

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. 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 arrange for the Officers and/or Board or Directors to take further action.

- a. All members must complete the orientation, pay their membership fee, *understand & become familiar with the appropriate range rules PRIOR to using that range* and turn in the signed copy before they will receive their key
- b. Two copies of the Club and Range rules will be given to each member for review. The member will retain the first copy, and the second copy will be read, signed, and dated by the CSA member *and by the Officer or Director who gave the member the orientation*. 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. All major and minor infractions of the rules will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and Officers. All fines, forfeitures, suspensions, and terminations will be determined on a per case basis and issued by the Board of Directors and Officers. *See attachment for listing of infractions and related penalty.*
- f. 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. The infraction will be reviewed at the next monthly Board meeting or by special meeting called by the Board.
- g. 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. 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. **NO ALCOHOL consumptions prior to shooting or on any of the ranges will be allowed.**
- d. 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.
- e. Ear and eye protections are required.
- f. 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 participating in an IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association), USPSA (United States Practical Shooting Association), SASS (Single Action*

Shooting Society) or equal matches where pistols/revolvers are required to be drawn from a holster. Open carry of firearms (pistols & revolvers) will also be allowed on all club property.

- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. *Keep your fingers off the trigger until ready to fire.*
- j. *Keep the muzzle direction pointed downrange at the backstops when loading, shooting, or unloading.*
- k. If you are unsure whether someone is a club member, ask to see their membership card which should be carried at all times.
- l. The club reserves the right to correct any *unsportsmanlike* conduct on CSA property.
- m. Hunting on CSA property is prohibited unless approved by Officers and Board of Directors for special events.
- n. Pick up after yourself. Take all cartridges and debris along with you when you leave (targets, etc.).
- o. **BEFORE USE OF THE RANGE**
 - i. *Raise the red range flag ONLY for/during an EVENT*
 - ii. *It is suggested to keep the Main gate closed (unless during an event) and at least hook the hasp on the chain if not closing the hasp to keep out spectators.*
 - iii. *Inspect the range being used for hazards (and children and animals) prior to use*
 - iv. *Pets must be under control by owners at all times while on the club house grounds.*
- p. *When bringing a guest 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.*
- q. *Any firearm requiring maintenance shall be removed from the firing line ONLY after it has been cleared of all ammunition.*
- r. *At no time shall any member or guest 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. *Prior to leaving the firing line, a shooter must unload and make their firearm(s) safe.*
- t. **NO USE of any fully automatic firearms** will be allowed by anyone on CSA grounds.
- u. **AFTER USE OF THE RANGE**
 - 1. *Clean the firing line area and downrange that you utilized.*
 - 2. *Remove any live or dud ammunition from the range placing it in the designated can.*
 - 3. *Lower the red range flag that is used ONLY for/during an EVENT*
 - 4. *Make sure the gate is locked behind you if you are the last person on club grounds.*
- v. Rental of clubhouse facilities is available to members and non-members. *Including ranges upon Board approval.*

4. PISTOL & LOWER RANGE RULES:

- a. The sign-in sheet is MANDATORY. This sheet will be located inside the door to the left in a brown box at the lower range. You must record your vehicle license plate numbers, date, time in, range being used, the caliber of gun(s), and time out. Print your name on the list and avoid initials.
- b. The range will be open daily from 8 a.m. until sunset unless other Club events are occurring and/or the range closed signs are posted.
- c. All .50 BMG are prohibited.
- d. *Misfires. 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.*
- e. All targets will be placed on the *Target Netting at each backstop* and kept as low as possible (waist high maximum). **DO NOT** hang or set targets *against* railroad ties or poles.

f. *No strings of uncontrolled fire or rapid fire without 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.*

g. 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

h. No cross-lane firing allowed and don't fire a gun above the Target Nets.

i. 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 & use common sense!

j. Only balloons, paper, *clay*, or cardboard targets will be allowed. Steel targets may be used for IDPA/USPSA/SASS/Silhouette or equal matches. **NO JUNK!** Pick up ALL target debris when you are done.

5. ARCHERY RANGE

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

6. TRAP RANGE

- a. All gun actions must remain open until it is your turn to shoot. No loading of more than one shell except for doubles.

7. FINES AND FORFEITURES:

- a. The first offense of the rules will result in a \$100.00 fine payable to CSA and a three month suspension of all club privileges.
- b. The second offence will result in termination of CSA membership and privileges for a term of five years and a \$1,000.00 fine payable to CSA. If the \$1,000.00 fine is not paid, termination will be permanent. *The suspended member will remain listed on the membership record; however, it will be listed as "Terminated".*

8. EMERGENCIES:

- a. **Personal Injury:** CALL 911 to secure aid. Return to the injured person and do what you can to help. Post a person, if available, at the entrance to open the gate and direct emergency vehicles. **Fire:** Call 911 and then clear the area. Post a person, if available, at the entrance to open the gate and direct emergency vehicles.
- b. **The LOCATION is:** (for the 911 operator) W10924 Breyer Road – Columbus Sportsman Association.
- c. ALL emergencies **MUST** be reported to the Board of Directors along with a written report signed by all witnesses

Emergency Contacts:

Name:	Position	Cell	Home
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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. By signing and dating this document I hereby agree to abide to all the above.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

_____ (Officer/Board Member)

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