

## **RANGE RULES FOR OIL CAPITAL ROD & GUN CLUB, INC**

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### **GENERAL RANGE RULES**

1. Ranges are for the use by members and escorted guests ONLY. Members are responsible for the actions and close control of family and guests.
2. No uncased guns may be touched or handled under the range cover, or in any up-range location, while anyone is down range.
3. No person shall walk forward of the firing line to shoot unless all persons present on an individual range agree to allow this.
4. No cross shooting. Your bench must be in line with your target. Shoot only proper targets attached to the club's target holders. Bullets shall not hit the wooden target supports or target numbers. Bullets must impact the BERM below the horizontal midline, but ABOVE the toe of the BERM. Do not shoot glass, tin cans or trash.
5. Coming to or from the firing line, guns are to be unloaded and completely clear of ammunition. Unless shooters on the line are firing, guns must be racked, or cased, or the action open (i.e.; unloaded, magazine out) or as ordered by the Range Master during a sanctioned event.
6. Before going down range, call for a cease-fire, and verify this with every other shooter at the firing line. During a cease fire, guns will be fully unloaded, actions open, and magazines removed from firearms.
7. No full auto fire. The use of devices/means to produce simulated full auto fire is not permitted. Tracer, explosive, or incendiary ammunition or targets are prohibited.
8. When more than one member is on the range, those present appoint a Range Officer to give "commence fire" and "cease fire" commands. All members are always responsible for safe facility use and must take immediate action to stop an unsafe situation.
9. No alcohol is permitted on the firing line. No one impaired by alcohol, drugs or medications is permitted to use the ranges.
10. Always control your muzzle. Point your muzzle at the impact berm during loading, unloading, or when making adjustments or repairs.
11. Proper containers are required for powder, primers, and the like. Smoking under the range cover is not permitted in the presence of black powder or other flammables.
12. Unsafe use of guns is never permitted. Members must correct any observed unsafe situation and must report damage/unsafe conditions to the appropriate chairman (see list of officers and chairmen inside the front cover of any Target.)
13. Clean up after yourself. Put all "Dud" ammunition and used targets in the trash can.
14. Use of properly fitting eye and ear protection is required for all persons on the firing line, beyond the signed points. Eye protection to be worn when going downrange even if range is under ceasefire. (Board 11/2014)
15. Shooting hours: 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after sundown. Shooting is also permitted until 10pm under adequate artificial lighting.
16. Event chairman controls the range during club-sanctioned events. The Chairman will try to accommodate casual members' use of ranges during events when possible.
17. Report any form of vandalism or destruction of club owned property immediately to the board of directors. (see list of officers and chairmen inside the front cover of any current Target.)
18. Steel targets must be of factory grade quality and must be reactive (i.e. move or fall when hit.) Steel targets that are excessively pitted or cupped may not be used. During casual practice, shooter must be at least 10 yards away from the nearest steel. Spectators must be at least 15 yards away from the nearest steel.

19. Steel targets during practice are to be set within 1 yard of club target frames, except on Pistol Left & Right. Shooters and bystanders are at risk of being hit by lead fragments and bounce back when shooting metal targets. Do so at your own risk!
20. Any firearm loaded with birdshot may not be fired at the club's whiteboard target holders at any time. Slugs or buckshot (size 0 or larger) may be fired at whiteboard target holders.

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### SPECIFIC RANGE RULES FOR THE 100/200 YARD RIFLE RANGE

(General range rules also apply)

1. ***Use of the Red/Green Warning Light System is required at all times the range is in use, regardless of the number of users.*** Red lights mean cease-fire, no touching/handling of uncased firearms. Firearms already cased may be moved to or from the range cover area. Green lights mean it's OK to handle firearms and shoot. System switches located at Range Center Bench #18/19 and at exterior Bench #1.
2. Targets must be posted only on the club's target holders at 25, 50, 100 yards and 200 yards. Special club-provided target holders may be posted during special events. For casual member use, the club may provide special target holders to be used at specific distances.
3. No pistol or revolver with a barrel length less than 4" may be used on this range.
4. Shooters on the range must ensure that everyone is back from downrange before the Warning Light System status is changed and the "Commence fire" command is given.
5. Target numbers **MUST NOT** be used as targets.

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### ALL WEATHER SHOOTING BUILDING BENCH ROOM RULES

(General range rules also apply)

100/200YARD RANGE RULES APPLY

1. Room lights in bench room must be *ON* while room is in use. Please turn off lights when you leave.
2. Red/Green warning light system ***MUST*** be used. System switches located at Range Center Benches #18/19 and at exterior Bench #1. No handling of uncased firearms during red light conditions.
3. Target Carriers are visible from the AWSB for 25, 50, 100 and 200 yards. Shoot **ONLY** from benches that are in line downrange with the yardages available for that bench.
4. West range access gate is for facility maintenance use only. General range access is through opening between bench #35 and east side berm.
5. Gun muzzle must project *OUTSIDE* building *BEFORE* FIRING.
6. No smoking inside the bench room at any time.
7. Lead pots and *ANY* flame sources are not allowed in bench room.
8. Muzzleloaders: Beware of overhead lights, use caution when loading. Use only official targets and range distances.
9. Clean and sweep up after yourself. **PLEASE TURN OFF HVAC UNIT AND CLOSE THE WINDOWS AND DOORS, IF YOU ARE THE LAST ONE TO LEAVE.**

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### SPECIFIC RULES FOR PISTOL RANGES RIGHT & LEFT

(General range rules also apply)

1. Target stands and other equipment MAY NOT be removed from the pistol range. Target stands are to be used with wooden lath only.
2. All steel targets shall be placed within 20 yards maximum of the north berm

**Do not shoot the fabricated sidewall or match props marked "NO TARGET". Steel targets must be set to avoid impact of splatter or impacts on walls.**

3. All metal targets must be reactive (i.e.; they must move or fall when hit) and must be positioned at right angles to the line of fire. Shooter and bystanders are at risk of being hit by lead fragments and bounce back when shooting metal swinging targets. Do so at your own risk!
4. All rounds must be directed into the north berm.
5. Keep muzzle pointed at the north berm while loading, unloading, adjusting, or repairing guns.
6. Shoot from up range of the 40-yard line ONLY when the other half of the range is not occupied. No high power rifle fire is permitted from any distance, when the other half of the range is OCCUPIED.
7. Never shoot from beneath the Pistol Range Pavilion Structure, including the covered porch.

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### **SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE 50-YARD RANGE**

General range rules apply

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### **SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE 25-YARD RANGES**

(General range rules also apply)

1. Do not shoot the sidewall or allow bullets passing through targets to impact the sidewall. Steel targets must be set to avoid impact of splatter on sidewalls.
2. On 25 Yard Bays, steel targets shall be placed within 1 yard of club-provided targets. Shooter and bystanders are at risk of being hit by lead fragments and bounce back when shooting metal swinging targets. Do so at your own risk!

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### **SKEET AND TRAP FIELD RULES**

(General range rules that are not metallic cartridge specific also apply)

1. Nothing larger in diameter than # 7 steel may be used on the skeet and trap fields.
2. Action of gun is to remain open while at the facility, except when it is your turn to shoot.
3. Gun MUST NOT be loaded until you are on a shooting pad.
4. Load no more than 2 shells at skeet stations 1 through 7 or trap doubles. Load no more than 1 shell at skeet station 8 or trap singles.
5. No hulls are to be PICKED UP off the ground during a skeet or trap round.
6. Do not walk in FRONT of the low house or trap house bird door window while the release mechanism is in the hands of the puller or while machines are running.
7. No one, other than authorized members, may adjust machines.
8. Turn off power to trap machines and release the bird throwing arm when shutting down the field before leaving the area. Secure all doors before leaving.
9. Members can use a manual target thrower with any clay targets, including fallout field picked up targets. Targets to be thrown toward Club fallout area. If new club targets used they will be paid for at the current rate for club target rounds. (Oct 2019)

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**SPECIFIC PROCEDURE TO ALLOW FIRING FROM  
NON-STANDARD POSITIONS ON THE TRAP AND SKEET FIELDS**

1. This procedure is in effect even if only one shooter is present.
2. A colored line will be stretched from the Southwest corner of the low skeet house forming a perimeter around the non-standard positions and attached to the Southeast corner of the high house. All firing positions must be within the perimeter of the tape. This procedure may also be used to encompass two adjoining fields.
3. If skeet fields 5 and 6 are being used simultaneously for firing from non-standard positions, a tape must attach to the Southwest corner of low house 5, forming a perimeter around the non-standard positions and attach to the Northeast corner of the trap bldg. Another tape must be attached to the Northwest corner of the trap bldg., forming a perimeter around the non-standard positions and attach to the Southeast corner of high house 6. All firing positions must be within the perimeter of the tape.

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**5-STAND RULES**

(General range rules that are not metallic cartridge specific also apply)

As of this edition, the 5-Stand Field is under an agreement with a third-party provider. Use of this field is restricted to events conducted under the direct supervision of the provider. The field or equipment is NOT AVAILABLE for casual shooting.

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**SHOTGUN PATTERNING BOARD**

1. Birdshot of any size permitted. No buckshot or slugs.
2. Warning: BEWARE OF RICOCHET! Shoot at your own risk.
3. Eye and ear protection is required down range of the instructional sign.
4. Lead shot only at steel plate.
5. Lead or non-toxic shot at welded wire board.

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**ARCHERY RULES**

1. Shoot only at 3-D targets or target butts using field points or target points. No broadheads are to be shot at any club-provided target system.
2. No carbon arrows with outserts are allowed (these damage the targets when removed).
3. No crossbows are to be shot at target butts (the arrows are so short that they become buried in the target and the target is torn apart to remove them).
4. No firearms are allowed on the archery ranges at any time.
5. Remember safety is everyone's business. Never shoot when someone is down range. Always use common sense and courtesy when using the ranges.

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### **LAKES AND MARSH RULES**

1. The lake and marsh are private property. Use is restricted to Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club members and accompanied guests.
2. Drive and park only on gravel surfaces; physically challenged are exempt from this rule. Absolutely no vehicles are allowed on the pond dam.
3. NO SWIMMING.
4. To preserve scenic beauty, handrails and fences are not provided so use caution. Trashcans are not provided, so carry out everything that is brought into the area.
5. Do not approach or fish near any wildlife nesting area (i.e.; the islands) stay at least 20 yards away.
6. Do not introduce any fish, wildlife, or plants. Do not transplant fish among OCR&GC lakes and marshes.
7. No unattended boats or fishing devices. Boats must be carried from the established parking area. No motors allowed.
8. Feed only the fish.