

# **NORTHSTAR SPORTSMENS CLUB**

## **Range Rules**

(January 1, 2010)

### **Firearm Safety**

All users are required to enforce these rules. All users are expected to politely point out to any user in violations of these rules, the nature of the violation, request they stop and if continued violation occurs, report the incident along with the violators name to the Cass County Sheriff's Department (1-218-547-1424) for further action.

**Individuals using the range shall become familiar with the range safety rules and procedures prior to using the range.**

**All individuals MUST sign in at the shooting counter IMMEDIATELY upon entering the grounds.**

**Gun Safety Rules: These rules shall be followed at all times**

#### **4 Fundamental Rules for Safe Gun Handling**

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
4. **Always** treat a firearm as if it were loaded.

#### **Rules for Using or Storing a Gun**

1. Know your target and what is beyond.
2. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
3. Know how to use the gun safely.
4. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
5. Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
6. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting
7. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
8. Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

#### **Range Usage:**

**All scheduled use of range shall take precedence over any individual or personal activity. Please check our website or with the club of upcoming events.**

\_ All vehicles shall be parked in the designated parking area.

\_ Range is to be used as posted.

\_ Authorized Range Safety Officers shall have full authority over all shooting activities conducted at the firearms range. Absent any Range Safety Officer or Hunter Safety Instructor(s), Cass County Sheriff's Department shall have authority over all shooting activities conducted at the firearms range.

#### **Range Fees:**

\_ All users of the range wishing to be a member of the club must have their dues paid up to date prior to using the range. Members shall have proof of membership on their person while using the range. Members have the privileges of discounted shooting

\_Memberships include all immediate family members 17 years of age and less.

\_Prepaid Shooting cards are to be used for membership shooting only, not for non-member guests. Two guest passes are available for each membership, and are available at the club. The guest pass allows membership privileges for one day.

\_All individuals who fail to purchase a membership, and are using the range during normally closed hours, will be prosecuted for violating trespass laws.

\_Nonmembers are welcome during normal business hours, and will pay the nonmember rates posted at the club.

\_Nonmembers during regular open hours must sign in at the club desk and have read the range rules, understand them, and abide by them.

#### Before Use:

\_ Inspect Range for hazards (including children and animals) prior to use.

\_ All Range users are personally responsible for range safety and safe shooting.

\_ Abuse of range safety rules and safe shooting rules will result in loss of privileges of the firearms range.

\_ All shooters are responsible to immediately correct any unsafe conditions. If you observe an unsafe condition that you are unable to correct, report it immediately to range attendant or the Cass County Sheriff's Department (1-218-547-1424).

\_ Pets other than service animals, are not allowed on the Shooting Range unless they are under control of owners at all times while on the premises.

#### General Safety Rules

\_ All persons must sign in at the club desk before any firearm is un-cased.

\_ Designate a Range Safety Officer when none is present or assigned

\_ It is the responsibility of all range users to know and obey all range rules. Before using the range for the first time, all users must read the Range Rules and sign an acknowledgment that they have read the Range Rules and agree to abide by the rules.

\_ Know where others are at all times.

\_ Shoot only at authorized targets. Shooting at unauthorized targets shall subject the shooter to forfeiture or fines and prosecution for Cass County Ordinances and/or Minnesota Statutes for Reckless Use of Weapons, Criminal Damage to Property and Disorderly Conduct.

\_ Do not handle a firearm or stand at the firing line while others are downrange.

\_ While others are down range, all shooters must step away from the firing line.

\_ Stop shooting immediately upon the command "Cease Firing."

\_ All firearms on the firing line shall be handled in a safe manner

\_ Keep the muzzle direction downrange at all times or under your control

\_ Keep finger off the trigger until ready to fire

\_ Keep all firearms unloaded and all actions open until the command "Begin to Fire" is given.

\_ Any firearms requiring maintenance shall be removed from the firing line to a designated safety area ONLY, after it has been cleared of all ammunition

\_ Keep the action of the firearm open at all times except when actually shooting or holstering the firearm

\_ Shoot only proper targets that have been approved by the Firearms Range Manager..

- \_The following are authorized targets for use at the range;
  - Any commercially available paper targets
  - Homemade paper targets
  - Any other targets approved by the Range Manager.
- \_ At no time shall any individual discharge a firearm in a manner that potentially jeopardizes the safety of others.
- \_Targets may only be placed on target stands approved by the Range Manager.
- \_Shooting at target stands or frames, any object containing glass, or any such material, is not permitted. Shoot only so that the projectile impacts the backstop berm.
  
- \_ Everyone within close proximity to an active firing line must wear eye and ear protection at all times. Spectators are also required to wear ear and eye protection on the firing line.
- \_ Prior to leaving the firing line, a shooter must unload and make their firearm safe
- \_ Obey all commands from Range Safety Officer, staff/attendant or law enforcement
- \_ All range users are personally responsible for range safety and safe shooting
- \_ Politely and positively respond when you are corrected, concerning a violation of Range rules
- \_ **NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIREARMS RANGE.**

#### After Use

- \_ Shooters must clean their area after each use
- \_ Remove “live” or “dud” ammunition from the range. Police your area after firing by placing all trash, “spent” casings, shells, boxes, etc. in the appropriate containers provided.
- \_ All shooters are required to pick up all targets they used and all spent ammunition casing when finished with shooting. Failure to retrieve such targets and casing shall be considered littering and subject the violator to possible loss of shooting privileges at the range.
- \_ Secure all range equipment

#### Specific Range Rules

- \_ All shooting will be in authorized areas only
- \_ Respect others and their equipment
- \_ All firearms shall be unloaded with action open until the shooter is on the firing line, or on the ready line.
- \_ All persons before using the range for the first time must read the Range Rules and sign and acknowledgment that they have read the Range Rules and agree to abide by the rules.
- \_ Safety briefing to be given to all groups, organizations, clubs, etc., before any shooting takes place
- \_ Adult supervision is required for all shooters under the age of 16 years of age. Shooters under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult designated by the parent or guardian, at all times.
- \_Shooters ages 16 & 17 will need a signed consent form from a parent or guardian to visit and participate in club activities by themselves.
- \_ Harassment will not be tolerated by anyone at the range

- \_No one shooter to be permitted more than four (4) firearms per visit or no more than one hour of shooting time. Exception – no one else present waiting to shoot.
- \_ No one shooter shall use more than one shooting bench at a time
- \_ No long guns of greater than a handgun caliber, to be fired on the handgun range (exceptions- Law Enforcement)
- \_ No Bow and Arrows permitted unless on designated archery courses.
- \_ All target materials will be either paper or cardboard, or those provided by the Firearms Range. No other material to be used.
- \_ No clay target shooting (shotguns) on the handgun or rifle ranges. Exception...the use of the patterning board for pattern checking.
- \_ No firearms or devices may be used on the range that exceed the design specifications without the prior approval of the Range Manager
- \_ Department of Natural Resources will cite any and all violators pertaining to DNR rules/regulations
- \_ All violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of any and all Federal, State and County laws. There will be no first time warning as all shooters will have read the rules and signed an acknowledgment that they understood said rules.
- \_ All violators are subject to expulsion from the range complex.

**EMERGENCY**

Emergency Rules: are created to minimize confusion and save time responding during an emergency. An emergency phone is located outside, on the northwest side of the clubhouse.

Cass County utilizes emergency 911

Cass County Sheriff's Department (1-218-547-1424)

Personal Injury: Call 911 to secure aid. Return to the injured person and do what you can to help. Post a person, if available, at the range entrance to direct emergency vehicles. Take written notes from all witnesses.

Fire: Call 911 then clear the area. Post a person, if available, at the range entrance to direct emergency vehicles.

All emergencies MUST be reported to the Cass County Sheriff's Department and subsequently to the Club Board of Directors.

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Northstar Sportsmens Club  
Range Rules

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE DOCUMENT AND I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RULES STATED THEREIN. I AGREE AND UNDERSTAND THAT IF I VIOLATE ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES THAT MY PRIVILEGES TO USE THE RANGE COULD BE SUSPENDED OR TERMINATED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IF I ACT IN AN UNSAFE MANNER WHILE USING THE RANGE THAT I COULD BE SUBJECTED TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. Signing below will cover the current year and subsequent years unless, the above rules are amended.

Range User (Please print name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_