

NRA Gun Safety Rules

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

A **safe direction** is a direction in which no injury or damage will occur as a result of an unintentional discharge

On our range the safe directions are **straight up** and **toward the backstop**.

Every time you pick up a gun or hand a gun to someone else, keep your finger off the trigger and point it in a safe direction, engage the safety if possible, remove the magazine, and open the action and check the chamber to ensure that it is empty.

Never accept a gun from someone else unless they have opened the action and checked the chamber. And then check it yourself!

Load and unload with the muzzle pointed toward the backstop. Load and unload **at the firing line only**.

When using or storing a gun, always follow these NRA rules:

- Know your target and what is beyond. Think first. Shoot second.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions (i.e. muzzleloaders).
- Before cleaning your gun, make absolutely sure that it is unloaded. The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.

**Danville Conservation Club
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Danville Conservation Club – Range Rules and Policies

General Range Use Rules:

1. NO RAPID FIRE! (Faster than one shot every three seconds is not allowed.)
2. Slow Fire ONLY! (Wait three seconds between shots.)
3. Slow Fire ONLY! Violation is a \$50 fine. Second offense is loss of membership.
4. No armor piercing, tracer, incendiary, or similar ammunition allowed.
5. All projectiles must go into the backstop directly behind the target at which they are fired. Targets must be placed against a backstop.
6. No Full-Auto Guns Allowed. Even if set to semi-auto/single shot.
7. SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED. Refer to rules #1 and #2.
8. Revolvers, Pistols, Shotguns, Muzzleloaders, and Rifles are allowed on this range, except 50BMG or similar cartridges.
9. NO ALCOHOL or intoxicating substances allowed on the Club premises or Range.
10. Ear and eye protection must be worn by all shooters and spectators.
11. All shooters must use the same firing line.
12. Load and unload only on the firing line, and only when the line is “hot”.
13. Case and uncase gun only on the firing line, and only when the line is “hot”.
14. No shooting when cars are known to be traveling on the Club driveway.
15. Close the gate behind you and scramble the combination on the lock. You are not required to lock yourself in; you may use the clasp on the chain. Lock up when you leave and scramble the combination.
16. No Swearing. Keep your language family friendly.
17. Clean up after yourself. Police brass (use the brass bucket), throw away trash.
DO NOT THROW LIVE OR MISFIRED AMMUNITION IN THE TRASH.

Targets:

18. Only paper targets are allowed. Do not shoot bottles, cans, golf balls, clay targets, reactive targets, fruit, etc. (See rules #20 and #21 for exceptions.)
19. Targets must be secured to a target holder no larger than 30” x 30”.
20. Targets must be placed directly in front of the backstop and low on the berm.
21. Silhouette animals or steel “swinger” targets specifically designed for .22 caliber rimfire cartridges are allowed, with the following stipulations:
 - A. Steel targets and backstops may ONLY be used at the appropriate silhouette backstop locations, 40m, 60m, 77m, and 100m.
 - B. ONLY .22 Short, .22 Long, .22 Long Rifle rimfire ammunition is allowed.
 - C. ONLY Standard Velocity ammunition is allowed. No High- or Hyper-Velocity (stinger) rounds may be used while shooting steel targets.
 - D. Targets must be placed within a steel backstop measuring at least 24” x 24” with a minimum thickness of 3/16” and angled no more than 45° from the ground.
 - E. Eye Protection is MANDATORY.
22. Self-healing rubber swinger targets may be used at the 50ft. and 75ft. backstops for pistol, .22, and .17 caliber rimfire cartridges. Due to the risk of a bullet bouncing back, steel targets are not allowed at the pistol backstops!

Backstops and Benches:

23. No cross-firing (shooting from one lane to another). Please use the shooting bench/station directly in front of your target.
24. Use only the two shooting benches on the left for the 50yd. and 100yd. backstops.
25. Use only the two shooting benches on the right for the 75ft. pistol backstop and the 40m/50yd and 60m silhouette backstop.
26. Use the two center benches for the 50ft. pistol backstop (leave the bench on the left open for rifle shooters).
27. Pistols and rimfires ONLY on the pistol backstops. No rifles, muzzleloaders, or shotgun slugs. Shotguns shooting birdshot and buckshot are allowed on the pistol backstops.
28. Rimfires ONLY on the silhouette berms (40m/50yd, 60m, 77m).
29. If you want to shoot a centerfire rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader closer than 50 yards, place your target on the 100 yard berm and move back the desired distance. Remember: All shooters must use the same firing line.
30. If you want to shoot pistol or rimfire rifle closer than 50 feet, place your target on the 100 yard berm and move back the desired distance. Remember: All shooters must use the same firing line.

MEMBERS ONLY

31. Club Members using the range must wear current Range Card.
32. Use of Range restricted to Members with current Range Card, their spouse, and minor children. Spouses and children 15 and older may receive their own range card after attending a safety orientation.
33. Guest Shooter fee is \$5.00 Per Day. Write name and date on the envelope provided and deposit fees into the mail slot in the storage shed next to the archery field.

Guests: As a courtesy, please pay in advance.

34. Guest Shooter must be accompanied by a Member.
35. Before using range, Member and Guest must sign in and provide Name, Date, and caliber(s) being fired.
36. Violation of Club rules will result in revocation of Membership.
37. Fishing and other use of the lake is "Members Only". Boats left on the property must be marked with owner's name and address or phone number.
38. The Board of Directors must approve IN ADVANCE any use of the range or Club property other than allowed by these rules.

HOURS OF OPERATION (Shooting Range Only):

- Mon. – Sat. 8:00am to 30 minutes before sunset, EXCEPT DURING SCHEDULED EVENTS. Please check the calendar on the club website.
- Sun. 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Common Courtesy Rules and Range Etiquette:

- **Keep all muzzles pointed straight up or downrange toward the backstop at all times.**
- **Never allow the muzzle to point (“sweep”) down the line toward other shooters, regardless of whether you think the gun is loaded or not.**
- **Keep your finger off the trigger until you sights are on the target and you are ready to fire.**
- **Keep all guns unloaded and actions open until the “line is hot” command is given.**
- **Never handle any firearm while there are people downrange.**

Communicate with others on the firing line. Use the following range commands:

A. “Ready?”

1. Check downrange to make sure all have returned to the line.
2. Check that all have eye and ear protection in place.
3. Repeat back “No. Not Ready!” if there is any reason the line should not go “hot”.
4. After all have had time to respond, the line can go “hot”.

B. “The line is hot.”

1. You may now handle your firearm, load, and commence firing.
2. You may now case or uncase your gun at the firing line.
3. Do not cross the firing line for any reason while the line is “hot”.
4. If you want to go downrange call “clear”.

C. “Clear?”

1. Use the command “Clear?” to indicate that you wish to make the line safe so that you may proceed downrange.
2. After you have removed your magazine, opened the action, and checked the chamber, lay your gun on the bench with the action open and the muzzle pointed downrange. Call back, “Clear.”
3. If you are not ready to go cold, say “Wait.” You may want to fire a few more rounds, for example.
4. When all have called “clear” the line will go “cold”.

D. “The line is cold.”

1. All actions must remain open while the line is “cold”.
2. Open bolt/empty chamber indicators are recommended, however, they are required during matches.
3. A pistol in a hip holster is allowed, and is considered safe and action need not be open. If your gun is equipped with a decocker or safety, USE IT when it is holstered. Do not use other types of holsters (i.e. shoulder rig, small-of-back, cross-draw, Thunderwear, etc.) that might cause you to “sweep” another person on the firing line.
4. Do not handle any gun for any reason while the line is “cold” or there are people downrange. This includes unloaded guns! If you are just arriving,

leave your gun in its case until all have returned to the firing line (this would be a good time to post your own target). If you are leaving, wait for all to return to the firing line before casing your gun (this would be a good time to remove your target and police your brass).

5. When everyone has returned from downrange, you can then ask if everyone is "ready" and the process repeats.

E. "CEASE FIRE!"

1. If there is an unsafe situation on the range, any person who observes the situation must immediately call "CEASE FIRE!"
2. When a cease fire is called, immediately remove your finger from the trigger, lay the gun on the bench, and step behind the bench.
3. Do not attempt to unload at this time.
4. Do not handle any firearm for any reason during a cease fire, unless instructed by a range safety officer.
5. Follow the instructions of the range safety officer.
6. Make the line safe as soon as it is possible to do so safely. To make the line safe, remove any magazine, open the action, and place the gun on the bench with the muzzle pointed downrange and the empty chamber visible.

F. "Make the line safe."

1. During a match or after a cease fire the range safety officer will give a command to "make the line safe."
2. To make the line safe, remove any magazine, open the action, and place the gun on the bench with the muzzle pointed downrange and the empty chamber visible. The range safety officer may ask all shooters to "**clear the line**" and place guns in the rack so the next relay can begin their setup period.
3. During a match, empty chamber indicators must be used by all participants.
4. Do not proceed downrange until instructed by the range safety officer.

G. "Shooters to the line."

1. During a match, after everyone has returned from downrange and the previous relay has cleared the line, the range safety officer will call all "shooters to the line."
2. This command signals the beginning of the preparation period. You may place your gun on the bench and prepare any other equipment.
3. Do not cross the firing line for any reason after the "shooters to the line" command has been given.
4. Guns shall remain unloaded and empty chamber indicators must remain in place until "the line is hot" command is given

VIOLATIONS:

Please contact one of our Chief Range Safety Officers if there are unresolved safety or membership violations.

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