

Gun Handling Rules

Firearm safety rules are posted on Ranges A, B, C, D, and Clays. It is the responsibility of every person on the range and on the firing line to ensure that all firearm safety rules are obeyed at all times. Willful safety violations may result in permanent dismissal from Roanoke Rifle and Revolver Club. Only the Board of Directors have the authority to grant exceptions for matches and special events.

1. ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. This includes removing it from and returning it to the case and carrying it to the line.
2. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF OF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.
3. DO NOT LOAD THE FIREARM UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT.

4. Each firearm's action shall be open and the firearm unloaded, except when on a firing line. There are two exceptions to this rule: Break-open type rifles and shotguns may have their actions closed while in the rack, but must be opened immediately upon removal from the rack. Handguns may have their actions closed while in the holster, but must be opened immediately upon removal from the holster.

5. All shooting on Ranges A, B and C must be conducted perpendicular to the firing lines and berms and between the orange safety markers at all times. **The firing line for range A extends from the front of the concrete pad rearward 10 feet. The firing line for range B is the space under the shelter. The firing line for range C is the front of the concrete pad rearward 10 feet (the rear of the concrete pad). The firing line for the skeet range is the individual concrete pads.** No one is permitted to go forward of the front edge of the firing line while anyone is handling a firearm.

6. Offhand, sitting, and prone shooting of center fire rifles is allowed on any rifle /pistol range on the firing line or in front of the firing line only if no other shooter is firing from the firing line. If the first shooter is already shooting from a position in front of the firing line subsequent shooters must shoot from a position parallel to the first shooter. The exception is for all shooters communicate and adhere to an alternating shooting schedule on and in front of the first shooter.

7. When a verbal "Cease Fire" is heard all shooting must stop immediately. Do nothing with your firearm until the reason for the cease fire is determined and then only when determined safe.

8. Absolutely no firearm handling during a "Cease Fire" or "Cold Line" period. Others may be either downrange, at the targets or picking up brass in front of the firing line. Brass forward of the firing line may be picked up during a cease fire, but the person must then return behind the firing line without stopping at the shooting bench. Firearms may be brought to the tables behind the firing lines in either "hot" or "cold" conditions **AS LONG AS THEY ARE CASED**. Non-cased firearms may only be brought to or removed from the firing line when the line is "hot". When on the firing line, **DO NOT** handle your firearm when the range is "cold". On a "cold" line, bolts should be out or open and or a chamber flag inserted and magazine removed so others can see the gun is safe. Chamber flags should be used or bolts out or open any time the firearm is not on the firing line.

9. Before the line goes "hot" it must be agreed upon by all persons on the line. If there is a firearm on a bench and nobody is around it, the line can only go "hot" when confirmed that no one is down range. Once a "Hot Line" or "Commence Fire" is in effect; firearms may be handled and fired.

10. Cleaning of firearms can only be done under "hot" range conditions. If you need to remove cleaning solvents from the barrel ask your fellow shooters for additional time before the range goes "cold".
11. Muzzle discipline must be maintained at all times. Do not sweep anybody with your muzzle.
12. No shooting at wildlife. (See "Hunting on RRRC Property" in the Club Ops. Section)
13. No shooting cross-range. Shoot at your target only. Exception: On range C on targets at or beyond 300 yards or at designated matches.
14. No bullet impacts off the range, into buildings, signs, storage containers, sheds, or any other structure or range feature not a RRRC approved impact area. No shooting of target frames, foundations or rocks.
15. No shooting on any RRRC range between 9pm and 7am (except for members hunting).
16. All shooting will at appropriate targets on ranges only, except for hunting. No un-aimed fire permitted.
17. Do not shoot at any elevation that will allow a bullet to travel over the backstop berm. Any bullet strikes to facility equipment, structures, or the like other than a designated target carry a fine/fee to cover costs of replacement and/or repairs and membership revocation.
18. For your safety, you should not handle any firearms when thunder or lightning is detected.
19. Eye and hearing protection is mandatory at all times on the range to include staging areas.
20. Designated spectator areas do not require eye protection, but it is recommended.
21. Ammunition malfunctions: The procedure for handling a misfire, hang fire and squib load is explained in the "Definitions" section of the SOP.
22. Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs (including prescription and Over-the-counter medications) that will affect his or her ability to participate with a maximum state of awareness and in a completely safe manner, before or during live fire activities.
23. Each shooter on the range must clean up their bench and targets down range prior to leaving. If you brought it, used it and are through with it either place it in trash or take it with you.
24. Uncase the firearm with the muzzle pointing either downrange or up ensuring the action is open with magazines removed and chamber empty. Long guns will remain open and clear in the provided vertical rack (except break-open) or lying on the table when not in use.