



Country Pond Fish and Game Club, Inc.

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A National Rifle Association Affiliated Organization

Range Rules

A. HOURS OF OPERATION

REVISED

1. **Shooting on a closed range could endanger lives and is strictly prohibited.**
2. Closure times for all ranges shall be listed in the Club calendars and on the Club website.
3. The **Outdoor Rifle/Pistol Range** is open to Members from 09:00 to one-half hour after sunset.
Exceptions: All day on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and periodically for Club sanctioned events, e.g. Outdoor Pin Shoots, Cowboy Action Shooting Matches, and .22 Rimfire Plate Shoots.
4. The **Indoor Pistol Range** is open to Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Exceptions: periodically for Club sanctioned events, Monthly Meetings, and whenever the Main Hall is being used for meetings, dinners, classes, etc.
5. The **Outdoor Archery Range** is open to Members from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Exceptions: periodically for Club sanctioned events.
6. The **Indoor Archery Range** is open to Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Exceptions: periodically for Club sanctioned events.
7. The **Trap Range** is open to Members from 09:00 to one-half hour after sunset.
Exceptions: during regularly scheduled Trap events and leagues, and periodically for Club sanctioned events.

2 Jul 2015

B. GENERAL FIREARM RULES

1. Muzzle direction is key! Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction. Never sweep any person with the muzzle of your firearm, whether open or closed, loaded or unloaded. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow a projectile to leave the range. | 3 May 2012
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep your firearm unloaded with the action open until ready to use.
4. Be sure of your target and what's beyond it.
5. All firearms actions must remain open except while actually aiming and firing, when holstered, or when cased. Never leave a firearm unattended with the action closed. | 3 May 2012
6. Know where others are at all times. Be mindful of adjacent areas and act accordingly.
7. Know how your firearm operates before attempting to use it.
8. Be sure your firearm and ammunition are compatible.
9. Do not mix ammunition calibers and/or gauges when shooting. When using more than one firearm, use one at a time. When finished with that firearm, secure it and its ammunition before using the next one.
10. Do not handle any firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are down range.
11. No loaded firearms may be handled away from the firing line. | 3 May 2012
12. Do not fire any round before ensuring that the range has been cleared for live fire.
13. Wear ear and eye protection while on any shooting range.
14. Designate a Range Officer when none is present or assigned. The first person to arrive on the range shall act as Range Officer until an Authorized Club Range Officer is present. | 6 Feb 2014
15. Obey all Range Officers' commands.
16. Authorized Club Range Officers have final authority about the use of all Club ranges. | 6 Feb 2014
17. All shooting shall be done from the approved firing line, except during certain Club sanctioned events.
18. Shoot only at authorized targets. | 6 Feb 2014
Exceptions: Authorized Club Range Officers and Instructors may utilize non-standard targets of their choice when engaged in training or coaching sessions.

19. Member's Club badges must be displayed on the Member's person when using any range, other than at Club events open to the public.
20. All persons under 18 must supply a Liability Release form signed by their parent or legal guardian and must be accompanied by an adult Member at all times when on Club property. | 1 Oct 2015
21. A range log shall be maintained on the Indoor Range. This log shall list the Members name, badge number, the time the Member logged in, the range(s) used, the time the Member logged out and the date and day of the week. All Members shall log into the range log before using any range.
Exceptions: Members shall not be required to sign in for scheduled leagues or events open to the public.
22. Guests
- a. All nonmembers, including immediate family (spouse and children under 18), are considered Guests. | 5 Jun 2014
- b. If a Member brings a guest, the Member shall enter the name of the guest in the Range Log under Member's name and the town of residence in the badge number space. The word "guest" is insufficient. For guests who are immediate family, the words "SPOUSE", "SON", or "DAUGHTER" may be used instead of town of residence. | 5 Jun 2014
- c. All guests must complete and sign a Liability Release form and deposit it in the appropriate file box upon entering Club property. | 1 Oct 2015
- d. Members may host no more than three guests at any one time, but any guest must be accompanied by the host Member at all times when handling firearms or shooting on any range. Guests must relinquish shooting lanes to Members if there are not enough lanes for everyone to shoot. | 14 May 2012
- e. No person may be a guest more than three times per year. This limit shall not apply to guests who are immediate family. | 5 Jun 2014
23. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on any Club range at any time. Mixing alcohol or drugs with shooting activities is unsafe. Anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol on Club property is prohibited from operating any machinery or power tools, or handling firearms , bows, or crossbows. | 14 May 2012
24. No fully automatic firearms and no rapid-fire or bump-fire devices are allowed on any Club range at any time. | 3 May 2012
25. Firearms will not be taken down range unless carried in a holster designed for that firearm.
26. Members are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their guests. Police your brass and trash into the appropriate containers when done shooting. | 3 May 2012

27. Smoking is prohibited in the Main Club building. This includes the Indoor Ranges.
28. Additional Rules and Procedures may be in force during specific activities, events, leagues, etc. Any such items will be prominently posted.
29. The practice of shooting when drawing from a holster is prohibited, except under the direct supervision of an Authorized Club Range Officer. | 6 Feb 2014

C. ADDITIONAL INDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES

1. While using the Indoor Range, the door to the outside must be kept closed and the exhaust fan must be turned on.
2. Use the correct target hangers. In most cases, red hangers should be used up to 25 feet and black hangers from 25 to 50 feet. However, due to sagging support cables, shooter height, shooting stance, or firing position, this may not always be the case. Always use a hanger that will allow bullets passing through the target to impact approximately midway up the backstop. | 6 Jun 2012
3. Only paper targets no larger than 21" by 21" may be used. | 6 Feb 2014
Exceptions: targets used for special sanctioned events, with an Authorized Club Range Officer present.
4. Only lead, jacketed lead, plated lead, or frangible bullets are allowed. All other bullets, including, but not limited to, incendiary, exploding, solid copper, armor piercing, tracer, steel jacketed, or steel core ammunition, are prohibited. | 3 May 2012
5. The use of any ammunition more powerful than commercially available .44 Magnum is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the .500 S&W, .454 Casull, and .480 Ruger.
6. All rifle and shotgun ammunition, except Rimfire cartridges, is prohibited, even if fired from a handgun. These include, but are not limited to, the 5.7x28mm and .30 Carbine cartridges, as well as so called .410 "Handgun" or .410 "Personal Defense" ammunition. | 28 Jan 2014
7. All centerfire rifles and carbines are prohibited, regardless of cartridge or caliber. The only rifles or carbines allowed are those chambered for .22 Short, .22 Long, or .22 Long Rifle.
8. Air, pneumatic, or CO₂ powered pellet guns, firing lead pellets only, are allowed. No darts, BBs, or steel shot may be used at any time.
9. For health reasons, no food or drink is allowed on the Indoor Range. | 3 May 2012
10. Shooting Black Powder or Black Powder substitutes (Triple 7, Pyrodex, etc.) on the Indoor Range is prohibited | 1 Feb 2017

D. ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE RULES

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| 1. While shooting on the Outdoor Range, the doors must be kept closed. | 3 May 2012 |
| 2. Ground level targets are prohibited. | 3 May 2012 |
| 3. Clay pigeons placed on the bottom half of the backstop berms (not the small berms used to protect the target frames) are acceptable targets. Clay pigeons placed in plastic target holders, commonly known as “bird boards” or “Pigeon Hold Targets”, are allowed, as long as the plastic holders are attached to standard Club target frames, or to a shooter supplied target frame whereby the clay targets are positioned approximately as they would be if using a Club target frame. | 21 Apr 2016 |
| 4. When not in use, all firearms must be unloaded and either holstered, cased, or placed in the provided racks with actions open. | 1 Aug 2013 |
| 5. With Club provided target frames, shotguns may only be used when firing <u>slugs</u> , as shotshells containing bird or buck shot will destroy the frames. Anyone wishing to use bird or buck shot must use their own personal target holders. Any such holders must be approximately the same height as Club target frames. Anyone found shooting at Club target frames with birdshot or buckshot shall be fined \$20 per target frame shot.
The Club has a Patterning Board for use when patterning shotguns with bird or buck shot. Any Member of the Trap Committee has access to this item, and will set it up adjacent to the Trap Range for Club Members on request. | 2 Jul 2015 |
| 6. No human appearance or silhouette targets of any nature whatsoever shall be used on any Outdoor Range, except during a Club sanctioned activity or event. | 3 May 2012 |
| 7. Rapid fire shooting with centerfire rifles or pistols shall be restricted to two to three round bursts. Sustained rapid fire is not safe, as the inevitable muzzle climb may cause rounds to impact at the top or even above the backstop berm, and is prohibited. | 21 Apr 2016 |
| 8. Regardless of type, all targets must be positioned in the area shown in Figure A (see Appendix), at the 25, 50, or 100 yd berms only.
Approved targets include:
(1) paper targets attached to Club target frame backers; or
(2) targets attached to shooter supplied target supports of similar size and construction to Club frames (See Rule D-11). These may include paper targets, balloons, empty cans, empty plastic bottles, or other items that will allow a bullet to easily pass thru without being deflected in any way; or
(3) targets used in Club sanctioned events or activities; or
(4) targets as specified below, used solely in the manner described. | |

STEEL PLATES

Steel plate targets may not be rigidly mounted; they must be free to swing or move on impact. Hanging plates must be supported in such a way that the target face is initially angled downward by no less than 10°. Steel plates must be placed in the area shown in Figure A, at the 50 or 100 yd berm for any centerfire rifle caliber, or at the 25, 50, or 100 yd berms for centerfire pistol or any rimfire caliber.

COMMERCIAL REACTIVE RESETTING STEEL TARGETS

Targets similar to those shown in Figures B1 to B4 (see Appendix), positioned as shown in Figure A, are approved for use at the 25, 50, and 100 yd berms.

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| 9. Glass items, pressurized containers, and targets constructed of any material that shatters on impact, or that cannot be easily and completely removed from the Range after being shot, are specifically prohibited. | 2 Jul 2015 |
| 10. Shooters shall personally police and remove all target debris before leaving the range. If you bring it in, you must take it out. | 2 Jul 2015 |
| 11. Shooter supplied target supports, referenced in Section D-8 (2) above, must be constructed of wood and indelibly marked with the name and membership number of the shooter. Any shooter constructed target support system may make use of the fixed Club target frame bases, but Club target bases shall not be moved or modified in any way. | 2 Jul 2015 |

E. ADDITIONAL TRAP RANGE RULES

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| 1. All firearms must be unloaded and racked when not in use. | |
| 2. All firearms must be carried to and from the firing line with actions open. | |
| 3. A firearm may have a round in the chamber when the shooter is standing at their station on the line, but the action may not be closed and the firearm may not be mounted to the shoulder until it is the shooter's turn to fire. | 14 May 2012 |

F. ADDITIONAL ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. No firearms of any kind may be shot on the Indoor Archery Range.
2. No broadheads shall be used except on targets specifically designated for their use.
3. As crossbow bolts will completely penetrate the Club provided backstops, no crossbow shall be used, except with specifically designated targets capable of capturing crossbow bolts without pass through.

APPENDIX

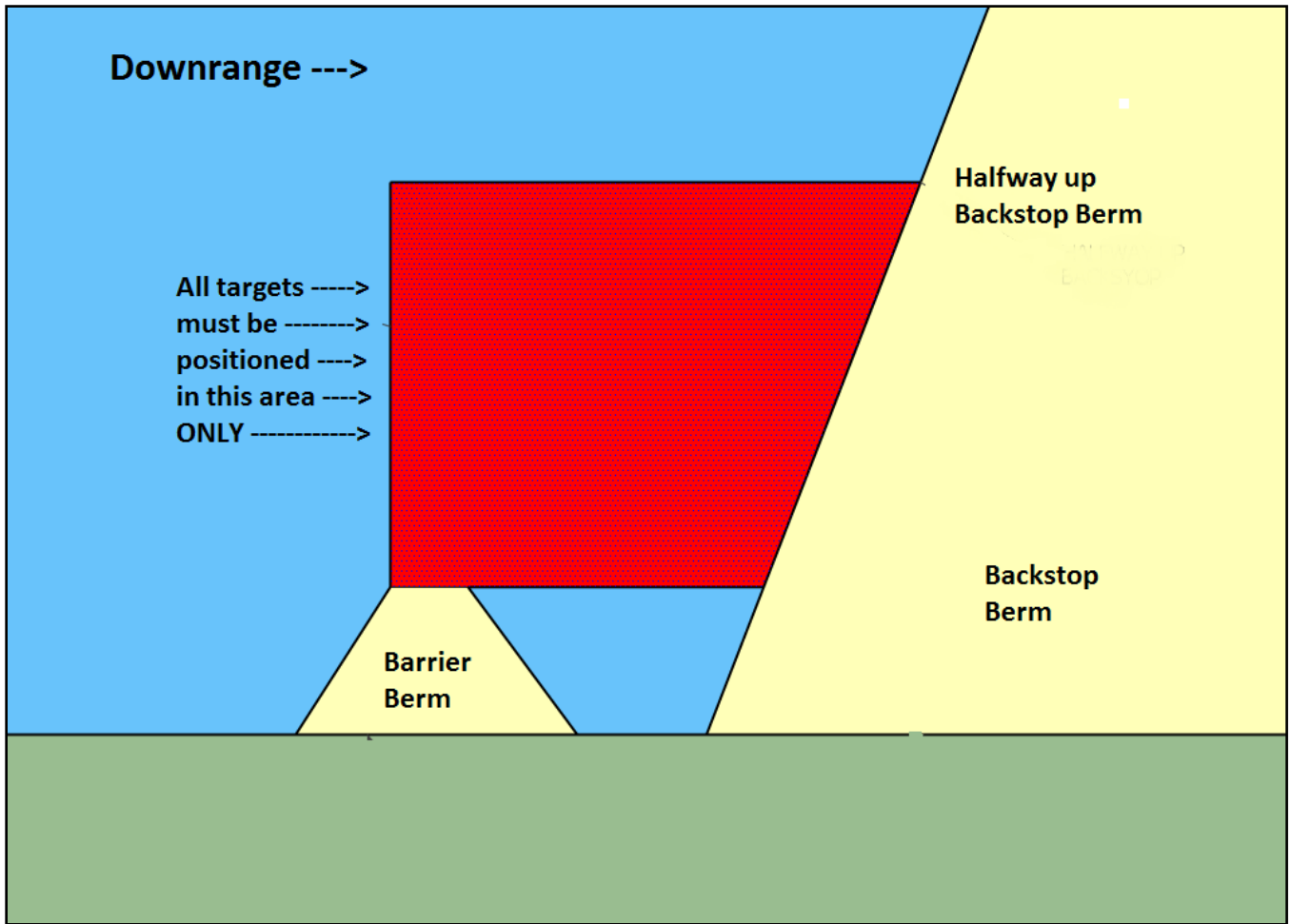
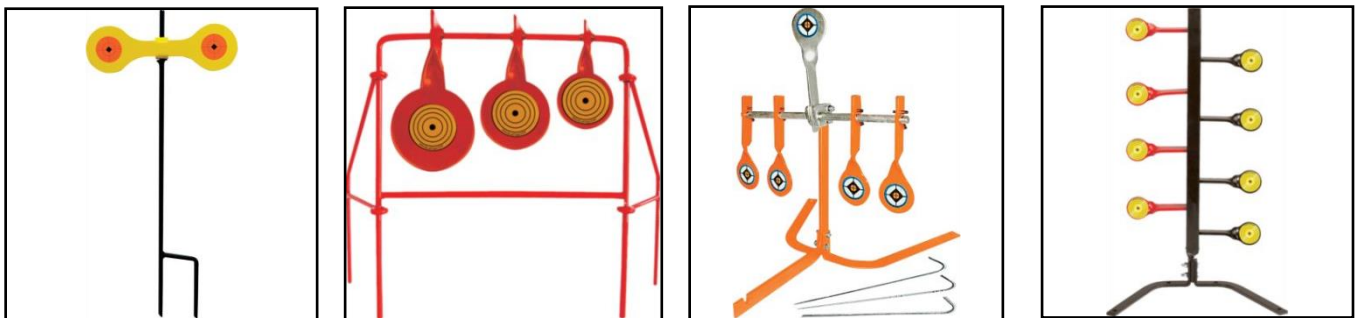


Figure A



Figures B-1 – B4

Revision History

1 October 2015

Revision History Section added

Section B.20 changed and read:

All persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult Member at all times to shoot on any range.

Section B.22.c changed and read:

All guests must complete and sign a Waiver of Liability form and deposit it in the appropriate file box before entering any Club Range.

21 April 2016

Section D-4 changed and read:

When not in use, all firearms must be unloaded and racked with actions open, holstered, or cased.

Section D-8 changed and read in part:

STEEL PLATES

Steel plate targets may not be rigidly mounted; they must be free to swing on impact. Plates must be supported in such a way that the target face is initially angled downward by no less than 10°. Steel plates must be placed in the area shown in Figure A, at the 100 yd berm for any rifle caliber shooting, or at the 50 or 100 yd berms for pistol caliber shooting. Steel Plate targets may not be used at the 25 yd berm.

1 February 2017

Section C-10 changed and read:

Shooting Black Powder on the Indoor Range is prohibited.
