

## **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 given on any of the ranges, shooting must immediately STOP. All shooters must keep their firearms pointed downrange, move their trigger fingers off their triggers, and wait for further instructions.
- 2.** Unless otherwise noted on the club’s official online calendar, the 50yd or 100yd range will not be closed for the exclusive use of any group or activity. All members should make every effort to accommodate each other and enjoy the facility equally.
- 3.** All firearm actions must be open at all times unless the shooter is ready to fire or the firearm is either holstered or cased. The use of chamber flags is encouraged, especially during group events.
- 4.** No shooting at glass targets (bottles, etc.) is EVER permitted anywhere on the club grounds. Bottles or glass items are NEVER to be used as plinking targets and all plinking is to be done on the 50-Yard range only. No plinking objects may be placed on target stands or on the ground unless within 5 feet of the base of the berm, and all plinking targets must be placed at the base of the berm. If rounds are hitting the ground when trying to hit plinking targets then the targets must be raised.
- 5.** It is permissible to move the firing line closer to the berm with the consent of all shooters present. If done on the 100yd range, then the lighted sign and strobe indicators MUST be used to indicate that the firing line has been moved forward. If the firing line has been moved forward, then NO handling of firearms from the pavilion is permitted.
- 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 fired upon with bullets, slugs or shot. However, the throwing of clay targets, either manually or with a device, to be fired upon with a shotgun using the appropriate shot (No larger than #7) 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 from the shooter to the target must be reduced. Targets may be placed at any distance from the shooter. 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 in such a manner that the final trajectory of the round will result in the round hitting the downrange berm. Under no circumstances are targets to be placed in such a manner that the final trajectory of the projectile results in the round leaving the range.

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12. In case of firearm malfunction (misfire, hangfire or squib load), the shooter **MUST** wait an appropriate amount of time, (**KEEPING THE MUZZLE POINTED DOWNRANGE**) before attempting to open the action or ejecting the round.
13. The range must be declared **COLD** and the **RED** indicator lights must be **On** before proceeding downrange on both the 50yd And 100yd Range.
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, magazines removed, and the muzzles pointed downrange. All members and guests must immediately stand and wait behind the yellow safety line until the range is declared **COLD** and the **RED** indicator lights have been turned on. Only after the range is declared **COLD** may members or guests cross the yellow line and proceed forward of the red firing line. The range will remain in a **COLD** status until all members and guests return behind 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 persons on the range. At that time the **RED** indicator lights will be turned off.
16. Shotguns are to be patterned on the 50Yd range only and club target stands are not to be used for this activity. Members and guests patterning their shotguns should bring their own target materials.
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, the magazines removed and the muzzles pointed downrange.

There are **NO** exceptions to these safety rules.