

The Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club

Range Rules and Regulations

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Members and Non-Members using The Club are required to read and become familiar with these rules and regulations. Failure to do so could result in expulsion from The Club.

General Range Rules

1. Before using any range you must sign in. The sign-in sheet is inside The Clubhouse next to the office door. Classes, Departments, and Leagues may keep a separate record of their attendees.
2. All federal, state, and local firearms laws must be obeyed.
3. Guests must pay range fees before shooting – see Dues and Fees Schedule. Deposit fees in the slot next to the office door in The Clubhouse.
4. Guests must be accompanied by a Club member who shall be responsible for the guests conduct.
5. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of an adult member at all times. Any children not shooting must be kept away from all firing lines.
6. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
7. Keep finger off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
8. Keep action open and firearm unloaded until ready to use.
9. Be sure the gun is safe to operate. Firearms in an unsafe or poor condition are not permitted on any range.
10. Be sure the firearm and ammunition are compatible.
11. Be sure of the target and what is beyond.
12. Wear eye and ear protection both as a shooter and as a spectator.
13. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting.
14. Ensure firearms are stored so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
15. Be aware that certain types of guns and shooting activities require additional precautions.
16. Maintain situational awareness of your surroundings.
17. A “safe gun condition” is as described in this section unless otherwise noted or approved:
 - a. Revolver: Cylinder empty and open
 - b. Semi-auto handgun or rifle: slide or bolt locked back, magazine removed from gun, chamber empty
 - c. Rifle: fully unloaded with action open
 - d. For all firearms: on bench with muzzle pointed down range or in a rack or closed case
 - e. Shotguns: breaches and actions empty and open
18. Use safety lights, on the ranges equipped with them, before going down range.
 - a. Any time for any reason you want to go down range, you must operate the switch at your shooting position to turn on the safety lights.

- b. You must use the safety lights even if you are the only person using the range because a shooter may arrive after you are down range and start firing.
 - c. You are solely responsible for the operation of your control switch. No other person is permitted to operate your switch, and you are not permitted to operate any others. It might appear that the lights have been flashing for a long with time no one around, but it takes a good while to walk down to the 300-yard line and back. Don't be tempted to turn off the lights and fire if you don't see a shooter for several minutes!
 - d. Before closing the range it is common courtesy to let other shooters finish shooting a group.
 - e. When you operate your switch, give the other shooters time to make the line safe before going down range.
 - f. When the bells sound and the lights are flashing, shooters are required to lay down their guns on the benches in a safe condition.
 - g. When you are through and leaving the range, make sure the safety light control switch at your position is turned off.
19. Do not handle firearms while others are down range.
 20. Refer to Special Rules and Regulations for details on what firearms are allowed on each range.
 21. No hunting or shooting of any wildlife while on the shooting ranges.
 22. Shooting at buildings, signs, or equipment is prohibited.
 23. Shooting glass objects and cans is prohibited.
 24. All outdoor ranges and grounds shall be considered open every day of the week between the hours of 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM unless posted CLOSED. The Indoor Range shall be considered open every day, 24 hours. See Club Calendar for availability.
 25. Buildings, equipment, and ranges of The Club are to be kept under lock and key when not in use.
 26. It shall be the duty of each member using The Club to return the equipment to the proper storage areas and secure such areas.
 27. When done using any range, clean up any litter, putting used brass, boxes, old targets, etc. into the refuse containers provided. The Club does not employ anyone to keep The Club in repair and the grounds clean.
 28. Other than for servicing the ranges, no one may drive vehicles on the range with the exception of handicapped members who may only transport themselves and their own targets with vehicles approved by the Executive Board.
 29. Use of shot shells is prohibited when Club target stands are being used- provide your own target stands for this activity.
 30. Clay pigeons are only to be used on the Trap Range.

Special Rules and Regulations

Any deviations from the Range Rules must be pre-approved by the Executive Board in writing.

Indoor Range

1. The Indoor Range is for handguns and rimfire rifles only. Machine guns/automatic weapons and black powder firearms are prohibited.
2. Ammunition is limited to: lead, frangible, and non-jacketed hollow points.
3. No magnum ammunition or muzzle velocity exceeding 855 feet per second.
4. All shooters must use the same firing line.
5. Exhaust fans must be used when shooting.
6. Smoking, food, and drinks are prohibited.
7. When anyone is down range all firearms must be in a safe conditions.
8. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range
9. Turn off all lights, fans, and heaters when leaving.
10. All ammunition must be single projectile. Shot shells and multiple projectile rounds are prohibited.

Trap Range

1. Only shotguns with shot shells may be used.
2. All shooting must be done from designated shooting positions.
3. Trap lights and trap houses are available upon prior approval.
4. Trap Range cannot be used when Combat Range is in use.
5. When anyone is down range all firearms must be in a safe condition.
6. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

Combat Range

1. All firearms are allowed on this range, with the exception of machine guns/automatic weapons.
2. All shooters must use the same firing line.
3. When anyone is down range all firearms must be in a safe conditions.
4. Hanging targets on barricade posts is prohibited.
5. Combat Range cannot be used when Trap Range is in use.
6. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

Shooting Bays 1 & 2

1. All firearms are allowed on Shooting Bays 1&2 except machine guns/automatic weapons.
2. All shooters must use the same firing line.
3. When anyone is own range all firearms must be in a safe condition.
4. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

Rifle Range

1. All firearms are allowed on this range.
2. All shooting must be done from the firing line.
3. Safety lights must be turned on before going down range.
4. When anyone is down range all firearms must be in a safe condition.
5. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

Training Range

1. All firearms are allowed on this range.
2. Firearms must be in a safe condition when shooters are down range.
3. This range is not normally open to Members – the Training Executive must approve use of this range.

Handgun & Rimfire (H&R) Range

1. The H&R Range is for handguns and rimfire rifles only. Machine guns/automatic weapons are prohibited.
2. When anyone is down range all firearms must be in a safe condition.
3. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.
4. This range is not available for rental.
5. Do not shoot across the road or from the road. Shooting is confined to the specified range area only.

Police, Military, and other Non-Member Organizations

These groups shall:

1. Contact the Training Executive by email or phone to request range reservations. If the Training Executive is unavailable, the Club Secretary can be used as an alternate point of contact.
2. Request any special course of fire that would differ from the above stated range rules.
3. Be notified of their request were or were not granted within 24 hours. If granted, the reservations shall be posted on the website and at the clubhouse at least 5 days prior to the date that the agency will be using the range.
4. Have a designated range supervisor in attendance.
5. Obey all Range Rules and Regulations unless permissions for exceptions has been granted.
6. Pay any fees as designated in the current Dues and Fees Schedule per agreement.
7. Have completed Range Reservation Form on file at the Club.

Emergency Procedures

1. Call a cease-fire; unload all firearms.
2. Call 911 for emergency services
 - a. State your name
 - b. Location: Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club, Rt. 51, next to Brady's Run Park
 - c. Describe the emergency
 - d. Explain that "the scene is safe"
 - e. How many persons injured and their condition
 - f. Stay on line until told to hang up
3. Chippewa Police are usually the first to respond and they have gate keys, however, if possible make sure gate is open.
4. Direct help to injured.
5. Render aid. Trauma kit is available in Clubhouse.
6. Contact a Club officer from the call list in the Clubhouse.
7. Take notes and statements from witnesses.