

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR NW INDIANA SMOKING CLAYS:

- A. NW INDIANA SMOKING CLAYS is a Private Club, governed by our Board of Directors.
- B. By paying the club fee or entering a competition, or practice, every member agrees to abide by these rules and to accept all official decisions of the coach and assistant coach. The final decision will be that of the Board of Directors within 15 days of the infraction. Until then, the decision of the coach is instated.
- C. Each member and all family members are responsible to know these rules and abide by them, for their own benefit and safety as well as that of other shooters.
- D. Members of the team are required to introduce themselves to other teams' members. During competition or practice, each player that is on your squad is a team member. As you rotate in and out, you are to acknowledge each team member by shaking hands, fist bumping etc. Supporting each other regardless of the shot outcome is being a team and showing support.
- E. Members are required to wear teamwear and have all necessary equipment as directed by team management – Failure to do so will be deemed as refusal and subject to rules of conduct.
- F. It shall be a violation of these rules to
 - a. Exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind, including but not limited to, falsifying scores or classification, refusal to turn in a scorecard, cheating, swearing, throwing of shells or any other objects, slamming things to the ground, talking back, verbal, or physical abuse of any shooter, scorer, field judge, shoot official or committee member, as well as members of the public.
 - b. Acts of using abusive or profane language or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct during competition. This includes but is not limited to: • Arguing with referees and or staff • Unsafe handling/use of firearms • Disrupting a competitor • Cheating • Consuming alcohol/tobacco products (including any form of e-cigarettes or “vapor” products) or using non-prescribed drugs before or during any event or practice.
 - c. Disobey the order of any coach, assistant coach, range safety officer, member of the board, scorer, field judge or shoot official.
 - d. Violate any safety rules and regulation or engage in any activity that is considered unsafe by an official of the team or hosting event center.
 - e. Shoot at any place other than the designated station.
 - f. Point your weapon in a direction that could cause harm or death to another person regardless of if the weapon is loaded or unloaded.
 - g. Interfere with the shoot management's procedures in conducting the shoot.
 - h. Violate any rule or regulation of a club or range.
 - i. Exhibit any conduct that is harmful to the team, its membership, or the sport as a whole.
 - j. Exhibit behavior that shows discrimination towards race, religion, or sex - including sexual harassment.
 - k. Violate any other rule or regulation that is written or that you have been verbally explained.
- G. All members of this team “represent” this team on or off the course. Any reports or witnessing a team member that is not representing themselves, or the team with complete civility, respect, and courtesy will be evaluated and a decision will be made deciding their position on the team.
- H. SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS

1. The Coach, Asst Coach or Board of Directors may, at any time at its discretion, suspend, expel, or discipline any member for the violation of any rule or regulation.

2. Conduct Applies to volunteers, athletes, and anyone connected with membership (parent or guardian) ... This will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification, suspension, and expulsion from the round, day, session, or organization.

- 3) The athlete has the opportunity to file a dispute with their statement to the Board of Directors within 3 days of the violation. Failure to submit a written response to the board of directors within 3 days of the violation forfeits your option to contest the decision of the coach or assistant coach. On day 4, the decision made by the coach or assistant coach will be deemed final. If the document is received by the Board of directors within 3 days, the board has 10 days to respond with its decision.
- 4) If an member is removed for a round, day, session, season, or indefinitely all fees paid will be forfeited with no refund.
- 5) If it is deemed that an individual is removed from the team, the team member has 10 days from the final decision to return any team gear issued to them.

This document has been read and agreed to by both the team members as well as the Parent or Guardian of the team member. This document is in effect this _____ day of _____ and will run through December 31, 2026.

Team Member Printed Name

Team Member Signature

Parent or Guardian Name

Parent or Guardian Signature

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2026.