

Hudson Fish and Game Club Inc. Range SOP
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Hudson Fish and Game Club Range Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

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CLUB RANGES – GENERAL INFORMATION

SCOPE:

The Club has seven ranges for use by Members and their guests.

Live fire conducted at the Club is designed to provide Club Members access to the facility where they can become proficient in marksmanship and maintain safe handling skills with firearms and archery equipment. Club Members must be qualified by an HFGC Range Officer prior to shooting on their own at ANY Club range.

As voted by the General Membership on 18-sep-2023, Range Rules are independent from House Rules and controlled by the Range Committee to establish and maintain safe range operations at HFGC.

RANGES:

1. INDOOR RANGE

- a. Located in the main Clubhouse building
- b. Designed for handgun, 22 rimfire rifle and archery

2. OUTDOOR RANGES

- a. Located near the southeast corner of the Club property
- b. Consists of four separate ranges
 - i. Trap Range — designed for shotgun shooting
 - ii. 25 yard range — designed for rifle and handgun shooting
 - iii. 50 yard range — designed for rifle shooting with one station for handgun shooters who have been qualified to use it
 - iv. 100 yard range — designed for rifle shooting only

3. OUTDOOR ARCHERY RANGES

- a. Clubhouse Range
 - i) Located to the rear of the Clubhouse
 - ii) Designed for static target practice
- b. Tree Stand/Trail Range
 - i. Located on the north side of the Club pond
 - ii. Designed for tree stand practice and trail practice
 - iii. They have 3D and other targets

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FIREARMS AND FIREARMS SAFETY

Firearms safety shall be the first concern of every Club Member or their guests. All members and guests are to be briefed that Firearms and non-firearms shall never be pointed at any person.

1. DEFINITIONS - The following terms apply for the purposes of this document.

a. Firearm

- i. Any device manufactured and configured to fire cartridges, the projectile of which is discharged out of the barrel of that device.
- ii. Muzzleloading, percussion, and flintlock devices designed and configured to discharge a projectile from the barrel of that device.

b. Non-Firearm

- i. Blank firing devices
 - ii. Air and CO₂ rifles and pistols
 - iii. Airsoft and other spring-loaded projectile-discharging devices
 - iv. Replicas designed to look like actual firearms
 - v. Deactivated firearms that meet federal standards for that classification
- c. *Holstered* means: in a holster that is presently being carried on the person.
- d. *Club* or *HFGC* means: the Hudson Fish and Game Club, Inc.
- e. *Shall* means: mandatory.
- f. *May* means: permissive.
- g. *Shall not* means: prohibited.
- h. *Member* means: a member of the Hudson Fish and Game Club, Inc.
- i. *Probationary Member* means: a New Member during their first six months (6) after having been voted in by the Membership (or as extended by the Membership due to exigent circumstances) and for whom the club has received a favorable background check. Probationary Members are restricted as required by applicable By-Law, Range Rule and House Rule provisions.
- j. *Members on Disciplinary Probation* means: those Members on probation due to disciplinary action. They are restricted according to the terms of the discipline imposed by the Membership.
- k. *Applicant* means: a person who has (only) submitted an application for membership along with the administration fee and annual dues.
- l. *Prospective Member* means: someone who has submitted an application, paid the application fee and the yearly dues, has been read in at his or her first General Membership Meeting, but has not had a third reading, nor has submitted a favorable

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background check, nor has been voted in as a Member. An Applicant who has not yet turned in a favorable background check, but has been voted in as a Member after a third reading does not become a Probationary Member, but remains an Applicant until a favorable background check is received by the club or the Membership Chairman, at which time he/she becomes a Probationary Member.

- m. *Executive Committee* means: the Board of Directors and the other elected Officers of the Club.
- n. *Good standing* means: that a Member is not subject to the new member probationary period or is not on disciplinary probation or suspension, and has either paid the current year's dues or is a retired Member
- o. *Background Check or Favorable Background Check* means: a document from the Member's, Probationary Member's or Prospective Member's home state, showing no convictions for a felony or other offense(s) that would restrict anyone applying for membership from owning or possessing a firearm, such as but not limited to, domestic violence or a Fish and Game violation.
- p. *Malfunction* - when a gun fails to function as designed.
- q. *Misfire* - when a cartridge does not fire after the primer has been struck by the firing pin. [a.k.a."Lite Strike", Procedure to clear: Continue to point the gun down range, wait 30 seconds to unload. Wait 2 minutes for a muzzleloader.]
- r. *Hangfire* – is a perceptible delay in the ignition of a cartridge after the primer has been struck by the firing pin. [Procedure to clear: Continue to point the gun down range, wait 30 seconds to unload. Wait 2 minutes for a muzzleloader.]
- s. *Squib load* – is when there is less than normal pressure or bullet velocity after ignition of the cartridge. The bullet may or may not exit the barrel. Squib loads are identified by difference in recoil or noise. [Procedure to clear: Stop firing immediately; keep the gun pointed down range; unload the gun - make sure the chamber is empty; insert a cleaning rod down the barrel from the chamber end (if possible) and make sure the bullet is not lodged in the barrel.]

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2. **LOADED FIREARMS PERMITTED** - Loaded firearms are permitted on Club property. Clubhouse policy is as follows:

a. **MAY CARRY** in the clubhouse:

- i. Members who are in good standing and are qualified on one of the Club's ranges.
- ii. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (LEO) Active-duty law enforcement personnel may possess a loaded firearm in the Clubhouse and in all other Club buildings and grounds.
- iii. RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS certified by the NRA, CMP, IPSC, SASS or other recognized sporting firearms organization may possess a Holstered loaded handgun (firearm), but only in or adjacent to one of the five Club ranges or areas where instruction is being given during organized range or firearms instruction activities.

b. **SHALL NOT CARRY** in the clubhouse:

-Members who are:

- i. NOT in good standing
- ii. On disciplinary action
- iii. Probationary members

* **Guests or non-members** of the club are **not allowed** to carry a loaded firearm in the building (Wellcover, Function Hall, indoor range).

c. **LOADED FIREARMS ON THE RANGES** - All Members and guests accompanied by a member may possess a loaded firearm when at one of the Club's five firearms ranges while utilizing those ranges for the purpose of target shooting or firearms instruction provided that at least one Member at that range has qualified on that range.

d. **HUNTERS** - Persons actively engaged in legal hunting activities on Club property other than inside buildings may possess loaded firearms.

3. **UNHOLSTERING A LOADED FIREARM** - Persons wishing to unholster and/or display a permitted loaded firearm shall not remove the firearm from the holster except in a safe manner & only at one of the five Club ranges or at any device or station designated by the Club for that purpose.

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4. **SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING** – No firearms activity may be carried out in an unsafe manner at any time, even if the event in which the activity occurs was approved by the Range Committee or General Membership. Members and guests should not shoot in an unsafe manner, including but not limited to:

- 1) “Quick draw” or “Fast draw” (draw from a holster & shoot from the hip)
- 2) Shooting without using the sights of the firearm (bring up to eye level)
- 3) Finger always on the trigger
- 4) Picking up a loaded firearm without the safety engaged
- 5) Pointing a firearm down the firing line or at other people
- 6) Pointing a loaded firearm at the ceiling or walls of the range
- 7) Shooting the ceiling or steel brow (all ranges)
- 8) Shooting unused target frames or door fan frames stored at the side of the range (Indoor range)

RANGE QUALIFICATION

Member, Probationary Member and Prospective Member Qualification and range use

1. Members and Probationary Members- who have had their initial reading **and** have turned in a clear background check may qualify at any Club range. Probationary Members not yet qualified may use a Club Range with a Member or a HF&GC Range Safety Officer (RSO) present. Qualified Probationary Members using the outside range, and if the Member has left the grounds, can continue to use the range and store the flag rolled up and under the Overhang (refer to “h” below).
2. Full and Probationary Members may use any of the Club’s ranges alone after having qualified at the range being used.
3. It should be noted that Club policy encourages two or more persons being present when live fire is conducted.
4. The Probationary Member shall have to wait for a Member to open the Well Cover if it is not already open so that the Probationary Member can sign in on the logbook and place the Range Flag outside in its holder if the Outdoor Range is going to be used, or sign in and enter the Indoor Range.
5. If the Wellcover/Clubhouse is not occupied when the Probationary Member is done shooting at the Outdoor Range, the Probationary Member is to roll up the Range Flag and place it next to the door to the Wellcover. The Probationary Member shall note the time and sign out the next time he/she is in the Well Cover.
6. If a Probationary Member wishes to use the Indoor Range, he/she shall only use that range when a Member is inside the Clubhouse or in the covered patio with the door open. When the Last Member present is ready to leave the Clubhouse, he/she shall notify the Probationary Member and give him/her sufficient time to

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clean up the range, sign out in the logbook and leave along with the Member, as Probationary Members are not allowed inside the Clubhouse alone.

7. **RANGE QUALIFICATION RECORDS** - Completed Member Range qualification forms are a record and are to be added to the individual Member's file. Best Practice is to turn in the record to an HF&GC RSO, or a Range Committee Member, or the Membership Chairman to be placed in each Members file. The Membership Chairman will then coordinate and update the displayed Members Hours list with Indoor, Outdoor, and 50yd Pistol qualification status.

10. INDOOR RANGE QUALIFICATION

- a. Member shall demonstrate sufficient knowledge of Range Rules, firearms knowledge, firearms safe handling, as well as opening/closing of the range (to the qualifying RSO or Range Committee member).
- b. Course of fire for qualification:
 1. Use a **50 yard Slow Fire Pistol Target**
 2. Safely load and shoot 10 rounds at the 50 foot line.
 3. All rounds must be on paper.

11. OUTDOOR RANGE QUALIFICATION

- a. Member shall demonstrate sufficient knowledge of Range Rules, firearms knowledge, firearms safe handling, as well as opening/closing of the range (to the qualifying RSO or Range Committee member).
- b. Course of Fire for qualification:
 1. Use a **50 yard Slow Fire Pistol Target**
 2. For PISTOL – from the 25 yard firing line, safely load and shoot 10 rounds on the 25 yard range.
 3. For RIFLE- first, safely load and shoot 5 rounds on the 25 yard range, at the 25 yard firing line; then safely load and shoot 5 rounds on the 100 yard range, from the 100 yard firing line.
 4. All rounds must be on paper.

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12. 50 YARD OUTDOOR HANDGUN QUALIFICATION

- a. The use of handguns at the 50 yard range is for previously outdoor range qualified members only. Guests are **not** permitted to shoot handguns at the 50-yard range.
- b. All handgun shooting on the 50 yard range must be with the designated bench and located at stations 17 and 18 (Far right hand side of the range, below the Steel Brow).
- c. Members who shoot handguns on the 50 yard range **must qualify and shoot with a handgun having a minimum barrel length of 4 inches ***.
- d. To ensure the handgun is still properly sighted, it first must be shot on the 25 yard range before proceeding to the 50 yard range. (All shots in the target black)
- e. Members will qualify on the **50 yard Slow Fire Pistol Target** and all rounds must be on paper with each handgun the shooter desires to shoot at 50 yards. (All shots in the target black)
- f. The course of fire for qualification is:
 - 1) **5 rounds standing from the special bench** (supported) which is designed for pistol at the 50 yard range, then
 - 2) **5 rounds standing unsupported.**

*Any member who wants to qualify with a handgun with a barrel shorter than 4 inches must contact a Range Committee member to schedule a range session and qualify before shooting a shorter barreled handgun (at the 50-yard range).

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RANGE COMMANDS

Basic & Preferred (Members & RSO's can use either)

- Basic HFGC commands have not changed and were in place in the rules before this table was added.
- Preferred commands are currently used in NRA competition rules and range safety programs.
- The commands are as follows:

<u>Basic (Historic) Commands</u>	<u>Preferred Commands</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Range is Hot	Line is HOT	Not safe for anyone to move forward of the firing line. Call for Eye and Ear protection.
Range is Ready	Line is READY	Looking both left and right, the Range is ready and safe to begin range operations.
Load firearms and prepare to shoot	Load (or) Load, Make Ready	Load firearms, engage safety, point firearms down range
Fire at will	Commence Fire	Disengage safety, finger on the trigger and discharge firearm
Cease Fire	Cease Fire/Cease Fire/Cease Fire	Repeating 3 times is better and more accepted to confirm all firearm discharge has stopped.
Remove magazine, unload, open all actions	Make Safe, Show Clear	Remove ammunition, open action, rest firearm with the muzzle downrange/in a safe direction.
Place firearm(s) on the bench	Bench or Re-holster	Once cleared the firearm is not to be picked up (or removed from the holster) until the range is called HOT.
Range is Clear	Line is SAFE	Inspect to verify all firearms are clear and actions open
Safe to go forward of the line	Move Forward / Score Targets	Range is SAFE where shooters can go forward of the firing line.
Range is COLD	Range is COLD	No more shooting, and eyes and ear protection can be removed

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STANDARD RANGE SAFETY RULES – APPLIES TO ALL RANGES

1. **ALWAYS keep firearms pointed in a safe direction** (pointed down range).
2. **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger** until you are ready to shoot.
3. **ALWAYS keep the firearm unloaded unless ready to shoot.**
4. **KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SHOOTING AT**, and what is behind it. All shooters shall positively identify their target and what is beyond. They shall ensure that all projectiles impact within all safety limits, such as berms or other designated impact areas.
5. **SIGN IN** - All personnel shall sign in on the Range Book prior to shooting and sign out after shooting is completed. **ALL CALIBERS TO BE FIRED MUST BE RECORDED IN THE RANGE BOOK (INCLUDING GUEST FIREARMS).** The NAME OF THE GUEST(s) OR FAMILY MEMBER(s) shooting shall be listed in the Range Book. (The ACTUAL NAME must be visible.) Guests or family members shall also complete and sign a HFCG Waiver, to be retained by the club. (Completing the waiver is a one-time event and the record will remain on file.)
6. **OUTDOOR RANGE FLAGS** - The **RED** Range Flag shall be posted before using the outdoor range and removed when done. The **ORANGE** Flag shall be posted when a member is hunting on the property and removed when done.
7. **INFORMAL RSO** - During informal shooting sessions, when no HF&GC Range Safety Officer (RSO) is present or assigned, the first shooter on the line shall assume command of the range.
8. All shooters on the ranges shall obey ALL firing commands instantly.
9. **LOADING** - No firearm may be loaded until the shooter is in position at the firing line, and the command to "load" your firearm has been given.
10. **FORWARD OF THE LINE** - No person shall go forward of the firing line until ALL FIREARMS are deemed safe; magazines removed, unloaded with action open.
11. **HANDLING FIREARMS/LINE CLEAR** - While on the firing line no firearm is to be picked up or handled while ANY person is down range or forward of the firing line.
12. **LOUD DISTRACTIONS** - No loud talking is permitted while shooters are on the firing line. (If members wish to have a loud(er) conversation, they are invited to clear and secure their firearms and step off the range.)
13. **RANGE BEHAVIOR** - Shooters shall always conduct themselves in an orderly manner. If unsafe behavior is observed, HFCG RSO's and Members have the authority to cease range operations and politely ask an unsafe or unruly member or guest to leave the range. This also applies to TRESSPASSERS (unruly or otherwise) WHO WANDER INTO AN ACTIVE RANGE.

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14. **SAFELY JOINING/LEAVING ACTIVE RANGE OPERATIONS** When there are activities occurring on any HFGC range, new members/guests that are joining should wait until shooting stops and the range is called "clear", and the member in command of the range recognizes their presence. Joining or leaving the line is then coordinated.
15. **ONE GUEST SHOOTING AT A TIME** - Only one guest per Member is permitted to shoot at the firing line at a time. Each guest will pay a fee of \$5.00 each day they are shooting, including archery. The Club Member is responsible for all their guests. For the purposes of all range fees, immediate family members (including significant others) are not subject to the fees other than the Member fee for trap.
16. **NO ALCOHOL BEFORE OR DURING LIVE RANGE OPERATION**
- a) Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or drugs shall be consumed prior to, or during the act of shooting. This includes any substance likely to impair normal mental, or physical bodily functions (e.g., prescription or non-prescription drugs such as cold medicines that may cause drowsiness, nervousness, balance problems or other side effects).
 - b) **A minimum of six hours shall lapse between consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs and participation in shooting activities.** No one shall be permitted to shoot if they exhibit ANY degree of impairment due to consumption of alcoholic beverages or ANY other substance.
17. **FOOD/BEVERAGES** - It is recommended not to have food or beverages, or smoke (including tobacco products or e-cigarettes) at the firing line.
18. **EYE/EAR PROTECTION** -
- a. Eye protection is **STRONGLY** recommended for people of all ages.
 - b. Ear Protection is mandatory on all firearm range firing lines.
 - c. Eye and Ear Protection are mandatory for both members and non-members when shooting steel targets at the 25-yard firing line or forward.
19. **RACK/STORAGE** - Firearms that are out of their case and not being fired must be benched or placed in an appropriate rack, actions open if mechanically possible, chambers empty, magazines out, safety on (or empty chamber indicator inserted), and muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
20. **SHOOTING ALONE** - Members are encouraged to avoid shooting alone.
21. **FIREARMS UNLOADED UNTIL COMMAND** - While on the firing line of any range, firearms on the line shall not be loaded until after the command "Load" your firearm is given.
22. **CEASE FIRE** - **ANY** person at **ANY RANGE** is required to give the **"CEASE FIRE"** command upon observing ANY unsafe act or condition.

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23. **INJURY** - In case of injury, a report shall be filled out and turned into a Club Officer or Range Officer as soon as possible. Forms are available in the Sign In/Out Range Book.
24. **DUDS** - Any unwanted or misfired ammunition or "duds" must be put in the designated can/bucket. **NEVER throw it out or place an unfired round in the "BRASS BUCKET".**

GENERAL RANGE OPERATIONS

1. **BRASS DISPOSAL** - Shooters shall pick up all brass, used targets, and any other debris upon completion of shooting. Shooters may dispose of their brass cartridge cases only in the "Brass Bucket" and NOT in the trash and will leave the area as clean or cleaner than they found it. Non-brass cartridge cases are not to be placed in the Brass Bucket and are to be disposed of in the trash. Brass in the Brass Bucket is available for any Member to use for reloading; however, if brass is sold, the funds shall be returned to the Club.
2. **RANGE DAMAGE / Unsafe Conditions** - All members are to report any damage or unsafe conditions to a Range Officer, Board Member, Buildings and Grounds Committee Member or the Range Committee as soon as possible.
3. **OUTSIDE RANGE HOURS** -Outdoor shooting hours are **9:00 AM to SUNSET**.
4. **INDOOR RANGE HOURS** - Indoor shooting hours are **24 hours a day**.
5. **HUNTING** on Club property is allowed for Members with a valid hunting license in possession who are in compliance with all local & state hunting laws, including dates and times when hunting is allowed. All Members engaged in active hunting shall ensure that that the **Orange** range flag is posted. (Other flag colors or flag configurations shall be approved by the Range Committee before use.)
6. **RANGE CERTIFICATION** - **All** Club Members who wish to shoot shall be certified at each range they wish to shoot prior to shooting at that range.
7. **FIREARMS AND AMMO. RESPONSIBILITY**
 - a. All shooters are responsible for security and caring of their own firearms and ammunition while on Club property.
 - b. Any Member, Probationary Member or Prospective Member who observes unattended firearms and/or ammunition when minors or members of the public are present shall immediately notify the owner of the firearms/ammo to secure them, or, if the owner cannot be located, secure the firearms/ammo in the Club Office and close the office door. This shall be reported immediately to a member of the Range Committee or any elected officer of the Club.
8. **RULES VIOLATION** - Violation of, or failure to follow, the Club Range Rules shall result in an investigation by the Disciplinary Committee and shall result in disciplinary action. Remember, shooting at the Club is a privilege, not a right.

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9. **RANGE CLOSURE STATUS** - The outdoor ranges are normally closed during any Club function and Hall Rentals that are identified by the Range Committee. Functions requiring closed ranges shall be announced on the ***Range Closure Board*** in the Well Cover.
10. **OUTDOOR RANGE ACCESS** - The outdoor ranges shall remain open unless closed by the Range Committee or as voted for by the membership.
11. **PREGNANT WOMEN** – Due to possible exposure to lead, or chemicals expected from firearms discharge, it is recommended that pregnant women not be present at HFGC Ranges, when the ranges are active.

CLOSING OF THE RANGES:

1. The HF&GC Range Committee has the authority to officially close ranges for safety issues, longer than a temporary period identified by a HF&GC Range Safety Officer during normal range operations. If a Member feels the range(s) are unsafe, they shall immediately bring it to a Range Committee Member and the Range Committee, and its Members shall inspect the range(s) to deem unsafe and said ranges shall be closed until they are deemed safe to operate.
2. If a HF&GC RSO is not present, Members may temporarily close a range pending notification of a Range Committee Member (as soon as possible) if that Member observes a significant hazard that would pose an immediate danger of injury or property damage.

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PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

RESPONSE GUIDELINES FOR INJURY OR ILLNESS

1. Call a "**cease fire**" if an injury or illness occurs during live fire.
2. Instruct **all shooters to unload and rack** or bench their firearms.
3. Unless otherwise designated the Range Safety Officer (or first member using the range if no HF&GC RSO is present):
 - a) Takes control of the situation. Writes the incident/accident report.
 - b) Coordinates/delegates assistance (First Aid) to the injured.
 - c) determines if EMS is to be contacted.
 - d) identifies Guides to direct EMS vehicles to the scene.
 - e) If available, identifies individuals to immediately start taking Notes (Date, time, brief description of entry, names if known, etc.)
4. **Notify Emergency Medical Services** (Hudson Fire Dept) by phone 603-886-6021 or other means if required. (Then EMS 9-1-1 if necessary)
5. **STATE THE NATURE OF THE INJURY** - EMS should be informed of the nature of the injury or illness. When talking to 911 first say: "There has been **AN ACCIDENT** at the Hudson Fish & Game Club." Try to describe the nature of the accident or injury without saying "gun", "firearm", or "shooting".
6. **PROVIDE THE ADDRESS** - and phone number of the facility and where the injured or ill person is located.
7. **IDENTIFY ANY ENTRY HAZARDS** - Ensure that EMS is aware of any and all conditions that may be hazardous or may impede access to or care of the ill or injured person.
8. **DESCRIBE THE AID BEING RENDERED** -Inform EMS of the aid presently being given to the injured or ill person.
9. **DESIGNATE GUIDES** - Ensure if possible that someone is positioned to direct EMS personnel from the road to the exact location of the injured or ill person when they arrive at the Club.

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10. **FIRST RESPONDER RESPONSIBILITY**...who are providing immediate assistance:
(other than 9-1-1-dispatched EMS)
 - a. **Inform the injured or ill person of** any medical **training** you may have.
 - b. **Inform the person of any medical aid you will be offering.**
 - c. **Report all pertinent information** to EMS upon arrival.
 - d. **Request permission** from the injured or ill person prior to providing the person assistance, providing the person that is conscious. If the person is a minor, attempt to receive permission from a parent or guardian prior to giving medical care.
 - e. **Refrain from giving care** to anyone that is **conscious and refuses care.**
11. **IMPLIED PERMISSION** - Assume that permission is implied if the injured or ill person is unconscious or unable to respond.
12. **IMPLIED PERMISSION (minor)** - Assume that permission is implied if the injured or ill person is a minor and the parent or guardian is not present.
13. **DO NOT MOVE** or remove the injured or ill person unless a life-threatening condition may occur.
14. **NEVER DISPENSE ANY MEDICATION** - or other substance unless directed to by EMS personnel or the Poison Control Center.
15. **In case of injury, a report must be completed** and turned in to a Range Safety Officer ASAP. Forms are available in the sign in Range Book, or locations as designated by the Range Committee. Give the completed report to a member of the Range Committee or President to be filed. Internal HFGC notifications should include the President, Chairman of the Board, VP, and Range Chairman as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Hudson Police603-886-6011
Hudson Fire Dept (non-emergency) 603-886-6021
Poison Control Center.....1-800-222-1222

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STANDARD HF&GC RANGE SAFETY RULES APPLY

1. SAFELY JOINING/LEAVING ACTIVE RANGE OPERATIONS

INDOOR RANGE ONLY - AVOID OPENING THE DOUBLE DOORS when active shooting is occurring.

Then:

- a) Have EAR PROTECTION on.
- b) Once recognized, bring the cased firearms (or bows) forward to the line from the administration area (examples: Indoor Range-Meeting Hall or range countertop; Outdoor range-parking lot).
- c) DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS/BOWS if SHOOTERS ARE FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE.
- d) Uncase (and/or unlock) firearms, open actions to show safe, and place firearm(s)/bow pointing in a safe direction (down range).
- e) With the range still "clear" the joining party should post targets as soon as possible and return to the firing line to enable activity to continue. (The range is then called "HOT", 'Eyes and Ears' called, and shooting resumes...)
- f) When leaving range activities that are still ongoing, parties should wait for the member in command to call the range "clear", retrieve targets, get agreement on policing brass (or police brass at that time), and case their firearms/bows/equipment.
- g) After (f.), Departing parties can then bring cased firearms/bows and other equipment off the range as active firing resumes. (KEEP EAR PROTECTION ON)

- 2. POSTING TARGETS/DOWN RANGE** –Shooters and other persons shall not handle any guns on the firing line when anyone is down range.

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3. ALLOWED INDOOR RANGE FIREARMS & AMMUNITION –

- a. Rimfire rifles designed only for 22 Short, Long or Long Rifle, 22 WRF, 22 Auto, or 22 WMR may be fired in the Indoor Range. Rifles firing any other caliber shall not be fired in the Indoor Range.
- b. Carbine (rifles) chambered in pistol rounds (e.g. 9mm, .40, .45 ACP, 357, 44 Magnum) are allowed on the indoor range. (Standard specification velocity is allowed – no “hot reloads”)
- c. Handguns chambered in handgun rimfire and centerfire calibers from .22 to .50 are allowed, including 5.7.

4. PROHIBITED INDOOR RANGE FIREARMS & AMMUNITION – The following ammunition shall not be fired in the **Indoor Range**:

- a. Steel jacketed, steel core, or armor piercing rounds
- b. 17 rimfire of any type
- c. Tracer or incendiary rounds
- d. Paintball gun ammunition
- e. 50 BMG handguns are not allowed
- f. Cartridges designed originally for rifles (or shotguns such as the 410).
In addition, some older calibers such as the .44-40, Wildcat cartridges, and other cartridges were designed originally for dual pistol/rifle use. Any cartridge not easily identifiable as specifically designated for pistol/handgun use shall not be used in the Indoor Range unless approved for such by the Range Committee.
- g. **BLACK POWDER PROHIBITED-** No black powder or black powder substitute firearms of any type are allowed on the Indoor Range
- h. Handguns such as the Thompson Contender shall not be fired when configured with rifle-caliber or other prohibited-caliber barrels.
- i. No cartridge shall be allowed on the Indoor Range when it is observed that firing the cartridge results in abnormal damage to the rubber block bullet-stop wall, or results in penetration through that wall and into or through the rear wall of the range (including cartridges originally designed for pistol/handgun use) even if they are fired in pistols or revolvers in allowed calibers.
- j. No fully automatic firearms, shall be fired at the Indoor Range unless they are fired in semiautomatic mode only.

4. NEW CARTRIDGE QUALIFICATION

- a. Members should contact the Range Committee to qualify any round that is in question. Qualification typically entails discharge into a new wall block and validation that it does not penetrate or damage structure behind the block.
- b. If qualified, the Range Committee will update the RANGE Rules to allow the new cartridge.

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5. **ALL SHOTS IMPACT WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREA** - All shots shall impact on the safe zones of the impact wall indicated by lines at the top, bottom, and sides of the impact wall (i.e., Within the area marked with tape, which is usually blue in color.)
6. **SHOTS OUTSIDE DESIGNATED AREA** - If shots are outside the blue line, members are asked to write their key number and date on next to all holes they are responsible for. Members are responsible for their guests' impact outside the designated area and should write their key # to take ownership. Any shots outside the target block wall (without or without a key # & date) shall be reported to the Range Committee, including, but not limited to, any damage to Club property.
7. **RANGE USE/ EXHAUST** - For the safety of shooters and onlookers, there is an exhaust system to help keep the air clean. When Minors are present, use of the ventilation system shall be turned on during shooting. It is strongly encouraged that all shooters use the ventilation system.
8. **FOOD AND BEVERAGE DURING RANGE OPERATION**- Food and drink shall not be brought into or consumed in the Indoor Range during firing due to the likelihood of particulate lead contamination.
9. **INDOOR ARCHERY** - The Indoor Range is open 24 hours a day except during functions, rentals or as otherwise posted.
10. **ARCHERY** - Archery is allowed in the Indoor Range.
 - a. Only field tip arrows shall be used with the Club targets.
 - b. Members may bring and use their own broadhead targets for use with broadhead tips.
 - c. Members may bring and use their own crossbow targets with crossbow bolts.
 - d. Any bows and arrows of any length may be used in the Indoor Range.

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OUTDOOR RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE RULES

STANDARD HF&GC RANGE SAFETY RULES APPLY

1. Any caliber may be fired at the outdoor range. Up to and including 50 caliber BMG.
2. **FULLY AUTOMATIC FIREARMS** are **NOT allowed**. However, if a full-auto firearm has a semiautomatic setting, it may be fired in semiautomatic mode **ONLY**.
3. **HANDGUNS ON THE 50 YR RANGE** – Handguns with a **4-inch barrel length or greater** are allowed on the 50 yard range *only after qualifying*. 50 yard handgun shooting is on firing points 17 and 18 only (that have the steel brow) and always with the specialty purpose pistol bench.
4. **RIFLES ARE PERMITTED** on all three ranges.
5. **TARGETS THAT ARE ALLOWED:**
 - a. Standard paper, cardboard, and reactive targets (i.e. mult-layer targets designed to highlight impacted rounds) are allowed on all ranges
 - b. Other targets that the Club or the Range Committee may specifically approve (e.g.: pumpkins for the Pumpkin Shoot)
 - c. **CLAY TARGETS IN RANGE TARGET HOLDERS ONLY**. Clays are NOT allowed to be placed directly on standing range wooden target structures. Clay targets can be used only in holders made specifically for such targets, such as chloroplast holders, and positioned to avoid standing range structure damage.
6. **TARGETS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED:**
 - a. **NO OFFENSIVE IMAGERY** - targets must be in good taste, e.g. no pornography, images of elected officials, or otherwise offensive images.
 - b. **CLAY TARGETS NOT IN RANGE TARGET HOLDERS** - Clays are NOT allowed to be placed directly on standing range wooden target structures.
 - c. **PERSONAL STEEL TARGETS**. Metal targets other than those provided by HF&GC are prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Range Committee. Use only steel targets purchased by the Hudson Fish and Game Club.
 - d. **Other targets (including explosive targets)** should not be used unless specifically authorized by the Range Committee or General Membership, by vote, either permanently or for a special event.
7. **Shotguns shooting slugs, shall begin at targets on the 25-yard range first.** (Aligns with new, modified, or updated firearms rule 8 on the next page.) Shotguns with rifled barrels are highly recommended and the slugs are to impact within the chloroplast target backer only. Shooters can then move to the 50yd. Once slugs hit the 50 yd target, a shooter may proceed to the 100yd range. If slugs do not impact within the chloroplast backer at 100 yds - immediately stop shooting (the shooter does have the option to return

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to the 50 yd range). Vertical and horizontal wooden target frames should never be aimed at or impacted by slugs (any range).

8. SIGHTING IN FIREARMS - (e.g., new rifles or pistols, or any new optic upgrade)

New or modified firearms will be fired on the 25-yard range first to insure that they are properly and safely sighted in and "on paper" before progressing to the 50 or 100 yard ranges.

LIMITS TO OUTDOOR RANGE OPERATION DURING TRAP -The outdoor range is closed during scheduled trap shoots, or any other time the trap range is in use, such as on Sundays until after trap. The TRAP range officer may permit shooting on the 25 or 50 yard range at his discretion.

9. LIMITS TO OUTDOOR RANGE OPERATION DURING TRAP

The outdoor range is closed during scheduled trap shoots, or any other time the trap range is in use, such as on Sundays until after trap. Trap range officer may permit shooting on the 25 or 50 yard range at his discretion.

10. RANGE OPERATION DURING HUNTING SEASON - The outdoor rifle and pistol ranges shall not be closed for rental or other functions from **October 1st to December 15th** of each year so that hunters may sight in hunting equipment, except that they may be closed during weekly scheduled Trap Shoots and for unplanned repairs or safety issues at the direction of the Range Committee or as specified by a vote of the General Membership.

11. 50 yard AND 100 yard LINES - All shooting **SHALL** be done at or beside benches or **on the cement** at the 50 and 100 yard ranges.

12. FORWARD OF THE 25 yard LINE - **Only at the 25 yard range**, shooters may move forward of the (25 yard) firing line as long as the 50 and 100 yard or trap ranges are not concurrently in use. If the 50 and/or 100-yard ranges are in use, then shooting, at the 25 yard range, shall be limited to the 25 yd firing line only. Shooters are **NOT TO PLACE TARGETS ON or SHOOT VERTICAL POSTS OR CROSS BRACES** that are **HOLDING TARGET FRAMES**. (Use the target frame or cloroplast backerboard only.)

13. COMBAT SHOOTING - Combat shooting (e.g., IPSC style shooting), shooting forward of the designated firing line (other than allowed the 25yd range), shooting at targets not in standard target frames and similar activities are allowed *only* when specifically approved by the Range Committee or the General Membership for special club events, or for approved firearms courses supervised by certified Range Instructors or Range Officers.

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14. **ROUNDS MUST HIT TARGET** - All shooting must be done in a manner that results in every round impacting into the backstop. **DO NOT SHOOT VERTICAL POSTS OR CROSS BRACES.** If a post or cross brace is damaged, notify an RSO or a Range Committee Member.
15. **FIREARMS OPERATION** - All shooting must be done at a speed that allows every round to hit the shooter's target. Shooters that are shooting too fast for every round to hit their target because they lose control of the firearm may be brought before the Disciplinary Committee. The speed of firing will therefore be dependent on the skill of the shooter.
16. **CLUB FRAMES** - Only Club target frames shall be used to hold targets. Shooters shall not set up or use target frames not specifically approved by the Range Committee.
17. **OUTDOOR RANGE FIRING LINE** - There is only one continuous firing line for the 25, 50, and 100 yard ranges. This means that to go down range, a shooter must call a "cease fire" then shooters at **ALL THREE RANGES** must empty their guns and show safe before anyone may go down range.
18. **POSTING TARGETS/DOWN RANGE** - Shooters and other persons shall not handle any guns on the firing line when anyone is down range.
19. **PROHIBITED AT THE OUTDOOR RANGES** - The following shall not be allowed at any of the outdoor ranges (See also Firearms Safety, paragraph 4, page 6):
 - a. Consumption of alcohol or other substances that may impair judgment, coordination, or safety within 6 hours before or during shooting.
 - b. Tracer or Incendiary Rounds
 - c. Armor piercing ammunition, 5.7x28mm ammunition or .17 caliber ammunition fired at steel targets.
 - d. Fast draw (drawing a firearm rapidly and immediately shooting from the hip)
 - e. Shooting from the hip, whether or not accompanied by fast draw.
 - f. Cross firing at targets on another lane
20. **RANGE USE DURING PUBLIC EVENTS OR RENTALS** - The outdoor Trap, Rifle and Pistol ranges shall be closed during rentals or public events that include the Club grounds with the following exceptions:
 - a) Outdoor range use during outdoor public events or outdoor rentals are discussed, planned, and voted on by the general membership when these events are proposed. (Special controls shall also be discussed if the rental occurs during hunting season preparations from October 1st to December 15th. Refer to Outdoor Range Rule 10.)
 - b) For devices used during events that launch non-lethal projectiles or do not have the capability of launching projectiles beyond the confines of the Range berms.

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- c) Jr. Rifle practice (is a semi-public event as non-member juniors are part of the team): Members may, with the permission of the coach or event coordinator, make use of the range or adjacent ranges so long as the requested use does not unduly interfere with the normal operation of the event (i.e. same firing line and avoiding unsafe conditions.)

21. 25 yard STEEL TREE TARGET

- a. All persons shooting steel targets shall wear eye and ear protection.
- b. Shooters can (still) move forward of the 25-yard firing line (see also Outdoor Range Rule 12)
- c. Only .22 rimfire caliber rifles and, handguns firing handgun calibers, and pistol caliber carbines are allowed (9, 40 and 45 caliber - see also Prohibited Ammunition in Outdoor Range Rule 19(b)(c))

22. 100 YARD STEEL TARGET procedure

- a. The steel swinging target stand is placed at the 100-yard range only
- b. No steel core (green tip) or armor piercing rounds shall be used.
- c. No round with a velocity greater than 2800 FPS should be used
- d. Ensure, when hanging, that the steel targets are slightly angled to deflect bullets in a downward direction.

- 23. WHAT STEEL TARGETS CAN BE USED** - Only steel targets sanctioned by the Range Committee are permitted and must be positioned only as specified by the Range Committee.

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SHOTGUN/TRAP SHOOTING RULES

STANDARD HF&GC RANGE SAFETY RULES APPLY

1. Outdoor range hours apply (REFER TO RANGE OPERATIONS SECTION)
2. **SAFE DIRECTION** - Shooters shall keep muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
3. **LOADED ONLY ON THE LINE** - A firearm may only be loaded when on the firing line and must be empty when moving to the next station. Only one round at time shall be allowed in a firearm except when shooting doubles. Then, only two rounds may be loaded.
4. **UNLOADED ANY OTHER TIME** - All shotguns must be unloaded, actions open (other than break actions when in the rack) at all times except when on the firing line.
5. **ATA TRAP RULES** - The Hudson Fish and Game Club abides by ATA rules governing trapshooting.
6. **FINAL SCORE RESULTS** - Decisions by the scorer(s)/referee(s) are final.
7. **IMPLIED RANGE RULE CONSENT** - By entering the Club shoot, the shooter agrees to abide by these rules and the rules of the ATA.
8. **RECORDED SCORE** - It is the responsibility of the shooter to ensure their recorded score is correct.
9. **CALLED LOSS/EOL** - The scorer *may* elect to call (missed) targets or "End of Line" during events.
10. **NEAR MISS** - A *dusted target* (not broken in two or more pieces) shall not be scored as a hit in accordance with ATA rules.
11. **IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF UNSAFE BEHAVIOR** - The Club reserves the right to remove any shooter who is behaving in an unsafe manner.
12. **SHOTGUN and AMUNITION REQUIREMENTS** - The following shall not be allowed
 - a. Guns larger than 12 gauge
 - b. Shell length longer than 2 ¾ inches (no 3 inch)
 - c. Shot larger than 7 1/2 or smaller than 8
 - d. Loads of shot greater than 1 1/8 oz.
 - e. Shotguns without a butt stock or deemed unsafe by the Range Officer
 - f. Shotguns with a barrel less than **24 inches in length**, except that Members only may shoot a shotgun with a barrel length shorter than 24" in length.
13. **CHANGE OF STATION** - No member of the squad shall move to the next station until the last shot in the inning has been fired, and Range Officer calls out "Switch" or "Change Lanes".

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14. **NO ALCOHOL** - No one shall consume any alcoholic beverages on the trap range before or during a shoot in progress. Anyone who is under the influence of alcohol, or, has possession, or is consuming alcohol or an alcoholic beverage, or any other substance that causes or may cause impairment, shall be removed immediately from the Trap Range.
15. **MAINTAIN FIREARMS** - All guns shall be in safe and in good working order as determined by the Range Officer.
16. **LIMITS TO TRAP RANGE OPERATION**- Trap shooting is not allowed when the outdoor rifle/pistol range is in use.
17. **DATE/TIME OF PUBLIC TRAP OPERATION** - Sundays, weather permitting, from date designated by the Range committee to open the trap range to closing of the trap range, is the only designated day that Trap Shooting is open to the Club Members and the public.
18. **MINORS SAFETY EQUIPMENT** - All minors on the trap range that are shooting trap shall wear eye and ear protection.
19. **FEE** - The fee for shooting trap shall be determined by the TRAP committee.
20. **SAFE JOINING/LEAVING ACTIVE TRAP RANGE** – Parties joining the TRAP range when active may uncage, and/or assemble their shotgun in the parking which is considered the “*administrative*” (*and observation*) *area*.
 - a. Shotguns are to remain unloaded in the administrative area.
 - b. Shooters may bring their shotgun on or off the range from the administrative area **ONLY** when the line is called CLEAR (or when commanded “All out” or ‘Rack shotguns’)
 - c. Movement of shotguns on/off the rack while the line is active is not permitted, unless authorized by the Range Safety Officer (or the Member running TRAP.).
 - d. Moving unloaded equipment and ammunition from the administrative area (parking lot) to the picnic table/covered area is allowed at all times. (The picnic table area is considered part of the administrative area.)
 - e. Parties can disassemble their shotgun in the parking/*administrative* area at all times.

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21. **SHOTGUN PATTERNING BOARD** – The PATTERNING BOARD is intended to pattern SHOTGUNS, with TRAP LOADS **ONLY**, to be used by club members or non-members being directly supervised by a member.

Use of the Patterning Board at the shotgun range.

- a. When the patterning board is being used, **STANDARD HF&GC RANGE SAFETY RULES APPLY**
- b. The 100-yard range is closed during shotgun patterning, and the line at the shotgun range is called HOT.
- c. At 20 yards, shoot for point of impact evaluation.
- d. At 35 yards shoot for the circular pattern of the shot where the firearm was aimed at.
- e. **ONLY LEAD SHOT** can be used on the Patterning Board.

OUTDOOR ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. Bows and arrows of any type and length may be used.
2. Field tips shall be used with Styrofoam bullseye or similar targets.
3. Broadheads shall be used only with an acceptable broadhead target.
 - a. 3D targets provided by the Club.
 - b. Broadhead targets provided by the shooting Member.
4. 3-D targets are expensive to buy and maintain so a \$2.00 donation is asked for each day members shoot these targets.
5. There is a \$5.00 per day charge for each non-member who shoots.
6. When shooting archery targets outside, if a shooter misses the target and goes to look for the arrow, the shooter shall lay the target flat on the ground before looking for the missed arrow(s). This alerts other possible shooters that someone is in the impact zone.
7. When shooting archery behind the pond, shooters shall hang the sign up blocking the road next to the dam when shooting so that others know the range is in use.
8. When shooting, an arrow or bolt shall not be placed the bow until the shooter and any others are at the designated shooting spot(s).

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APPENDIX 1 - RANGE OFFICERS

RSO / QUALIFIER LIST (Note: This Appendix is maintained by the Range Committee and is updated as needed.)

(Last update 5/19/2025)

Name	Phone Number	HFGC RSO	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier**	50 yd Pistol Qualifier**
Brian Daniels*	978-770-7371	Y	Y	Y
Brian Dambaugh*	603-305-3929	Y	Y	
Bob Dassler*	603-952-0330	Y	Y	Y
Glenn Della-Monica*	603-553-9371	Y	Y	Y
Steve Deschenes	603-333-4754	Y	Y	
Frank Dion*	978-357-0567	Y	Y	Y
Brian Driscoll	603-886-0930	Y	Y	
William Dutton*	617-594-2194	Y	Y	Y
Gerald Fontaine*	603-459-5622	Y	Y	
Tommy Gilbert*	603-598-7547	Y	Y	Y
Steve Hir*	603-765-4112	Y	Y	Y
Marc Hammel*	603-321-0557	Y	Y	
Steve Hanscom*	603-440-9188	Y	Y	Y
Paul LaFerriere	603-966-7167	Y	Y	Y
Chris Lorenzo* (CRSO)	603-765-2083	Y	Y	Y
Jari Mannisto (Shotgun)	781-354-7589	Y	Y	
Rick Morrow*	603-883-9640	Y	Y	Y
Gary Nalen*	978-973-1325	Y	Y	Y
Steve Schommer (Shotgun)	603-321-3591	Y	Y	-
Kosta Tsouprakus* (CRSO)	978-821-2059	Y	Y	Y
Chris Znoj*	603-714-5894	Y	Y	Y

* NRA Certified – NRA trained to run safe range operations and handle firearms safely as prescribed by HF&GC Range SOP and maintains NRA RSO certification. (Source: NRA Range Safety Officer Course, 5th Edition, August 2006)

** Range Qualifiers - are recognized Club RSO's and who have gone through the qualification process

(Indoor pistol, outdoor pistol/rifle, 50yd pistol), and have agreed to qualify new members.

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APPENDIX 2 – MEMBER DEFINITIONS & CLUB PRIVILEGES CROSS REFERENCE

Club privileges are dependent on the status of the individual. The status categories are:

	No Background Submitted Yet	Background Submitted
Application and Fees Submitted	Applicant	Applicant
First reading scheduled	Applicant	Applicant
First reading completed	Applicant	Prospective Member
Voted in at Third Reading	Applicant	Probationary Member
6 Month Probation and Hours Completed	N/A	Member

Status	Privileges	Earn Hours	Be Range Qualified	Be in Clubhouse Alone	Shoot Alone When Range Qualified	Go Behind Counter	Vote	Hold Office	Handle Club Funds*	
Member		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Probationary Member		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes when Member is present	No	No	Yes under Member supervision	
Prospective Member		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes under Member supervision	
Applicant (application/fees submitted)		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Applicant (1 st Reading Scheduled)		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Applicant (After 1 st Reading)		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes under Member supervision	

*At Club events where money is taken for food, beverages or tickets, Applicants after their first reading, Prospective Members and Probationary Members may handle funds as directed by the event coordinator