

Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club, Inc.

Range Rules

Firearms Range Rules

Shooting Hours:

- Skeet – every Thursday and Sunday from 10 am to noon, even during hunting season.
- Sundays – 9am to sunset, even during hunting season.
- Jan 1 –Oct 14 – Daily from 9am to sunset
- Oct 15 – Saturday after Thanksgiving ranges will be closed for hunting Monday through Friday from Sunrise to 11:30am and all day on Saturdays. Ranges will be open for shooting Monday through Friday from noon to sunset.
- Monday after Thanksgiving – Dec 31 ranges are closed for hunting except for Skeet and Sundays as mentioned above.

Please note that the Firearms Ranges will be closed during certain club sanctioned events (sanctioned events are those approved by the Board of Directors).

ALWAYS COMPLY WITH ALL LOGAL, STATE, and FEDERAL FIREARMS LAWS.

All shooters shall know and practice all common firearms safety rules, including, but not limited to:

- Eye and ear protection is required for shooting of any kind.
- Keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed in a safe direction at ALL times.
- Keep the firearm unloaded and action open with visible empty chamber indicators until you are at the firing line ready to shoot
- Load the firearm and close the action only when it is your turn to shoot.
- Firearms **MUST** be cleared and pointed in a safe direction with actions opened and empty chamber indicators in the action when someone must go forward of the firing line.
- No one shall handle a firearm when someone is forward of the firing line.
- Use only the correct ammunition for the firearm.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger and the safety mechanism engaged until ready to shoot.
- If a malfunction of a loaded rifle or pistol occurs: The person having the misfire must call for a cease fire. All firing will cease until the firearm is cleared. Any attempts to clear the firearm **MUST** have the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. (Down range, directed to the impact areas and the ground). **NO ONE** is to go forward of the line while a firearm is being cleared

Handguns are not to be used in the rifle range and rifles are not to be used in the pistol range.

No shooting of glass of any kind or containers under pressure on any part of the ranges

Because of the limited number of stations available, shooters are requested to shoot one magazine at a time in rotation, if necessary.

The appropriate target frames **MUST** be used for each yardage at the rifle range. Failure to do so increases the probability of bullets missing the earth berm.

Steel plates are allowed on the rifle range, but would have to be hanging plates (AR500 or better) and

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DO NOT shoot across shooting lanes as this significantly increases the probability of a bullet bypassing the berm I bullet containment area.

NO non-members are allowed to utilize the firearms ranges unless part of a club sponsored event that is open to the public (i.e. Turkey Shoot; Skeet League, Silhouette League), or as a guest accompanied by a member (see guest policy).

Any minor within the confines of the Firearms ranges shall be under the immediate and direct control and supervision of a parent or guardian

All shooters must sign in and out at the whiteboard at the clubhouse.

Lock Combinations made available to members for access to the ranges are not to be shared. Report any unsafe or reckless behavior at the ranges to a Club Officer.

Please, no littering (use the receptacle) and pick up your brass hulls and leave the area as you found it. If the trash receptacles are full you should bring them to the club house for disposal.

If you are the last person to use the ranges please ensure the gates are locked upon your departure.

Membership cards or pins must be in your possession and shown upon request along with proof of identification if requested. Any member loaning his or her membership card/pin or sharing lock combinations to another may be subject to having his membership revoked.

Absolutely no alcohol or drugs are allowed at the firearms ranges. Anyone found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the firearms ranges is grounds for disciplinary action and risks having their membership revoked.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES!!!

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Archery Range Rules

Shooting Hours: Daily from sunrise to sunset

Note: It is possible that the range will be closed during certain club sanctioned events (Sanctioned events are those approved by the Board of Directors).

Archers may NOT use broadheads at any time on either the standard archery bag targets or the 30 targets. This will destroy the targets.

Absolutely no "sky-drawing"; bows may only be drawn downrange toward the targets. A misfire while "sky-drawing" could cause the arrow to fly in an unintended direction and potentially cause serious injury to someone.

NEVER point a bow/arrow at another person. Before firing an arrow, make sure the area behind the target is clear of any living creatures or objects that could endanger participants or pets.

ALWAYS stay behind other shooters while they are at full-draw.

NEVER shoot an arrow off into the distance where you cannot see where it will land.

If you are shooting wooden or carbon arrows, check them regularly for cracks. If one is found cracked, break it immediately to insure that it cannot be used. Shooting a cracked or damaged arrow can result in serious injury to the shooter.

Wait until all arrows have been shot by all shooters before going downrange to pull arrows.

Do not nock and draw an arrow until everyone is behind the line.

Treat a bow and arrow with as much respect as a firearm. Be considerate of other shooters archers. Practice good sportsmanship and use common sense. No horse play.

If you must look for a lost arrow, place your bow in front of the target so others will know you are behind the target

Treat club property with respect. Please, no littering. Theft and vandalism will be prosecuted.

Do not remove or move targets.

On 3D courses, be sure to stay on the marked path and travel only in the direction in which the targets are laid out while shooting is in progress. Going backwards on the trail or across an unmarked area could place you in the path of a flying arrow, resulting in serious injury.

If during a 3D tournament you need to look for an arrow behind the target please limit the time you take to look. Let faster shooters move ahead.

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When vision is limited for the archers behind your group as you are walking to the next target, tell the group behind you when you are clear.

If the group behind you is shooting faster than you are, and has to wait, courtesy says, "let them shoot through".

After you have finished shooting and are waiting for others, remain fairly quiet and allow them to concentrate on their shooting.

Absolutely no shooting of firearms of any type at the archery range

No non-members are allowed to utilize the archery range unless part of a club sponsored event that is open to the public (i.e. Turkey Shoot, 3D shoot), or as a guest accompanied by a member (see guest policy).

Any minor (16 and under) within the confines of the archery range shall be under the immediate and direct control and supervision of a parent or guardian.

Report any unsafe or reckless behavior at the ranges to a Club Officer.

If you are the last person to use the range please ensure the gate is locked upon your departure.

Membership cards or pins must be in your possession and shown upon request along with proof of identification if requested. Any member loaning his or her membership card/pin or sharing lock combinations to another may be subject to having his membership revoked.

Absolutely no alcohol or drugs are allowed at the archery range. Anyone found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the range is grounds for disciplinary action and risk having their membership revoked

NOCKED ARROWS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION ALL TIMES!!!

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Range and Archery rules as approved by the Board of Directors and a vote at the General Members meeting on February 8, 2011.

Failure to comply with these rules is subject to disciplinary action and/or having your club membership revoked.

I have read and acknowledge the above mentioned rules and agree to abide by them.
Print name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____