



Firearm Range Rules

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- 1 **The following NRA basic gun safety rules shall always be followed, without exception:**
 - a ALWAYS KEEP MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION
 - b ALWAYS KEEP FINGER OFF TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO FIRE
 - c ALWAYS KEEP FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO FIRE
- 2 **All members shall participate in and complete a periodic RANGE ORIENTATION** by a Range Safety Officer or person appointed by the board. Orientation will cover all Club rules, proper handling of firearms, FIRING LINE commands, emergency procedures, authorized targets, and use of the club facilities.
- 3 **Membership cards shall be on your person** while at the range and shall be shown to any member requesting to see proof of membership in good standing. All members while using the range are to **CHALLENGE** (request to see membership card of) any unrecognized people coming onto the range facility. **All members shall** ensure that range rules are followed by everyone. **DO NOT SHARE** your membership card or gate code. This violation will cause immediate expulsion.
- 4 **Authorized Personnel:** The following persons are allowed to fire on the range:
 - a Current members of the Club.
 - b Club member's minor family, relatives or invited guests (2-3 maximum per visit).
 - c Personnel approved by the Range Safety Officer(s) (RSO) on a case-by-case basis, i.e. Sheriff Department, etc.
- 5 **KSC Member Responsibilities:**
 - a All Club members must execute a WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY every year prior to receiving their membership card.
 - b Club members are solely and legally responsible for the conduct and safety of themselves and any family members, relatives, friends, or acquaintances (referred to as guests) that may accompany them to the range. Said Club Member shall further acknowledge and ensure that they have explained all range rules and regulations to all invited guests and that every Club member is responsible for all their guests' actions, safety, and/or wellbeing. The KSC does not accept any responsibility for the actions of Club members, their guests' actions, safety, and/or wellbeing.
 - i A KSC member shall not allow a person under eighteen (18) years of age, guest(s)/or family member(s), to be on the range at any time unless they are under the direct supervision of an adult KSC member.
 - c All shooters are responsible for their guns and ammunition while on the Club property.
 - d Firearms that are out of the case and not being fired must be benched or in a rack (actions open and visible, chambers empty, and muzzles pointing in a safe direction), or made safe and holstered.
 - e Only load firearms on the FIRING LINE. This is a "cold" range. Loaded conceal carry firearms are permitted at the range. If you reveal a conceal carry firearm, all range rules shall immediately apply.
 - f Do not point firearms at anything other than authorized targets.
 - g Fire only at your personal or assigned target.
 - h Anyone may give the command to "Cease Firing" if an unsafe condition exists.
 - i Follow all instructions from the RSO or range officer when present.
 - j **All shooters are required to pick up brass and garbage at each use of range.**
 - k No pets are allowed on the ranges.
 - l REMEMBER, all members using the range must always spin the tumblers on any combination lock, after locking, to not leave the correct combination showing.
 - m Upon arrival at the range, all members and guests **must:**
 - i Sign-in with date, time, caliber, or 3D for archery, **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**
 - ii Wear eye and ear protection
 - iii Sign out with time departing when leaving the range,
 - iv The last person leaving the range will return Sign-in Book to cabinet.
 - n Hearing and eye protection shall always be used while at the range. When shooting steel targets wraparound safety glasses or glasses with side shields **must** be used by everyone in the Pavilion (whether shooter or spectator).
 - i It is highly recommended that wraparound eye protectors (or side shields) always be worn.
 - o Carry guns are allowed on the range, BUT if revealed or unholstered they become a Range Gun and all range rules must be followed. Unholster and holster carry guns ONLY at the firing line.
- 6 **Definitions:**
 - a **Controlled Fire** - Pressing the trigger only after the firearm's sights have made target acquisition.
 - b **Down Range** - Beyond the firing line toward targets.
 - c **Firing Line** - The western edge (target side) of the Pavilion and CPL cement floor. It extends left and right to the berms at the edges of the range.
 - d **Red Line** - The painted red line that runs down the middle of the pavilion and CPL Range
 - e **Shooting Pavilion** - The covered long building with benches and cement floor.
 - f **CPL Range** - Shooting range outside the south pavilion door. Open to all when not in use for classes.
 - g **Firing Line Lights** - Lights ON (red) when range is hot. Lights OFF when cold (no live fire). Lights off means it is safe to go down range. Switch is on post between the 50- and 75-yard rifle range benches.

- 7 **While on the Firing Line:**
 - a All firearms must be pointed down range and below the horizontal (Never point the firearm up).
 - b All firearm actions are to be left open until ready to fire.
- 8 **Firing Line safety:**
 - a All personnel not going down range must move to behind the RED LINE.
 - b **NO** firearm handling in or near the SHOOTING PAVILION if anyone is DOWN RANGE.
 - c Select a shooting position that is directly in front of your target. To minimize ricochets, avoid shooting at any angle that is not directly down range.
 - d Muzzles must be at or over the Firing Line.
- 9 **No firearms are to be loaded with more than 10 (TEN) rounds at one time (regardless of the gun's magazine capacity).**
- 10 **PROHIBITED FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, TARGETS, AND ACTIVITIES:** The Kingsley Sportsman's Club is an urban club and shooting range. As such, it is imperative that all club members, and their guests, be respectful of our neighbors and the Kingsley community. **NO ONE** shall use tactical techniques (i.e., run and gun and/or battlefield type exercises, etc.) at any time while at the Kingsley Sportsman's Club. Remember, we have all club members to protect. It only takes one member to ruin it for our entire club!
 - a No 50 Caliber Browning Machine Gun (BMG)
 - b No fully automatic firearms
 - c No forced-reset or binary triggers
 - d No "Bump Fire" or similar type rifle stocks, firearms, or firearm actions
 - e No tracer ammunition
 - f No armor piercing ammunition
 - g No use of exploding targets (commercial or homemade)
 - h No uncontrolled RAPID FIRE of any firearm (see definition of CONTROLLED FIRE)
 - i No shooting at any target that is sitting on the ground (this is to prevent ricochets)
 - j No shooting at any other item object of any kind that is not listed below as authorized target
 - k Approval or non-approval of other targets will be made by the Club Board.
- 11 **No drug or alcohol use** prior to arriving, or while at range.
- 12 **Noise Suppressors** (legally owned) are approved and encouraged.
- 13 **Range Sanitation:**
 - a Police your brass and place in the containers labeled brass. If you reload you may certainly police your own brass and take it home. All other brass is to remain as club property.
 - b Police your shotgun hulls, used targets & trash and dispose of same in the trash receptacles provided.
 - c It is preferred that members and guests take all items home that you brought to the range, i.e., drink cans and bottles, miscellaneous containers, and food packaging bags and boxes. The club does not have trash disposal service.
- 14 **Range hours:** Please respect our neighbors by not commencing fire for at least ten (10) minutes after all posted start times, and by ceasing fire at least ten (10) minutes prior to the posted end times.
 - a **Spring - Summer hours:** April 1st through September 30th
 - i Weekdays - 9 AM to 9 pm
 - ii Saturday - 10 AM to 7 PM
 - iii Sunday - 12 PM to 6 PM
 - b **Autumn - Winter hours:** October 1st through March 31st
 - i Weekdays - 10 AM to 6 pm
 - ii Saturday - 10 AM to 7 PM
 - iii Sunday - 12 PM to 6 PM
- 15 **Range Capabilities:**
 - a 25-yard Handgun Backstop with movable target stands
 - b 7- to 25-yard Handgun Steel targets
 - c 7-yard CPL Range and Backstop
 - d 25-, 50-, 75-, and 100-yard Rifle and Handgun ranges with steel plates at 50-, 75-, and 100-yards
 - i Rifle range steel plates are rated up to .30-'06 Springfield
 - ii **NO** penetrator-tip or armor piercing rounds to be used on rifle range steel plates
 - e 50-yard Archery Range, 3 lanes, 10-yard flags
 - f 30 target 3D Archery path thru the woods
- 16 **Authorized targets:**
 - a Always place targets in the center of the rubber target holders. **Do not shoot** at or near the cross braces, the upright end posts, or the target number boards!
 - b Official paper targets, silhouette targets (or copies of) and/or paper plates.
 - c Clay pigeons (when attached to the center area of target racks).
 - d Balloons (when attached to center area of target racks).
 - e Steel targets (only Club installed steel targets, no self-supplied steel targets).
 - f Do not shoot shot at the backstops. Use approved shotgun patterning stands.
- 17 **Pistol and Pistol-Caliber Carbine steel plate target limits:**
 - a The steel plate targets are for personal protection handguns and pistol caliber carbines.
 - b The maximum velocity for all handgun ammunition is 1500 FPS (feet per second). Standard 22 rimfire loads are permitted.

- c The following ammunition is not allowed to be used on the steel plates:
 - i Magnum or +P (plus power) loads
 - ii 10mm
 - iii 357 Sig
 - iv FN 5.7×28mm
 - v No centerfire rifle calibers
- d Hand loaded magnum calibers may be used if loaded to less than the maximum of 1500 FPS. If challenged, you may need to have your loads verified with a chronograph.
- e No magnums, heavy hunting loads or handguns designed for long-range hunting.
- f **No centerfire rifles** are to be fired at steel handgun targets. Pistol-caliber and 22 rimfire carbines are allowed.
- 18 RIFLES/LONG GUNS: RIMFIRE, BLACKPOWDER, CENTERFIRE TARGETS:
 - a Official paper targets, silhouette targets (or copies of), or paper plates
- 19 Shotgun Targets / Ammunition:
 - a ~~Clay pigeons use only target loads (7 1/2, 8 or 9 shot) when shooting clay pigeons thrown into the air DOWN RANGE.~~ With the "no blue-sky" project, clays are currently not able to be thrown from behind the firing line. Once a solution is determined the rules will be updated.
 - b All loads approved while patterning gun for hunting - attach paper target to center of target racks.
- 20 **NRA Safety Rules:** (Reprinted from the NRA 2012 Range Source Book, Section 1 Chapter 2, section 2.03.2.1, Gun Handling Rules (pg. 66 of 793).
 - a ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
 - b ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.
 - c ALWAYS KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE.
 - d KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND.
 - e BE SURE THE GUN IS SAFE TO OPERATE.
 - f KNOW HOW TO USE THE GUN SAFELY.
 - g USE ONLY THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR GUN.
 - h WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION.
 - i NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.
 - j STORE GUNS SO THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.

Final Thoughts and Summary

- Keep our club safe and we will all be able to continue enjoying it. Abuse it and the entire club will suffer.
- All safety rules always apply while using the KSC facilities.
- You, the firearm user, or owner, by law, are RESPONSIBLE for every bullet you fire.
- Any violation of these rules may result in loss of your privileges, as the KSC Board deems fitting.
- In the case of any range emergency, call 911 immediately. If possible, have someone wait at Garfield Road to direct emergency response personnel.
- The Club Board reserves the right to expel any member for unsafe actions or violation of these rules.

Emergency and Law Enforcement

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 911 FIRST

Grand Traverse Sheriff non-emergency number:
231-922-4550

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