

# Plymouth Rod & Gun Club Outdoor Range Rules

*All range users, guests and observers must read and follow these rules if they wish to use the Outdoor Range.*

**Violation of these rules could lead to termination of range privileges or/and including club membership.**

## General Range instructions:

1. The outdoor range is not open to the public but is available to members who have completed the range orientation.
2. Anytime you use the range, you must raise the **RED** range sign located on the fence, indicating that the range is active. Please do not park in front of the fence leading to the outdoor range.
3. The gate to the range is to be locked at all times.
4. Membership cards must be shown on request from any other valid card carrying members.
5. Members may bring their guests to the range but must directly supervise these guests whenever they are loading, unloading, firing, or otherwise handling a firearm.
6. Members and guests must sign-in and pay range fees before using the range. Current range fees are \$2/members and \$6/guests. Fees should be placed in a signed envelope and placed in the box located in the range house.
7. Lanes 2 through 11 (covered with a grape arbor designed to keep stray bullets on the range):
  - a. Target stations are provided:
    1. 25 ft in the sand: Lanes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,11
    2. 50 ft - overhead hanger
    3. 25 yards in the sand
    4. 50 yards in the sand
  - b. 50-yard target frame is provided for all locations listed.
  - c. No other target frame is allowed in this area.
  - d. No shotguns are allowed in this area – it is destructive to targets and the grape arbor.
  - e. No moveable skids allowed in this area.
8. Lanes 12 through 20 (rifle range):
  - a. 100-yard target frames for the 100 yard location.
  - b. 200-yard target frames for the 200 yard location.
  - c. Special shotgun target frames can be used on Lanes 12-20.
  - d. There are 4 moveable skids in which you can mount the above mentioned target frames at locations starting at 50 feet.
  - e. Handguns are not allowed on Lanes 12-20.
9. Paper targets may be attached to the target frames with staples or pins. Shooting at ANYTHING other than paper targets on the frames provided by the club is strictly prohibited!!
10. The following are **PROHIBITED** on this range:
  - a. Automatic firearms
  - b. Tracer and armor piercing ammunition
  - c. “Fanning”; “quick draw”; “hip shooting”
  - d. Cross range shooting
  - e. No smoking; no drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed on the range at any time.
  - f. Illegal drugs of any kind are not allowed on the range at any time.
  - g. No pets or animals of any kind are allowed on the range.
11. Persons under the age of 19 must be directly supervised at all times.
12. All misfired rounds should be placed in the appropriate misfire container located behind the line.
13. If a **CEASE FIRE** is called on the range or if firing is suspended, clear your firearm of all ammunition, open the action, lay the firearm on the bench, table, or in the gun racks, and step away from your firearm(s).

14. If you are using the range while it is under the control of a range officer, obey their instructions at all times. The first person on the range is in charge (i.e. Range Officer).
15. Report any rule infractions or accidents to members of the Outdoor Range Committee or any club officer. Check the bulletin board for contact information.
16. If someone is seriously injured, dial 911 (telephone available in range house) for help and provide assistance. After the situation is under control, record the names of people present and report the incident to the range committee or other club officers. All injuries of any kind should be reported.
17. When you are finished target shooting:
  - a. Clear firearms and secure
  - b. Clean up brass and put them in the containers provided for brass. Steel casings, aluminum cases, polymer cases, and shotgun cases can be thrown in the general trash.
  - c. Put away your target frames.
  - d. Sign-out.
  - e. Lock doors and gates behind you as you leave.
  - f. If you are the last to leave, lower the **RED** range sign indicating that the range is no longer active.

### **Basic NRA GUN SAFETY RULES:**

1. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep your firearm unloaded until ready to use.

### **GENERAL SAFETY RULES:**

1. **Eye and ear protection is mandatory** for everyone on the range, except when down range.
2. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
3. Know your target and what is beyond your target.
4. Keep firearms unloaded, actions open, and pointed in a safe direction until ready to fire.
5. Never turn your back or head to the firing line with a loaded firearm in your hand, or a firearm that has misfired.
6. Call "**Cease fire**" immediately in a loud and clear voice and turn on the red lights if:
  - a. You see anything unsafe on the range or behind the shooting line.
  - b. You see any MOVEMENT OF ANY KIND in front of the firing line (i.e. people, animals – wild or domestic) anywhere on the range or if you see any movement up in the tree lines.
  - c. You see or know of anyone on the range who has been drinking or has been using illegal drugs, or if you recognize any other unsafe activities or behavior.
  - d. You see anyone mishandling a firearm or discharging a firearm in an unsafe manner. (i.e. NO cross range shooting or "hip shooting").
  - e. You observe any inappropriate behavior on the range.

### **Before going down range or forward of the RED SAFETY FIRING LINE for any reason:**

1. Always call out "**Cease fire**" in a clear and strong voice and visually make sure that all fellow shooters on the range heard you.
2. Always make sure all firearms are unloaded and made safe with actions opened and placed down on the bench, table, or in the gun racks.
3. Always turn on the red safety lights.
4. Always stay alert down range and remove all ear protection so that you can hear.

ABOVE ALL ELSE: use common sense, safety first; talk with all other range users in the spirit of the "Golden Rule".