



STONEWALL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.
RIFLE RANGE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE & SAFETY RULES

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1. Firing at targets on the west (right) side of the range into the bank is generally always safe. When firing toward the targets on the west (right) side of the rifle range, do **not** place targets directly on the ground. Bullets can ricochet off the hard ground / rocks endangering persons on the adjoining property.
2. Firing at the 200 yard target on the west (right) side of the range into the bank is restricted throughout the year, not just during the hunting seasons, to the 15 benches on the east end of the rifle range. These benches are identified with orange paint on the rear supports.
3. Firing directly downrange (south) shall not be done during hunting season (October 1 through January 31, except on Sundays) because the National Forest area directly behind our range is accessible to hunters and campers from other directions. Never fire above the berms at any time.
4. For the same reason, firing directly downrange is also prohibited during the spring turkey season. This season generally runs from mid April through mid May and the ending time of day varies. There may also be a separate day set aside for youth only. Shooting downrange on the rifle range during spring turkey season is prohibited only during those hours that hunters are allowed in the woods. The dates and hours vary each year. It shall be each member's responsibility to check with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to obtain this information for the current year.
5. Normally, all shooting is done from the concrete pad. In order for a shooter to fire from a position in front of the concrete pad, all shooting from positions back of the shooter who is furthest forward must stop and all guns to the rear must be unloaded. This applies to the entire length of the rifle range.
6. The rifle range alarm system shall be used whenever a person is downrange. The alarm system consists of an initial audible alarm and a number of flashing lights placed at strategic locations spread over the entire range. The flashing lights remain on until all individuals have returned from downrange and the switch has been turned off. The switch for the alarm system is mounted on a post at the rifle range scorekeeper's box. It shall be the responsibility of each individual going downrange to make sure that all individuals on the rifle range firing line have been informed that someone is going downrange and that the alarm system has been turned on. Do not simply turn on the alarm system and assume others will notice and that it will be safe to go downrange. Conversely, it will be the responsibility of each shooter to make sure that no one is downrange prior to shooting.
7. During informal unscheduled use of both the rifle range and trap fields, trips downrange on the rifle range must not interrupt a round of trap shooting. As a courtesy to the trap shooters, trips downrange shall be made between rounds of trap or when there is a pause in trap shooting.
8. All guns shall be open, unloaded, and in racks or on benches when targets are being tended or when anyone is downrange for any reason.
9. Never shoot at or near stanchions, support pipes, or other equipment downrange or toward benches, building, or road.
10. Place targets in such a way that you do not shoot the target frames. Place no objects on top of frames to shoot at as this will almost always result in damaged frames. If you damage a target frame, please repair it in consideration for the next person.
11. Cans, plastic jugs, etc. used as targets shall be cleaned up after each use. In addition to trashing the range, these can damage mowing equipment.

12. All targets fastened to the target boards and loose pieces of the target boards shall be removed and placed in the provided trash receptacles upon completion of shooting.
13. Above all, NEVER SHOOT AT BOTTLES OR GLASS CONTAINERS!! Doing so is about the quickest way to lose your membership if you are seen engaging in this dangerous practice.
14. The use of clay targets is prohibited on the rifle range.
15. Use of the trap range must be coordinated with use of the pistol and rifle ranges such that trap shooting is stopped when targets are tended downrange on either the rifle or pistol ranges. It is the responsibility of any individual needing to go downrange to notify others to stop shooting as appropriate.
16. Eye and ear protection is recommended on the firing lines when in use. Since it is not feasible for the club's officers, directors, or shooting committee members to enforce this recommendation, this must be an individual responsibility. Each person shall indemnify from liability the club and any and all members for any eye or ear damage resulting from the failure to use the proper personal protective equipment. THIS IS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF THE RANGE.
17. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises is prohibited and is grounds for expulsion.
18. During sight in day, only one live round of ammunition shall be loaded at a time.
19. When moving any firearm from or to the firing line, the action must be open and the firearm unloaded. The muzzle must be pointed in a safe direction. A "safe direction" is defined as: down range or, in the event that direction is not clear, the muzzle must be pointed up. NO EXCEPTIONS.
20. Keep the firearm unloaded until given the command to "load", "commence firing" or other appropriate range command.
21. When the firing line is "hot", firing has begun or is about to begin. No one is allowed on the cement pad except the participants of that relay. The only exceptions are for an adult to help a junior shooter or new shooter and the range safety officers. These safety officers are there to help in an unsafe or emergency situation.
22. There will be no horseplay at or on the firing line at any time.
23. There shall be no alcoholic beverage consumed on the range grounds nor will anyone found to be drinking prior to arriving be allowed to participate in any shoot. Alcohol and guns don't mix.
24. If anyone has a mis-fire, hang fire, or squib load, these rules must be followed:
 - a) Raise your hand to get the attention of a range safety officer or the range control officer and remain at your bench until someone assists you. Do not open the action.
 - b) When a safety officer arrives, there will be a 30 second countdown before opening the action. This rule must be followed for the safety of all shooters on the line and behind it.
 - c) If anyone has a squib load, the barrel must be checked for any obstruction. This, again, is a must for everyone's safety.
25. If you finish shooting before the time is called, remain seated and quiet, as to not distract any other shooters. After all firing is ceased or time is exhausted, then you are free to remove your firearm and equipment from the firing line.
26. If the command "cease firing" is given by anyone, stop firing immediately, remove magazine, and make your gun safe (action open and pointed down range), and step back from the firing line, so the problem or emergency can be taken care of.
27. When people are down range, do not handle your firearm.
28. In the event of an emergency, the telephone is located inside the clubhouse beside the refrigerator.
29. A first aid kit is located in the clubhouse by the bathroom door.

30. Please be safe and show courtesy while other shooters are on the line. Remember, we are all here to compete and have a good time. Let's do it safely.
31. Never forget the 3 NRA basic safety rules:
 - a) Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
 - b) Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
 - c) Never load your firearm until you are ready to use.