? ASK THEIR NAME AND ASK THEM TO LEAVE THE RANGE. REPORT THE NAME TO CURRENT PISTOL RANGE CHAIRMAN.
3. IF OTHERS ARE PRESENT YOU MUST KNOW AT ALL TIMES WHICH RANGE COMMAND YOU ARE UNDER AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. IF RANGE COMMAND IS "YOU MAY GO FORWARD TO CHANGE TARGETS", YOU MAY SET UP A TARGET AND AWAIT THE "SHOOTERS TO THE FIRING LINE" COMMAND AT WHICH TIME YOU MAY SET UP YOUR GEAR ON THE LINE AND AWAIT THE "YOU MAY LOAD" COMMAND.
4. IF NO ONE IS PRESENT, YOU MAY SET UP A TARGET AND PREPARE TO SHOOT.
5. WHEN SETTING UP ON THE LINE, ANY FIREARM OUT OF ITS CASE WILL IMMEDIATELY HAVE ITS ACTION OPENED AND AN OPEN BOLT (OPEN ACTION) INDICATOR INSERTED. THE ONLY TIME THIS INDICATOR WILL BE REMOVED IS WHEN THIS FIREARM IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FIRED. IF YOU HAVE THREE FIREARMS ON THE BENCH, TWO SHOULD HAVE INDICATORS IN THEM AND THE OTHER SHOULD HAVE YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.
6. WHEN INSERTING ROUNDS OR REMOVING ROUNDS FROM THE FIREARM GREAT CARE MUST BE EXERCISED IN KEEPING THE MUZZLE STRAIGHT DOWNRANGE. AT NO TIME WILL YOU EVER POINT THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM (LOADED OR UNLOADED) ANYWHERE BUT DOWNRANGE AS THIS WILL GUARANTEE IMMEDIATE HOSTILITY TOWARDS YOUR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP.
7. MUZZLE CONTROL IS ALSO EXPECTED REGARDING BULLET IMPACT. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO IMPACT THE REARWARD BERMS FROM YOUR POSITION WHETHER IT BE STANDING, SITTING, ETC. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO GET SOMEONE TO SPOT FOR YOU. IF YOU SHOOT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE GROUND CAUSING A RICHOCHET OR OTHERWISE FIRE OVER THE BERM, THERE IS A GREAT LIKELIHOOD THAT PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY TO OUR NEIGHBORS WILL RESULT. WE TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND WILL IMPOSE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES IN SUCH CASES. GUIDE YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY. YOU WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR SHOOTING THE GROUND, FOR A RICHOCHET, OR OBVIOUSLY FIRING OVER THE REAR OR SIDE BERMS.
8. NEVER POINT A LOADED FIREARM ABOVE THE TOP OF THE REAR OR SIDE BERMS.
9. OPEN BOLT (OPEN ACTION - EMPTY CHAMBER) INDICATORS SHALL BE USED ON ANY FIREARM ON THE BENCH THAT YOU ARE NOT IN THE PROCESS OF FIRING.