

**STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION
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RANGE RULES**



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Of the
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GENERAL RULES OF RANGE USE
THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL RANGES:

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. NO loaded firearms are allowed to be on Club property except when in use at designated ranges. Safely unload all firearms in the Club parking lot upon arrival. Exception: law enforcement officers while on duty in their jurisdiction.
3. NO shooting allowed outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset except by permission of BOD and notification of the E. Bridgewater police the beginning of the season of the night shoot.
4. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on All firing lines* for All shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.
5. NEVER shoot a firearm on Club property except on a designated range, and then only from the designated firing lines.
6. No automatic weapons of any kind are allowed on any range.
7. Range Officers are in charge of the ranges at all times. In their absence, any member of the Board of Directors will serve as a temporary Range Officer, and in the absence of a Director, every Member should act as a range safety officer.
8. During shoots or matches, and even when practice shooting is in progress, **ALL** participants MUST follow the directions of the range officer in charge.
9. All firearms MUST be unloaded and holstered; or in a rack, on a bench or in a case when not being used. When being handled or displayed, all firearms must be unloaded and their actions SHALL be opened. Exception: law enforcement officer on duty.
10. All firearms must ALWAYS be pointed in a safe direction, down range.
11. Place targets on the wood strapping of pistol and rifle ranges, NOT on poles or support frames. Targets MUST be placed directly in front of the bullet traps on the pistol and rifle ranges, except when patterning shotguns or cowboy shooting.
12. No one is EVER to go down range while ANY firearm is loaded, or in hand.
13. NEVER fire at poles of range back stops or overhead deflectors or baffles.
14. If a person needs to go down range he MUST notify the range officer and the other shooters and WAIT until all have unloaded. Then leaving the actions open, bench or ground all firearms and step back and the range is declared "clear".
15. Leave all firearms unloaded and placed down on the bench, with actions open, when on the firing line AT ALL TIMES while any person is down range.
16. DO NOT handle another person's firearm without their permission.
17. Persons SHALL NOT use intoxicating beverages or drugs on ranges or be under the influence of ANY mind altering substance prior to or during the use of firearms or archery equipment or weapons of any kind on Club property.
18. Guests MAY NOT use ranges unless accompanied by a host adult member
19. Members can supervise two guest shooters on the line, one if they are shooting as well.
20. Junior members MUST NOT use ranges unless supervised by an adult member.

21. Armor piercing, tracer ammunition, and all fully automatic firearms are PROHIBITED, as are also the use of glass targets, and NO paintballs on all ranges and anywhere on club property.
22. ALWAYS clean up range areas after use.
23. Infractions of any of these rules will be just cause for the suspension or cancellation of range privileges and/or termination of Club membership by the Board of Directors.
24. (*Firing lines Definitions) - Rifle range = on the enclosed cement pad; Outdoor pistol range = on the concrete pad; Trap range = inside the fence; Skeet range = within the shooting stations and the white stake; Indoor pistol range = anywhere and everywhere inside, when in use with firearms of any kind; Cowboy = as may be designated, on the day of supervised practice or an organized shoot.
25. Cell phones will be in "off, quiet, mute or vibrate" modes on all active ranges
26. The BOD requests shooters refrain from the use of any tobacco products, including smoking, vaping, and chew on all active ranges.

NOTE: ON ALL RANGES the rules of safety and proper firearms handling should be practiced until they become second nature and are never out of mind. They MUST always be observed AT ALL TIMES. If in doubt --- ASK SOMEONE!!! Accidents don't just happen! They are caused by ignorance - carelessness - or disregard for safety procedures.

AND REMEMBER: HORSEPLAY ON ANY RANGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

INDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES

- 1 Safety is and must be our first concern at all times
- 2 Eye and ear protection MUST be worn at all times while in the range; on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers
- 3 Firearms MUST be unloaded when not being used and stored as follows; benched/grounded, holstered, in a rack or in a case, or on a gun rug.
- 4 Firing on the indoor range is permitted 24 hours a day, seven days per week unless the range or the Club house has been reserved for a specific purpose and time (e.g., pistol team, any Club meeting or event, private member use, etc.) as determined by the Board of Directors and the Membership.
- 5 The Indoor range exhaust fans MUST be used at all times, and BOTH doors leading into the club meeting room MUST be kept closed, when shooting.
- 6 Firing of all standard handguns up to and including .45 caliber, using ammunition of the midrange variety is allowed. (The use of "hot" loads; those exceeding standard factory specifications, is NOT permitted.) No "birdshot" cartridges allowed.
- 7 The only rifles allowed are .22 rimfire or smaller. No rimfire jacketed magnum rounds for rifles, are allowed. NO Thompson Contenders allowed except for those firing standard pistol cartridges.
- 8 Rimfire jacketed pistol (including magnum) ammo fired from appropriate pistols/revolvers is allowed in the pistol range
- 9 No more than two black powder pistols are allowed to be used in the pistol range at any one time. No black powder rifles allowed.
- 10 Air Rifle, BB's, and Pellets are allowed in the pistol ranges and all range

rules apply.

- 11 Targets must be placed at the full 50-foot distance when fired on except for the two manual target lanes #5 and #6. In these lanes the targets must be set at least 25 feet downrange. All bullets fired MUST land IN bullet traps.
- 12 Firearms SHALL be kept on or above the table at all times. IDPA or IPSC guidelines will follow after ongoing research and testing is concluded.
- 13 Shooters must sit or stand by the shooting table. Do NOT move back. There is NO shooting across lanes.
- 14 Members and their guests shall NOT occupy more than TWO firing positions if any club members are waiting to shoot.
- 15 Members are expected to ALWAYS pick up any brass or debris they may create and dispose of it in proper containers.
- 16 Members are expected to ensure that any guests they invite onto club property adhere to ALL rules and regulations of THE STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION. Violations of these rules and regulations by a member's guest will be considered as a violation by the member.
- 17 Before moving down range, the warning light and buzzer must be activated.
- 18 When the RED SAFETY LIGHT and/or buzzer is turned on, immediately UNLOAD all firearms, leaving the actions OPEN, put them DOWN on the table and step back out of the shooting station. Shooters can then go down range to fix targets, clean range, etc., When the range is declared "clear".
- 19 ONLY paper or cardboard targets may be used on the indoor range, no larger than 18"x24". Metallic or breakable targets are NOT allowed at any time.
- 20 ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
- 21 HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.
3. NO shooting outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset.
4. Safely operating pistols and revolvers of any caliber may be fired.
5. Firearms MUST be unloaded when not being used and stored as follows; benched/grounded, holstered, in a rack or in a case, or on a gun rug..
6. Targets MUST be placed on frames or backing boards in front of bullet traps. NEVER place targets on top of ties below the range back stops.
7. The only rifles allowed are .22 rimfire or smaller. No rimfire jacketed magnum rounds for rifles, such as, .22 WMR, .17 HMR, or .17 WSM are allowed. NO Thompson Contenders allowed except for those firing standard pistol cartridges.
8. Targets must be at the FULL 50 FOOT distance when fired on, unless using the provided rebar hooks, and then only when hanging no closer than from the third baffle downrange of the firing positions.
9. Shooters must stay by the shooting table. Do NOT move back to fire, and there is no shooting across lanes.
10. Firearms SHALL be kept on or above the table at all times. IDPA or IPSC guidelines will

follow after ongoing research and testing is concluded.

11. When anyone needs to go downrange, they must notify the Line, wait until ALL shooters on the firing line UNLOAD all firearms leaving the actions OPEN, put them DOWN on the bench and step back out of the shooting stations and the range is declared "clear"
12. Members and their guests should NOT occupy more than TWO firing positions if any club members are waiting to shoot.
13. Be respectful of our close neighbors' peace and quiet and refrain from excessive rapid fire.
14. The range will be closed during any Club meetings and during other events as voted by the Board of Directors or the Membership.
15. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
16. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

OUTDOOR RIFLE RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.
3. NO shooting outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset.
4. Firearms MUST be unloaded when not being used and stored as follows; benched/grounded, holstered, in a rack or in a case, or on a gun rug.
5. Center fire rifles and shotguns may be loaded with up to 10 rounds at one time. This means that a 16, 20, 30 or 50 round center-fire rifle magazine may be loaded with up to TEN rounds ONLY. You may have more than one magazine loaded at a time. (This rule does not apply to rim fire pistols and rim fire rifles.) Also, be respectful of our neighbors' peace and quiet and refrain from excessive rapid fire.
6. Targets MUST be placed on frames in front of the bullet traps at 25, 50, 75 and 100 yards with the exception of shotgun patterning see #10. NEVER place targets on top of poles or traps and NEVER fire at the poles of range back stops.
7. The open shooting windows in the rifle range enclosure act as baffles to keep your muzzle down, below the backstop. They are designed this way to keep shots from going off range. ALWAYS use the cable and hook provided to open the shooting window. NEVER prop the window open higher than the cable and hook will normally allow.
8. Before moving downrange, the warning light and buzzer MUST be activated. When activated, immediately UNLOAD all firearms, leaving the actions OPEN, put them DOWN on the table and step back out of the shooting station.
9. The downrange facing door of the rifle range enclosure may be opened and used for standing, sitting, kneeling or prone shooting. NO shooting is allowed OUTSIDE of the shooting station enclosure, (except during authorized, scheduled and supervised Cowboy shooting, during which the Rifle Range will be closed). Always keep your muzzle DOWN and on Target while firing standing or prone, or in any other position.
10. When patterning shotguns, you may use a wooden frame such as the one stored behind the left-hand 25 yard bullet trap. For this purpose ONLY, the target frame may

be set up centered on the open door, in the middle of the range. ONLY birdshot may be used when patterning shotguns in this manner. Shotgun slugs MUST be fired into the bullet trap.

11. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
12. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

TRAP & SKEET RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, observers, etc.
3. NO shooting outdoors before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset. Lighted night shooting may be allowed, but only with special permission from the Board of Directors; annually, seasonally or as may be appropriate and necessary. East Bridgewater police will be notified at the beginning of the night time shoot season or individual special shoot approved by the Board of Directors.
4. The Skeet range may NOT safely be used by one person alone. To utilize this range safely requires at least one puller/scorer and one or more shooters.
5. Safely operating shotguns of any gauge may be fired on either range.
6. No lead shot larger than #7 1/2 is allowed on the Trap range, and **only steel or nontoxic shot, not larger than #7 is allowed on the Skeet range.** Only shotshells with stated velocity for Target use are permitted.
7. Load ONE round ONLY in shotgun except when doubles are designated.
8. Keep action OPEN until it is your turn to shoot, and carry guns safely.
9. Do not call "Pull" until you determine that all are ready on the Trap firing line; nor until the puller, scorekeeper and other squad members are in safe 6 ft back and 6 ft to the side positions behind the Skeet firing lines.
10. All shooting MUST be kept between the Trap foul lines downrange, and/or between the houses on the Skeet range (and mind the white stake).
11. Do NOT go downrange until ALL shotguns have been unloaded and benched or racked
12. Pick up all your spent shells/hulls, but ONLY after all firing is completed in that round by ALL members of the squad, on both the Trap and Skeet ranges.
13. All range gear must be carefully stowed back in the Trap house and trailer, or in the Skeet houses, when done shooting.
14. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
15. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

COWBOY STYLE SHOOTING - RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing lines* for ALL shooters, timers, spotters, coaches, instructors, scorekeepers, waddies and any observers, inclusive, while anyone is still shooting.

3. NO shooting allowed before 10:00 a.m., and NO shooting after sunset.
4. Organized Cowboy practice sessions will be conducted on the officially scheduled and designated Saturdays (or other days), between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm (not including immediate and reasonable set-up and take-down time).
5. Cowboy Practice may be conducted ONLY under the close supervision of a qualified Cowboy Range Officer, designated by the Cowboy Shooting Committee, who shall serve as the Club's official Range Officer during such practice.
6. Unless otherwise voted, all shooting equipment, ammunition, practices and procedures will conform to SASS rules and regulations. Applicable Club range safety rules will apply as usual, and Specialized Club rules may replace some SASS rules during organized practice sessions.
7. All organized practice will be set up downrange, at the end of the outdoor Rifle Range. Staging, Safety and Shooting tables will be used for all stages and evolutions. A warning sign will be placed to inform any others arriving, that the range is closed to all other shooting during the Cowboy practice session (which will include the necessary take down time, immediately following).
8. Authorized Cowboy Shooting targets may include steel plate, wood, cardboard, clay or plastic targets, generally placed no higher than shoulder height. Popup shotgun targets will be the only exception. Glass targets are prohibited.
9. When leaving the downrange area of the rifle range, all shooters will be responsible for picking up any debris they may have created and leave the target frames in the traps as they were originally set up.
10. All Cowboy shooters will assist Committee members and volunteers in carefully stowing range gear back in the designated storage areas before leaving.
11. Individual practice in the doorway, using Cowboy type firearms and normal procedures that conform with regular Club Range Rules may be shot on regularly allowed targets or on 16x16" non metallic targets set up in front of/in the existing 25 yard bullet traps, at any time as allowed by the regular range rules.
12. This range may be closed, with advance notification, during Club events as voted by the Board of Directors and the Membership.
13. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
14. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
2. Do not nock your arrow or cock your bolt until you are on line and you are about to shoot.
3. All bow shooting MUST be done from the marked firing lines only.
4. No broadhead arrows allowed except on designated broad head targets.
5. Do NOT go downrange until ALL bows have been safely put down and the call of "clear" is given.
6. All range gear must be carefully stowed back in the designated room, locker or cabinet when done shooting.
7. This range may be closed, with advance notification, during Club events as voted by

the Board of Directors and the Membership.

8. When firing from 90 feet (30 yards) the bottom half of the Dutch door into the clubroom must be kept closed and the top half kept open. This is to allow people to see into the range and prevent them from walking in front of shooters at 90 feet.
9. Crossbows with target bolts are permitted on the archery range.
10. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
11. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

OUTDOOR/FIELD ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. SAFETY IS AND MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN AT ALL TIMES.
- 2 An arrow may be nocked but the bow not drawn nor a crossbow cocked until you are sure of your target and background, and you are ready to shoot.
- 3 All outdoor bow shooting MUST be done from the marked firing lines only.
- 4 All field bow shooting MUST be done from the marked trail points, in the target lanes only.
- 5 Crossbows will be allowed on the Indoor, Outdoor and 3-D courses/ranges but not on the field archery range to protect those targets
- 6 No broadhead arrows allowed except on designated broadhead targets. Outdoor archery targets may not be moved, except the broadhead target, which must be put back in its original position when done.
- 7 Do NOT go downrange until ALL bows have been safely put down and the call of "clear" is given.
- 8 Any range gear utilized must be carefully stowed back in the archery trailer or other designated place when done shooting.
- 9 This range may be closed with advance notification during Club events as voted by the Board of Directors and the Membership.
- 10 ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
- 11 HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

3-D ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. All archery range rules will apply to those participating in the 3-D events.
2. Follow all rules of the Tri-County 3-D association as published in the yearly rule book. In case of conflict with Standish Rules, Standish Rules will apply with final determination made by the 3-D committee chair
3. ALL OTHER APPLICABLE GENERAL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
4. HORSEPLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

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