

## WATERVLIET ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

### HANDBOOK OF CLUB SAFETY RULE

#### 1.0 General Club Rules:

1. **ALL club members** are responsible for the safety and well being of the Watervliet Rod & 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/burn barrels provided at all range areas.
9. A shooters 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 misfire cartridges or shot shells in the misfire safety tubes located on all ranges.
11. **All members** have the authority to enforce range & 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. Firearm is 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 Club house 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, or incendiary ammunition is 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 or Chairman's designee or puller's responsibility to conduct the shoot in a safe manner.
3. It is the trap Chairman, Chairman's designee, or 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 small 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:** center fire pistols designed for pistol ammunition, rim fire pistols and rifles, and black powder pistols may be used on this range.  
  
**40 yd. pistol range:** center fire pistols and rifles, rim fire pistols and rifles, shotguns for patterning, 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.**
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. Center fire pistols and rifles, rim fire 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 **NOT** be used on this range.
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.
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 rifle 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 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 rifle range.