

# **WATERVLIET ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.**

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- a. Further and advance the cause of conservation, recreation, and shooting sports for this generation and generations to come.
- b. Promote the proper and safe use of firearms, by example and training, for recreation and protection.
- c. Fully support the principles of the Second Amendment of the United States of America.

## **History**

This organization was founded in 1963 by Alex Bohle and was called "Lake 14 Rod and Gun Club". Club members held their meetings any place they could; in the park when weather permitted, or in a member's home.

In 1965, the property at 3413 Hennessey Road was purchased. In 1967, the clubhouse was started and the club's name was changed to "Watervliet Rod and Gun Club". In 1968, "Watervliet Rod and Gun Club" was officially incorporated. Watervliet Rod and Gun Club, Inc. continues to provide a great service to hunters and shooters from around the country.

## **Future**

The future of Watervliet Rod and Gun Club, Inc. looks very good. With a rising membership and growing funds for improvements, the club will be providing a place for families to enjoy the shooting sports for a very long time.

## **Volunteering**

It is necessary for you, the member, to help out whenever you can. If you want this club to be great, prosper, and be the club of choice, please help out whenever you can. Spending just as little as a couple of hours a few times a year can make the difference.

## **Membership Privileges**

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club, Inc. members have the combination to the front gate, which allows access to use the ranges for archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun and black powder.

A member can use the ranges anytime from dawn to dark, on a first come basis provided that no scheduled or sanctioned event is taking place. Some sanctioned events, such as trap, may run into the dark by use of outdoor lighting. Please look at the club calendar posted on the club website and also in the clubhouse for dates and times of scheduled activities or functions to avoid any conflict. Members are required to abide by **ALL** club rules and bylaws as well as using common courtesy with fellow members while at the club.

Members are asked to either lock the gate behind them after entering or at least “spin the dials” before leaving the gate open. Members are required not to give out the gate combination to any nonmember under any circumstance. Do not risk revocation of your membership by giving out the combination.

Board members and committee chairman (those running club activities/functions) have keys to the clubhouse. This is another good reason to consider being involved and running for a board position. Being a board member also gives you more control as to how the club is run.

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club, Inc. also holds. A Federal Firearms License and sells new firearms at a discount to our members. Purchasers must pass all local, state and federal checks to validate that they are eligible to purchase a firearm.

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club, Inc. also has several members that are DNR certified instructors in Hunter Safety and/or NRA certified instructors in Basic Pistol Shooting, Basic Rifle Shooting, Basic Shotgun Shooting, Home Firearm Safety, and Personal Protection Inside the Home, just to name a few. Contact the club or anyone of the Board of Directors for more information. The club also has many members that are NRA Certified Range Safety Officers.

## **Contacting the Club**

### **Club Mailing Address:**

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club  
P.O. Box 434  
Watervliet, MI 49098

### **Club Location:**

3413 Hennesey Rd.  
Watervliet, MI 49098

### **Club Phone Number:**

(269) 463 8785

### **Club Website:**

[www.watervlietrodandgunclub.org](http://www.watervlietrodandgunclub.org)

### **Club Email:**

[Wrg49098@gmail.com](mailto:Wrg49098@gmail.com)

## **Club Facilities**

### **Outdoor Pistol Ranges**

Pistol Range 1.

Open 25 yard range with a horseshoe berm. This range has a covered 4-position shooting structure and a steel target plate rack.

Pistol Range 2.

Open 40 yard range with a horseshoe berm. This range has no shooting structure.

### **Outdoor Rifle Range**

Open 200 yard range with berms located at 40, 60, 80, and 100 meters, and 200 yards. This range has a covered 8-position shooting structure with concrete benches.

Note:

40 meters = 43.75 yards

60 meters = 65.62 yards

80 meters = 87.49 yards

100 meters = 109.36 yards

### **Trap Ranges:**

Trap Ranges 1 and 2 have automatic machines, with double capability, and are for club sanctioned events only.

### **Site Layout Drawing on next page**



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|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| A Entrance Gate        | G Steel Target Plate Rack | N Archery Range    |
| B Parking Lot          | H 40 Yard Pistol Range    | P Archery Backstop |
| C Clubhouse            | J 40M (43.75 Yard) Berm   | Q 200 Yard Berm    |
| D Trap 1               | K 60M (65.62 Yard) Berm   | R Rifle Range      |
| E Trap 2               | L 80M (87.49 Yard) Berm   | S Steel Targets    |
| F 25 Yard Pistol Range | M 100M (109.36 Yard) Berm | ⊗ Misfire Tubes    |

# **WATERVLIET ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.**

## **CLUB SAFETY RULES & EMERGENCY GUIDELINES INDEX**

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# WATERVLIET ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

## HANDBOOK OF CLUB SAFETY RULES

### 1.0 General Club Rules:

1. **ALL club members** are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the Watervliet Rod and Gun Club.
2. **Always** keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
3. **Always** treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
4. **Always** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
5. **Always** keep the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot.
6. **Always** place your targets on the backer boards. Note: metallic targets, i.e. spinners, dueling trees, must be placed in front of the backer boards or maximum of 4 feet from the berm. If backer boards are in the way of the metallic targets, the boards may be removed but then must be replaced as found.
7. **Eye and Ear Protection is Mandatory** for **All** shooters and bystanders on all firing ranges during live firing.
8. **All** used targets and target materials are to be completely removed from the range area after shooting. Place used targets in trash cans provided at all range areas.
9. A shooter whose firearm misfires must hesitate in opening the firearm for a minimum of 30 seconds in case of a delayed detonation (hang fire).
10. **Always** put misfired cartridges or shotshells in the misfire safety tubes located on all ranges.
11. **All members** have the authority to enforce range and club rules, and are required to report any violation to the Board of Directors.
12. **Absolutely no alcohol or illegal drugs** allowed on club property. Prescription drugs should be used with discretion when shooting. If you are not to use the drug while driving, then you should not use them when shooting.
13. Persons will **NOT** handle any firearm on or near the benches when another person is down range. Firearms are holstered/tabled and walk away.
14. **Violation** of club rules and/or range rules will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.



15. The clubhouse is a tobacco free area.
16. Pets are to be leashed and may not run the property. Pets are not to bother or become a distraction to other members. Pets are to be watered and cared for, not left in the hot or cold vehicle. Pet owners assume full responsibility for any damage caused by their pet.
17. Paintball firearms are strictly **forbidden** anywhere on club property.
18. A "Closed for Maintenance" sign on the entry gate means the ranges are closed due to mowing or maintenance.
19. **No** tracers, exploding targets, incendiary ammunition, or bouncing targets are allowed. Bump stocks are not allowed.
20. Full Auto firearms are not allowed. Exceptions must be approved by the Board of Directors and a letter of approval issued.
21. Guests: you are allowed to bring guests with you, but when they are shooting you are not shooting. You must pay attention to what they are doing and the member is responsible for the guest's actions.

## **2.0 Trap Range Rules:**

- 1. General club rules apply on the trap range.**
2. It is the trap Chairman, Chairman's designee, or the puller's responsibility to conduct the shoot in a safe manner.
3. It is the trap Chairman, Chairman's designee, or the puller's responsibility to remove any shooter whose conduct is unsafe.
4. Black powder shotguns may be used on the trap field. See 5.0 Specific Range Rules Black Powder for black powder use.
5. The practice of tracking targets with a firearm in hand is allowed for training purposes and requires prior approval of the puller and the entire squad.
6. All shooters must shoot from the same designated yardage.
7. All shotguns must have the action opened and contain no live shell except while the shooter is on the firing line. It is preferred that the action is left open while the shotgun is in the firearm rack whenever possible. Black powder firearms must be discharged prior to racking them.
8. A shooter shall place a live shell in their shotgun only when facing the trap field. In singles shooting, shooters may place only one live shell in their shotgun at a time and must remove it before moving from one position to another. Shooters shooting doubles may place two live shells in the shotgun at a time.
9. **No** shooter will walk in front of another shooter.
10. Shotguns **MUST** be open, action and chamber empty when persons are down range.
11. Only 12 gauge or smaller shotguns are permissible. Target loads with size 7 1/2 or smaller shot only.
12. The practice of "backup" or other like games requires prior approval of the entire squad and the puller.
13. Spectators are to remain behind the shooters and puller at all times.
14. The trap Chairman, Chairman's designee, or the puller has authority to modify the above rules as necessary to maintain range safety.
15. Manual target throwers must only be used between the North and South trap houses. Targets must be thrown so their trajectory is between the white stakes 30 yards in front of the North trap house.
16. Police your cases and hulls.

### **3.0 Pistol Range Rules:**

1. **General club rules apply on the pistol range.**
2. **25 yd. pistol range:** centerfire pistols and rifles, rimfire pistols and rifles, high velocity pellet guns, shotguns, and black powder pistols and rifles may be used on this range. There is a steel target plate rack on this range, follow the safety rules on the sign for its usage.  
  
**40 yd. pistol range:** centerfire pistols and rifles, rimfire pistols and rifles, high velocity pellet guns, shotguns, and black powder pistols and rifles may be used on this range. Crossbows, and archery may be used also. Refer to Section 6 for archery rules.  
  
See Sec.5.0 **Specific Range Rules – Black Powder** for black powder use.
3. BB, pellet, air or CO2 pistols and rifles may also be used on this range. **DO NOT** shoot at hard metallic targets. Only paper targets can be used.
4. **ONLY** paper targets or approved metallic targets, i.e. spinners, dueling trees, poppers, may be used on the pistol range. If shooting metallic targets, firing closer than 30 feet from the target is **NOT** permitted. PAPER TARGETS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BACKER BOARDS AND METALLIC TARGETS PLACED IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE BACKER BOARDS. **BOTTLES CANS, CLAY BIRDS, BOUNCING OR EXPLODING TARGETS, OR OTHER OBJECTS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO BE USED AS TARGETS. BUMP STOCKS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
5. Loading and unloading of firearms will be done on the firing line only. The firing line will be determined by all shooters present. All shooting **MUST** be done inside the berms.
6. Pistols will be holstered or unloaded and laid on the bench with the actions open before moving down range. All other firearms will be unloaded, actions open, and tabled or placed in a rack prior to moving down range.
7. Police your brass and remove your targets when finished shooting.
8. **DO NOT** place targets in front or on top of the backer board poles.
9. Modification of these rules must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. If approved, a letter stating conditions of approval will be issued to the member (s). Member (s) must be in possession of the letter of approval while on the pistol range.

#### **4.0 Rifle Range Rules:**

1. **General club rules apply on the rifle range.**
2. Centerfire pistols and rifles, rimfire pistols and rifles, high velocity pellet guns, shotguns, and black powder pistols and rifles may be used on this range. See 5.0 **Specific Range Rules – Black Powder** for black powder use.
3. Low velocity BB, pellet, air or CO2 pistols and rifles may be used on this range. Only paper targets may be used.
4. Only paper targets or approved metallic targets, i.e. spinners, dueling trees, poppers, may be used on the rifle range. If shooting metallic targets, firing closer than 30 feet from the target is NOT permitted. PAPER TARGETS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BACKER BOARDS AND METALLIC TARGETS PLACED IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE BACKER BOARDS. **BOTTLES CANS, CLAY BIRDS, BOUNCING OR EXPLODING TARGETS, OR OTHER OBJECTS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO BE USED AS TARGETS. BUMP STOCKS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** There are 2 steel targets located near the 200 yard berm (do not use armor piercing ammo on these targets).
5. Loading and unloading of firearms will be done on the firing line only. The firing line will be determined by all shooters present.
6. Pistols will be holstered or unloaded and laid on the bench with the actions open before moving down range. All other firearms will be unloaded, actions open, and tabled or placed in a rack prior to moving down range.
7. Police your brass, hulls, and remove your targets when finished shooting.
8. **DO NOT** place targets in front or on top of the backer board poles.
9. Modification of these rules must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. If approved, a letter stating conditions of approval will be issued to the member (s). Member (s) must be in possession of the letter of approval while on the rifle range.

## **5.0 Specific Range Rules – Black Powder:**

- 1. General club rules apply on all ranges.**
2. Black powder firearms may be fired on the pistol, rifle and trap ranges.
3. Black powder firearm shooters are obligated to follow all rules appropriate to the specific firing range in use.
4. Black powder firearms must rest pointing up after charging.
5. There will be no smoking of any type (cigarette, cigar, or pipe) if a container of black powder is on the firing range.
6. Never mix any two powders regardless of type, brand or source.
7. Never substitute any smokeless powder for black powder or Pyrodex.
8. Modification of these rules must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. If approved, a letter stating conditions of approval will be issued to the member (s). Member (s) must be in possession of the letter of approval while on the range.

## **6.0 Archery Range Rules:**

- 1. General club rules apply on the Archery range.**
- 2. No** firearms are to be used on the archery range side of the 40 yard pistol/rifle range.
- 3. No** crossbows are to be used on the pistol/rifle side of the 40 yard pistol/rifle range. They **MUST** be used on the archery side only.
- 4.** All range users and shooters are personally responsible for the range safety and safe shooting.
- 5.** Check your bow, string and arrows frequently to make sure they are in the proper state of repair.
- 6. Do Not** nock an arrow until ready to shoot.
- 7.** Never shoot an arrow up in the air.
- 8.** All shooting shall be into targets and backstops only.
- 9.** All shooting to be in authorized areas only.
- 10.** Respect others and their equipment.
- 11.** Modification of these rules must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. If approved, a letter stating conditions of approval will be issued to the member (s). Member (s) must be in possession of the letter of approval while on the archery range.

# Emergency Operating Guidelines

## Steps and Sequence of performing Emergency Guidelines

1. Take charge of the situation.
  - a. Command "Cease Firing, unload and stay in place".
  - b. Evaluate the situation.
  - c. Designate helpers as needed.
  
2. Render Aid
  - a. Provide First Aid as best as you are capable.
  
3. Call for help
  - a. Direct a helper to use the checklist and call 911.
  - b. Direct a helper to go to the entrance gate and direct medical help to the location.
  
4. Take Notes!!
  - a. Time
  - b. Date
  - c. Location
  - d. Type of injury
  - e. Witness's names, etc.
  - f. Brief explanation of incident and first aid provided.
  - g. CALL A BOARD MEMBER IMMEDIATELY.

## Checklist for Calling Help

**No phone is available at the clubhouse. Use a cell phone.**

1. Dial 911
2. Your Name
3. Ambulance is needed
4. Location of incident:  
Watervliet Rod and Gun Club  
3413 Hennesey Rd. Watervliet, Michigan  
(Across from the landfill)
5. Nature of Incident
6. How many are injured
7. Someone will meet an ambulance at the club gate entrance.
8. Latitude and Longitude if helicopter is needed:  
42 10' 26" N (42 degrees, 10 minutes, 26 seconds North)  
86 16' 51" W (86 degrees, 16 minutes, 51 seconds West)