

Columbus Sportsman's Association

Range Rules and Regulations

A. PURPOSE:

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

B. 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, and trap ranges rules will be explained. 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. The most important duty of anyone using CSA ranges is safety. The next important duty is protecting the property and interests of CSA. All members are expected to politely point out to any shooter a violation of the rules, the nature of the violation, request that they stop, and if continued violations occur, report the incident along with the violator's name and vehicle license number to a CSA Board member who will report the incident to the Board of Directors for further action if appropriate. Failure to report safety violations or accidents to a Board Member or Officer is a violation of the range rules.

1. All members must complete the orientation and pay their membership fee. Members must read, understand and become familiar with the range rules PRIOR to using that range, complete and sign the last page of the CSA Range Rules and Regulations and submit the signed page for approval by the Board of Directors at a monthly meeting before a key is received.
2. After reading and comprehending the range rules, the individual seeking membership will sign and submit the last page for CSA's records and retain page 1 through 6 for his/her records. It is the member's responsibility to keep abreast of any range rule updates and or changes. The CSA Board member performing the orientation must also sign and date document. Any questions about the range rules must be resolved at this time.
3. 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 email and posted at the affected CSA range. The updated information will also be posted on CSA's website (www.csa12.com)
4. Any refusal to comply with CSA rules should be reported to a Board Member or Officer ASAP with as many details as possible (i.e. date time, names, etc.).
5. Any member (or their guests) who violate the rules set forth by the Board of Directors will be placed under immediate temporary suspension and must surrender their key until the case is reviewed and a determination is made by the Board. The infraction will be reviewed at the next board meeting. The member will be allowed to present his/her case to the Board of Directors and Officers at this meeting.

C. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Ear and eye protection must be worn by all individuals on or behind the line of fire.
2. Range shooting hours are daily from 8:00 am to sunset Sunday through Saturday, unless CSA is hosting an event on a given range and/or a range closed sign is posted. Most range closure will be posted on CSA's website. If "**Range Closed**" signs are posted the range is **closed-NO Exceptions**. These signs will be posted and removed by authorized personnel only. Scheduled event usage shall take precedence over individual activities.
3. Inspect the range before using. Make sure there are no persons, animals or hazards down range.
4. A **MANDATORY** sign in sheet is at every range. ALL shooters, including guests must sign in PRIOR to using the range, this includes caliber or gun(s), your vehicles license plate number, date and time starting and finishing also fees paid. Guests must also sign in and pay the required guest fee. Range and Guest fees will be posted at each range. The member is responsible for the actions of their guest. Only one guest per member may actively shoot at a time. Member holding a Family membership does not have to pay any guest fees for his spouse, or minor children, however the member must accompany his family. Match registration will be recognized as completing the sign in requirements.
5. NO ALCOHOL and/or DRUG consumption on any of the ranges this includes prior to shooting. All CSA's buildings are smoke free.
6. All local ordinances including state and federal laws concerning the possession, use and handling of firearms must be strictly obeyed. It is the shooter's responsibility to know these ordinances and laws.
7. All CSA ranges with a shooting pavilion have a red fire line and an orange ready line marked on the floor. The area between the two lines is for shooters, RSOs, and instructors. Those watching or waiting to shoot must remain behind the ready line. Ranges without a pavilion the fire line will be designated by the RSO.
8. ALL guns must have the action open when coming to the shooting line and when not in use behind the line of fire and ready line, including casing and uncasing the firearm. NO firearm may have ammunition, or a magazine placed into the firearm behind the ready line marked on the floor. Empty chamber indicators (ECI) must be used on all uncased firearms or the bolts must be removed. When the (**RED** lights are on) the range is cold **NO Handling** of any firearms, same applies if a cease fire is called. If an event requires a modification of CSA range rules, the Board of Directors may approve the event's rules providing the event printed rules are presented to the Board one month prior to the event for approval.
9. CSA endorses legal open and concealed carry of pistols; however pistols must remain in holster prior to coming to the firing line and may be asked to unload them during an event.
10. All shooters are responsible for knowing how to work their firearm(s) safely. They must be able to operate the safety, clear their firearm, open the action, and remove the magazine or ammunition.
11. Any firearm requiring maintenance shall be removed from the firing line, ONLY after it has been cleared of all ammunition.

12. In the event of a misfire, you must wait 30 seconds before removing the cartage from the firearm (except black powder then wait 2 mins). You may attempt to fire that 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.
13. Keep fingers off the trigger until ready to shoot.
14. Keep the muzzle pointed down range at a backstop when loading, shooting and unloading.
15. NO snap caps or dummy rounds are permitted in the clubhouse or patio area unless used for training purposes.
16. If you are unsure of a shooters eligibility to use any of the ranges, ask to see their membership card. All members must have a current membership card available when on CSA grounds.
17. CSA ranges may not be used for any commercial purpose unless approved by the Board of Directors.
18. Hunting on CSA property is prohibited unless approved by the Board of Directors.
19. CSA ranges do not support the use of any .50cal firearms.
20. NO Fully automatic firearms allowed on CSA ranges.
21. Your firearm must be under your complete control. No strings of uncontrolled or rapid fire without accurate aiming at a target. A maximum of ten rounds may be fired as a string at one time. Board approved events may allow for some variation.
22. All shots must be aimed and hit into the approved target area.
23. Prior to leaving the firing line, a shooter must unload and make sure their firearm(s) is/are safe.
24. If a shooter is handling a firearm in an unsafe manner he will be asked to correct his actions or leave the grounds.
25. CSA requires the main gate to be locked. When entering the grounds and leaving the ground lock the gate behind you. During events that may be open to the public the gate may remain open.
26. Clean the firing line area and down range that was utilized. Clean up all brass. Make sure all dud ammunition is placed in the proper barrel.
27. Pets must be under the control of their owners at all times. Please clean up after them.
28. CSA is not responsible for any member's or non-member's personal property which may be lost, damaged or stolen.

Rules Unique to Specific Ranges

D. Archery Range:

1. Arrows may not be nocked if someone is down range.
2. NO use of broad heads on the 3-D range or the practice target butts.
3. Ear and eye protection is suggested.

E. Trap Range:

1. All gun actions must remain open until it is your turn to shoot. NO loading of more than one shell, except while shooting doubles.
2. Hand and portable throwers are permitted as long as targets and shot fall in normal trap field.
3. All shooting must be behind the trap houses and targets must landing in normal trap field.
4. Patterning of bird/turkey loads allowed with member supplied targets and target holders.

F. Pistol Range

1. CSA does support open and concealed carry of firearms, however during pistol shooting events we may ask for them to be unloaded. When handling any firearm (including concealed carry) the firearm must be pointed down range anytime it is removed from the holster. Sweeping anyone or anything with a firearm is a serious violation of the range rules.
2. Targets must be placed at proper height to insure bullet impacts are in the berm. No bullet impacts are allowed on the steel center pole protector or the support poles, any impact to the center support pole will result in fines.
3. 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 damaged target sticks either replace them or put a \$2.00 donation into the donation box for their replacement.
4. Shot shells are not permitted on this range.

G. Short Range (Lower Range)

1. NO-cross firing allowed. Two benches are available for each shooting backstop. Benches are marked.
2. 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 apply common sense!
3. DO not fire below the target netting or above the ribbon mark in the netting, DO NOT FIRE AT ANY SUPPORTS. Do Not allow impacts into ANY area other than the prescribed netting.

4. To pattern a shotgun use the trap range. NO shot shells are to be used on this range.

H. Action Range (North Range)

1. Action Range can only be used for scheduled shoots and must work in conjunction with the Long Range activities. Long Range and Action Range can NOT have ANY shooters in the same time frame.
2. All Action shooting events will have an RSO present.
3. There are NO open shoot times for this range.
4. All shooting events must have approval of the Board of Directors.

I. Long Range (Upper Range)

1. The Long Range (CSA 350-600 Yard Range) is restricted for use only by individuals that have been Qualified to use the Long Range or under conditions defined in this rule below:
 - a. Individuals with documented match experience at a similar distance may participate in any CSA sponsored events, i.e. IBS, NBRSA or other sanctioned match approved by the Board of Directors. The documents of proof must be submitted to the Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Match Director prior to the match for confirmation.
 - b. When a RSO is present 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 at all times.
2. Qualified Individuals Include:
 - a. Individuals that have attended the CSA Long Range Qualification Class and Qualified.
 - b. Individuals that have attended and passes the CSA Long Range Training Class.
 - c. Deemed Qualified by CSA Board by completing one of the following:
 - 1a. Members who have completed other formal Long Range training classes or hold a current long range certification from the NRA, Government, Military or Law Enforcement agencies can apply to the CSA Board of Directors for certification as "Qualified". A copy of the certificate of completion, course content or current certification 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".
 - 1b. Members that have been mentored for 3 events and have passed a Proficiency Assessment (PA) which is the ability to impact steel targets at 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600 yards using a maximum of 20 rounds, on their own without coaching. The PA can only be administered by an RSO. After completing the PA members are recommended by the supervising RSO to the CSA Board of Directors for submit ion as "Qualified". This must be completed within one calendar year. Documentation to be submitted by the RSO to the CSA Board 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 recommending the qualification.
3. The Long range provides 2 tubes with benches on the west end of the pavilion. The tubes are to be used when NO RSO is present. Refer to Range Rule I. 5. When a RSO is present at scheduled matches, club sponsored events and when the secretary sends notice at an RSO's request notifying members of the Upper Range Opening.

- a. The tube may be during normal CSA Range shooting hours when there are no scheduled event, ONLY CSA Qualified Upper Range individuals may use the shooting tubes
 - b. When shooting through the tubes and an RSO is NOT present, muzzle must be aimed through tubes at all times. Do not bring the gun to the bench until ready to aim through a tube. Only then may a gun be made ready to shoot. When finished remove bolt/make safe and remove gun from bench.
4. When an RSO is present at scheduled matches, club sponsored events and when open per Range Rule I.5. all benched on the Long Range may be used.
 - a. Guns shall be placed on the firing line instruction from the RSO only.
 - b. Guns shall be pointed at the target area only, except under instructions and supervision of the RSO.
 - c. Guns shall be made ready to fire by command or instruction from the RSO.
 - d. Guns shall only be fired following a command to do so by the RSO or Match Director under RSO supervision.
 5. When the Upper range is open and supervised by an RSO other than at scheduled matches and club sponsored events, every effort should be made to communicate to the membership when the range will be open by 6:00 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 direction individuals 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 item I 3 b.

J. Long Range/Action Range Gate

1. The gates primary purpose is to communicate if the range is open for shooting.
2. **NO shooting on Long Range if gate is open, (this includes the tubes).**
3. The gate will always remain closed. The gate will be opened as follows:
 - a. Maintenance is being performed, including mowing.
 - b. Action Rifle Range is open.
 - c. Long Range is loading/unloading vehicles at pavilion.

K. A Range Status/Safety Sign will show the status of the Long Range and Action Range. Members opening the ranges will be responsible for the setting the status sign correctly.

1. Long Range or Action Range may NOT be opened if the grounds maintenance crew is working or mowing in the area.

Rules Unique to Specific Events

1. If an event requires a modification of CSA range rules, the Board of Directors may approve the event's rules providing the event's printed rules are presented to the Board prior to the event for approval.
2. Generally CSA will allow a sanctioned event to utilize their standard rules in conjunction with the rules of CSA, providing the Board agrees there are no compromises on range safety. Events with CSA approved rules

are attached as a reference. These approvals may change from time to time, at which time the Reference Attachment would be updated and the not this entire document.

L. FINES and FOREITURES:

1. All rule violations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. The person(s) suspected of rules violation will be required to appear before the Board at a meeting called to investigate the violation.
2. The Board will determine the length of suspension of the membership privileges. Suspension can be permanent and has no restrictions.

M. Emergencies:

1. 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 gate and direct emergency vehicles.
2. Fire: Clear the area of people. Call 911. Post a person, if available, at the entrance to open gate and direct emergency vehicles.
3. CSA locations (for 911 operator) W10924 Breyer Road.

N. Incident Reporting

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

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I _____ (print name) have read and understand all the rules & penalties in this document, and had the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the printed document. I also understand that I am Responsible and Accountable for all my actions and those of all my guests while on the grounds. I certify that I and any guests I bring to CSA are allowed under all State and Federal laws to possess, use and own firearms (excluding minors). CSA reserves the right to use video surveillance at any (or all) time. I understand it also my responsibility to keep abreast of any range rules or update. By signing and dating this document I hereby agree to abide to the CSA range rules as provided.

Signature _____ Date _____

Officer/Board Member _____

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RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of participating in gun club or hunting activities, and for other good and valuable consideration, I hereby agree to release and discharge from liability arising from negligence Columbus Sportsman's Association and its owners, directors, officers employees, agents, volunteers, participants, and all other persons or entities acting for them (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees"), on behalf of myself and my children, parents, heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate, and also agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that gun club or hunting activities involve known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death, and property damage. Risks include, but are not limited to, death or serious injury as a result of being shot or as a result of equipment malfunction; hearing loss; loss of vision; broken bones, bruises and other bodily injuries caused by falls; medical conditions resulting from physical activity, and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that event conditions are unsafe or that I am unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, or my use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should Releasees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
4. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical condition which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of – all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.
5. In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state where Releasees' facility is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply.
6. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I agree that if I am hurt or my property is damaged during my participation in this activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.

I have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing. Also, I understand that this activity might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in this activity would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release, and agree that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain. **I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

Print Name _____ Signature _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ Date ____/____/____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT

(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (PRINT minor's names) being permitted to participate in this activity, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of minor or are in any way connected with such participation by minor.

Parent or Guardian _____ Print Name _____ Date ____/____/____

(If notarization is necessary, please sign & stamp this side of form.)