

CANANDAIGUA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.
RIFLE / PISTOL RANGE SAFETY ORIENTATION

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ALWAYS OBSERVE THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FIREARM SAFETY

ALWAYS keep the muzzle pointed in a safe (downrange) direction.

ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until you are ready to use it.

ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

ALWAYS wear eye & ear protection. (Guests included)

_____ The Canandaigua Sportsmen's Club is a **COLD** facility. This means carrying loaded firearms anywhere except on the appropriate ranges is **PROHIBITED**. This includes the clubhouse, the parking lots, and the area behind the shooting ranges. Exceptions:

1.) Loaded carry guns allowed on club property if kept holstered until at the firing point.

2.) Members who are hunting on club property may carry loaded firearms when in the field.

_____ Firearms may be handled only on the appropriate ranges or in the safe area provided (no loaded firearms or ammo in safe area). Firearms are not to be handled behind the ranges under the roof and must never be handled behind the ranges when others are using any of the ranges. When transporting guns from the vehicle they must be cased or holstered (or carried with action open) until you are on the range you will be using.

_____ Used cardboard targets and knock-down steel targets are available in the shed closest to the road. The combination to the lock is _____

_____ Paper targets and club authorized steel targets are the ONLY targets that may be used on club ranges. This specifically excludes: glass of any kind, soda cans, clay pigeons, spent cases, milk / water jugs, etc.

_____ Cardboard or paper targets may be used on any of the ranges. Wooden bases and uprights are available for use as movable target stands. Users must provide a stapler.

_____ Shooting on all ranges **MUST** take place from a position forward of the rearmost end of the side berm(s).

_____ **IT IS UNSAFE TO PLACE TARGETS ON ANY RANGE IN A MANNER THAT WOULD CAUSE A SHOT OR RICOCHET TO PASS OVER THE TOP OF ANY BERM.** On all ranges targets should be placed as close to the rear berm as possible and the center of the target should be just below eye level.

Such care taken in target placement should prevent allowing rounds to pass over the top of any berm or to ricochet off the ground and (possibly) pass over a berm. Before shooting, assess where the round will impact after passing through the target. The impact area should be approximately half way up the berm. **IT IS UNSAFE TO PLACE TARGETS AT GROUND LEVEL.** Doing so could cause ricochets which might result in injury.

_____ The range farthest to the east (farthest from the clubhouse) is commonly known as the Mover range and is a **handgun only** range. Only paper or cardboard targets may be used on this range, placed as previously described.

_____ The center range is commonly known as the Plates range. Either paper or steel targets may be used on this range. Paper or cardboard targets should be placed as previously described using wooden target bases and uprights. Steel targets may only be placed on the stationary plate racks and are only to be used for handguns.

Steel targets may be shot with handguns only. This specifically excludes all rifles and shotguns and also excludes handguns chambered for rifle cartridges (Thompson Contenders, etc.). Shooting steel plates with rifle rounds or shotgun slugs will damage the plate and could cause injury to the shooter.

There are two sets of steel knock-down targets that may be used. One set consists of 8" plates which are intended to be used with center fire handguns. These can be used with .22 rimfire but may not fall over with such a light load.

The second set of plates are 5" in diameter and are to be used with **.22 rimfire ONLY.** Shooting these plates with centerfire ammunition will damage the surface of the plates creating the possibility of injury to the shooter or bystanders.

Distance markers on the floor of the Plates range denote 10, 15, 20, and 25 yards from the plate racks. **Under no circumstances should steel plates be engaged from closer than the 10 yard line. DOING SO MAY CAUSE INJURY TO THE SHOOTER OR BYSTANDERS.**

Using the rope provided, attached to the arm of the plate rack, will allow the shooter to reset the plates without having to walk downrange.

The range farthest to the west (closest to the clubhouse) is commonly known as the Rifle range and may be used for rifle, shotgun, or handgun. Only paper or cardboard targets may be used on this range.

When using the rifle bench targets may only be placed on the permanent target holders. Do not shoot any other targets from the bench. Placing single targets, centered on the holders, will prolong the life of these target holders. A bridge downrange allows access to the farthest target holders. Sandbags for rests are hung on a hook on the post to the rear of the bench.

If this range is used from a position other than the rifle bench the targets should be placed as previously described using the wooden target bases and uprights. **EXTREME CAUTION must be used in target placement on this range due to the distance from the firing point to the back berm.**

Please return all equipment to its proper place after using. Please remove paper targets after shooting and place in burn barrels. Please pick up spent casings and either place in brass barrels or take them from the range. Please keep the ranges free of trash and litter. If you do not it will find its way into the neighbors yards.

The ranges are open for use from **9am -dark.** The rifle range is closed while the Sporting Clays course(s) are in use (Wednesday 3pm -9pm and Sunday 9am -2pm). Organized shooting events sponsored by the club will have priority over individual range use. A calendar of events is posted to the rear of the Rifle range and by each door to the clubhouse.

All persons using the range must display a club membership badge with the orange sticker attached. Observed use by unauthorized persons or observed inappropriate use by members should be reported to the Club Manager or one of the Officers of the club. Try to get the person's name. If that is not possible, get a vehicle license number.

I have read and understand the above guidelines for use of the Canandaigua Sportsmen's Club, Inc. rifle and pistol ranges and agree to abide by the restrictions described herein.

_____ Date: _____

Sign off _____