

Range Rules of the Massapoag Sportsmen's Club

GENERAL RULES

1. All members and guests will follow all rules and exhibit good sportsman like conduct while on club property.
2. All persons will wear eye and ear protection while on any of the firearms ranges.
3. Every member is authorized to act in order to enforce the range safety rules.
4. All members are requested to help novice shooters, or new members, to explain the use of firearms, club rules and advise and instruct when appropriate.
5. Persons shooting during club events will have preference over individual shooters.
6. You **must** properly holster or have all firearms cased when carried onto the ranges from the parking lots, with the exception shotguns with the breach open being carried onto the range.
 - a. All loading and/or unloading of firearms must be done on a designated firing line.
7. All firearms are assumed to be **loaded** and should be treated as such.
8. **NO** food, beverage or smoking is allowed on the firing lines.
9. If **ANY** alcohol is consumed on club property, then your shooting is **DONE FOR THE DAY**
10. All shooters are required to police spent rounds as well as clean up after themselves and their guests. Trash receptacles and recycle bins are available on the ranges. Spent rounds should be placed in the appropriate recycle bins.
11. Dud rounds are to be placed in the dud container provided.
12. Shooting is allowed only on designated ranges
13. Only one gun and accompanying ammunition is allowed uncased at a shooting station at any one time.
14. One shooter and one coach maximum per a shooting station
15. Do not raise firearms above the target line. Shoot only at the target directly in front of the shooting station. No cross firing is allowed.
16. All firearms must be raised from the shooting bench. No shooting from the hip.
17. When moving from one shooting station to another the firearm must be unloaded with action open and pointed in a safe direction.
18. Firearms are to be cased and uncased at the shooting bench on the firing line for the indoor and outdoor pistol/rifle ranges.
19. Members are responsible for their guests while on club property.
20. **Center Fire Rifle is ONLY allowed in lanes 4&5 in the Outdoor Range. NOT INDOORS**
21. **The use of fully automatic weapons is prohibited on club property.**
22. **Armor piercing, incendiary and tracer ammunition is prohibited.**
23. **VIOLATION OF CLUB RULES WILL BE CAUSE FOR REPRIMAND, CENSURE, SUSPENSION, or DISMISSAL AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
24. **Rules may be updated at any time by the Board as needed. It is your responsibility to know them**

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE INDOOR RANGE:

1. No magnum ammunition, BB's or black powder firearms are allowed on the indoor range. Shotguns are not allowed on the indoor range.
2. Only air pellet rifles, rifles chambered in 22 rimfire & straight walled pistol calibers (not bottlenecked cases) are allowed on the indoor range.
3. Targets on stations 1,5,12 may only be used at 50'. All other stations may be set at any distance between 25' and 50.
4. Only paper targets are allowed on the indoor range (max size 12" X 12").
5. The Indoor Range is to be used only by "qualified members" (those with card keys) and their guests. Non-qualified members may use the indoor when supervised by a qualified member.
6. Members must have their Indoor Range card key worn visibly when using the range. Do not loan your card key to anyone.
7. Members and guests must sign in / sign out of range, listing: Time IN, Time OUT, and noting the condition of the range. (If something is broken, please note it in the log book).
8. Members with guests may share up to two (2) adjacent shooting stations, provided no members are waiting.
9. The hours of operation are twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year, except during work details, scheduled shooting events, and fifteen minutes prior to and during scheduled club meetings.
10. Lights must be turned on when shooting.
11. Exhaust fans must be turned on while any person is on the range.
12. If you are the last person to leave the range / Clubhouse, turn off all the lights. During the winter the heat should be adjusted back down to 55 degrees.
13. All socializing is to be confined to the meeting area. The indoor range is for shooting only.
14. Specific rules / procedures will be posted, and followed, during any club sponsored pistol / rifle events.
15. Cease fire procedures:
 - a. Any member observing an unsafe situation should immediately call a "cease fire".
 - b. When a cease fire command is heard, immediately stop shooting, remove all ammunition, place your firearm on the bench with the slide or cylinder open with the muzzle pointed down range and step away from the shooting station.
 - c. Do not handle your firearm or ammunition during a cease fire
 - d. No one is allowed to touch or place anything on the bench during a cease fire.
 - e. Once the reason for the cease fire has been resolved and you have confirmed with the other shooters present that it is safe to shoot and everyone is wearing ear and eye protection you may resume shooting activities.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE OUTDOOR RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE:

1. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. until sunset. [Sunset is defined by the National Weather Service].
2. Members and guests must sign in / sign out of range, listing: Time IN, Time OUT, and noting the condition of the range. Members are responsible for their guests.
3. Members with guests may share up to two (2) adjacent shooting stations, provided no members are waiting.
4. The outdoor range will be CLOSED during any scheduled Skeet and Trap competitions.
5. Specific rules / procedures will be posted and followed during any club sponsored pistol / rifle events.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot

6. No loaded firearms behind the red lines on the bench of the shooting station unless holstered.
7. No shooting in front of the bench is permitted
8. Only paper targets are allowed on the outdoor range (max size 12" X 12").
9. Only 1 Target should be taped or stapled to the cardboard on the hangers.
10. Other special targets may be used after obtaining approval of the Board of Directors for special club shooting activities.
11. Do not walk on or place anything on the dirt backstop of the range.
12. Cease fire procedures:
 - a. Any member observing an unsafe situation should immediately call a "cease fire".
 - b. When a cease fire command is heard, immediately stop shooting, remove all ammunition, place your firearm on the bench with the slide or cylinder open with the muzzle pointed down range and step behind the red line.
 - c. Do not handle your firearm or ammunition during a cease fire
 - d. When a cease fire is called for a target change the same rules apply. Once shooters are certain all firearms have been rendered safe and everyone is behind the red line, they may proceed down range.
 - e. No one is allowed to touch or place anything on the bench during a cease fire.
 - f. Once all shooters are back from being down range and you have confirmed with the other shooters present you may resume shooting activities.
 - g. When going down range, please activate the Cease Fire Lights and Siren
13. Shotgun slugs may be fired on the outdoor range for the purpose of sighting in for hunting, but only after receiving written approval from a member of the executive board in advance. Approval will be given for a specific day. Email the club for permission massapoagsportsmensclub@outlook.com

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE SKEET AND TRAP FIELDS:

1. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. until sunset. [Sunset is defined by the National Weather Service].
2. Only shotguns may be used on these ranges with # 7.5-9 shot, Target loads only
3. Only clay targets are allowed
4. Shot guns may only be loaded on the firing station.
5. New or novice shooters must be accompanied by an experienced shooter
6. NO more than 2 rounds may be loaded into the shotgun at any time
7. Actions must remain open until it is your turn to shoot
8. When changing stations the action must be open on your shotgun

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE ARCHERY RANGE:

1. Hours are sunrise to sunset
2. All bows, including crossbows, recurve and compound bows are allowed
3. No firearms of any kind are allowed on the archery ranges
4. Target and field points only
5. Shoot only at designated targets
6. When retrieving overshot arrows one person should stand next to the target to prevent shooting by others. A lone shooter should place their bow across the target face to indicate that the area is not clear for shooting.
7. Do not use broken or damaged arrows as this represents a danger to you and other shooters
8. Never shoot your bow without an arrow (dry fire) as this can damage your bow and represents a danger to you.
9. Never draw your bow when anyone is in between you and your target
10. Never draw your bow above the intended target (i.e. do not point toward the sky and bring the bow down).

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Always keep your firearm unloaded until ready to use

Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot

11. Always be sure the area in back of your target is clear, or has an adequate backstop
12. Use of Broad Head tipped arrows may be used from September 1 – November 30 on designated deer target only.
13. If you bring your own target (static range only) it must be placed between the shooting line and the backstop, preferably next a provided target. No placing of your own targets in the woods.
14. For 3D range see the rules posted at the range.

I attest by my signature below that I have read and will abide by the rules as set forth in this document.

I further understand that any violation of these rules may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the club and/or possible criminal prosecution.

Name: (print) _____

Date: _____

Name: (signed) _____

Range Officer: _____

License To Carry / FID Card: YES_____ **NO**_____ **Expiration Date:**

Range Officer Notes:

Attach qualification target to the signed range rules and provide N.R.A. Safety Rules.