



Mercer County Sportsmen Association

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Firearms Range Safety Rules

Mercer County Sportsmen's Association Constitution & Code of Conduct: Section 3 – Range Rules

NRA – 3 Fundamental Rules of Gun Safety

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. ALWAYS keep the action open and firearm unloaded until ready to use.

NRA – Rules for Safe Use and Storage of Firearms

1. Know your target and what is beyond it.
2. Know how to use the gun safely.
3. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
4. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
5. Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
6. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
7. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
8. Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

MCSA Range Specific Rules

1. All members who wish to use the ranges are required to attend safety training and sign a waiver form prior to use of the range facility.
2. Range safety cards must be carried at ALL times when using the ranges. Your range card shall be presented when asked for verification.
3. If a shooter refuses to leave the range as instructed by an officer or trustee for violations of range rules, the Board of Trustees will determine, in as expedient of a manner as possible, whether the member's club membership should be suspended or revoked based on findings of an investigation conducted by the Board of Officers & Trustees.
4. Deliberately shooting upright posts, target holder frames or baffles will not be tolerated.
5. Deliberate disabling of surveillance or security equipment will not be tolerated.
6. Club members will not, under any circumstances, lend their club or range-entry credentials to anyone.
7. .50 BMG centerfire rifles cannot be shot on any range.
8. Fully automatic rifles and pistols, bump stocks or any device being capable of firing at a high rate of speed are strictly prohibited.
9. Use of incendiary or incendiary tracer ammunition, cannons, Tannerite or any exploding targets is strictly prohibited.
10. Infractions observed by shooters must be immediately reported to a Range Officer, Trustee or Board Member.
11. If at any time, range structures are damaged or in disrepair, shooting activities shall be suspended until such repairs can be made to render the range safe.
12. Absolutely no rapid fire will be allowed. This is more than 1 shot per second. All shots must be aimed and controlled shots.
13. All firearms must arrive to the range with an empty, open chamber.
14. Eye and hearing protection are recommended for shooters and spectators as appropriate.



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15. Rifles larger than .22LR are not permitted on the 7 yard pistol range.
16. Shotgun shotshell patterning and shotgun slugs are permitted on all stations of Ranges 2 and 3. Handguns capable of shooting both shotshell and pistol rounds (Ex. Taurus Judge/S&W Governor) are permitted on all stations of Ranges 1, 2 and 3.
17. Any time a cease fire is called, all shooting shall cease immediately. No handling of firearms shall occur during a cease fire for any reason. After the cease fire has been called, the strobe light, along with the buzzer (horn) located at each range must be activated during the duration of the cease fire. This is to notify everyone that a cease fire has been called.
18. Paper and cardboard targets are the only authorized targets used on MCSA range unless authorized by the Board of Trustees. Approved targets shall be positioned on the front of the rubber target holder surface away from wooden target holder frames.
19. No targets of any kind will be permitted to be shot while being placed on the ground.
20. Members are responsible for ensuring the firing area used by the club member and their guests is cleaned up prior leaving the area. This includes removing targets hung down range.
21. No shooting will be permitted from beyond the concrete shooting pad/firing line.
22. Members may be held responsible for the costs of any repairs caused by negligent actions.
23. Spot checking for adherence of range rules will be done on a random basis.
24. Rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
25. Range shooting hours are from 9:00am to sunset or 9pm whichever occurs first.
26. Special activities (Ex: YouthFest, Beginners Day, etc.) Range closure will be communicated via the club's Facebook and website page.
27. Please park vehicles in designated parking locations only.
28. Questions, comments, or concerns should be directed to any Officer or Trustee.
29. Membership cards shall be carried with the Member at all times while using the facilities and shall be presented when asked for verification of membership. Those failing to present a current membership card will be asked to leave the grounds. This is for the safety and security of our membership and club grounds.
30. Before bringing a guest to MCSA firearm ranges, members shall ensure their guests ability to understand and willingness to follow instructions. Members are permitted to bring multiple guests to the ranges, but only 1 guest may be on the firing line at a time with the member at the same shooting station.

Violations of any range rules will be grounds for discipline up to and including:

- a. Verbal Warning
- b. Immediate/Extended Suspension from the Range
- c. Revocation of Club Membership

FOR EMERGENCY: CALL 911

Location: Mercer County Sportsmen's Association, 6876 Anderson Road, Celina, Ohio 45822
(Across from Midwest Logistics on State Route 703)

As soon as possible following the emergency call, contact an Officer or Trustee.

Non-emergency: Call an Officer or Trustee