

## **Mansfield Fish & Game Protective Association, Inc.**

# **Range Rules**

**The following Range Rules are posted in the clubhouse and on the ranges.**

1. When the phrase or command "CEASE-FIRE" is heard on a range shooting must immediately STOP. Each shooter must keep their firearm pointed down range, move their trigger finger off the trigger and wait for further instructions.
2. When the range is in use by any group or class, other members may shoot on the same range with the group's consent.
3. All actions must be open at all times unless the shooter is ready to fire or the firearm is either holstered or cased.
4. No shooting at glass targets (bottles, etc.) anywhere on the club grounds.
5. No shooting of cans anywhere except the designated plinking range, which is on the 50-yard line at the extreme right of the 50-yard range, next to the berm. Bottles or glass items are NEVER to be used as plinking targets.
6. Plinking is allowed only in the designated plinking area (see above). No plinking objects may be placed on target stands or on the ground.
7. No one is permitted in front of the firing line while firearms are being handled or shot.
8. No object should be thrown in the air or placed on the ground to be shot at with bullets, slugs or shot. The throwing of clay targets, either manually or using a device, to be shot at with a shotgun using the appropriate shot is allowed. If a clay target is manually thrown the thrower must be behind the person shooting.
9. If a shooter cannot keep all shots on the target, the distance to the target must be reduced. Anyone continually missing the target will not be allowed to shoot without instruction.
10. Non members may sight in or shoot only as the guest of a member or with a range officer present.
11. Only appropriately sized paper, steel or clay targets are permitted on the range (except in the designated plinking area). Targets must be placed such that the final trajectory of the round will result in the round hitting the down range berm. Under no circumstances are targets to be placed such that the final trajectory of the round results in the round leaving the range.

- 12.** In case of firearm malfunction (misfire, hang fire or squib load), the shooter **MUST** wait for 30 seconds, (**KEEPING THE MUZZLE POINTED DOWNRANGE**) before attempting to open the action or ejecting the round.
- 13.** The range must be declared **COLD** and the yellow indicator lights must be **ON**, where available, before proceeding downrange.
- 14.** No one is permitted to salvage lead without the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 15.** When shooting on a range has been stopped and the range is going to be made **COLD** all firearms shall be unloaded and either holstered or placed upon the shooting bench with the actions open. All members and guests shall immediately wait behind the yellow safety line until the range is declared **COLD** and the yellow indicator lights have been turned on, where available. Only after the range is declared **COLD** may members or guests proceed forward of the red firing line. The range will remain in a **COLD** status until all members and guests return to the yellow safety line. No handling of firearms is permitted during this time. Once everyone has returned from downrange and is behind the yellow safety line the range may be declared **HOT** with a consensus of “**ALL**” personnel on the range. At that time the yellow indicator lights, where available, will be turned off.
- 16.** Shotguns are to be patterned in the plinking area only.
- 17.** Shotgun rules:
  - a.) Load only when on shooting station.
  - b.) Open the action and clear the gun before leaving the station.
  - c.) Keep the muzzle pointed downrange at all times.
  - d.) Club owned target stands may **NOT** be used for patterning shotguns.
- 18.** No Member or Guest may fire a Class 3 Firearm (machine gun) on the Association’s ranges unless each possesses a current, valid, Massachusetts Resident License to possess a machine gun and has been approved according to the Policy Regarding the Use of Class III/Title II/NFA Firearms and Devices.
- 19.** The Board of Directors **MUST** authorize any exception to the Range Rules in writing.

**REMEMBER:**

When anyone is downrange, firearms may not be touched or handled for any reason! Firearms must be **EMPTY**, Handguns may be holstered or on the shooting bench. All firearms will have their actions locked open, and the magazines removed. There are **NO** exceptions to these safety rules.