

5.2 General Rules

OUTDOOR RANGE HOURS 7:00 AM TO DUSK *(DUSK IS ONE HALF HOUR PAST SUNSET)*

Members & Guests

1. Only club members and guests may use club facilities and only open to the public for matches & special events. Public participation is encouraged at matches and certain special events.
2. Guests must be accompanied by a member who will be responsible for their safety and conduct while on club grounds. Guest fees are \$5.00 per guest per day and can be deposited in the receptacles located on various ranges. Access keys & gate cards will not be duplicated, transferred, or loaned.
3. Persons under 18 years of age are not permitted on any range without an adult member who will assume supervision and responsibility for their conduct and safety. The adult member must be on the same range as the minor at all times.
4. Any club member may act as Range Officer at any time to point out rule violations to offenders.

General range, firearm and use restrictions applying to **all** ranges & club property:

5. Common sense rules of safe firearms handling will be followed at all times.
 - a. The 3 NRA primary rules of gun safety apply whenever handling firearms:
 - i. **ALWAYS point your firearm in a safe direction.** This is the primary rule of gun safety. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances. Never point your gun at people or animals.
 - ii. **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.** When holding a gun, rest your finger alongside the frame and outside the trigger guard. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.
 - iii. **ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.** Check the chamber and magazine before handling a gun, handing it to someone else, or putting it back in a case for transport.
 - b. Never handle firearms whenever someone is downrange. If someone is going downrange to post, paint, or repair targets, all firearms should be on a table or bench, with the actions open, ideally with an empty chamber indicator (ECI) in place. Handguns may be safely secured in a holster that covers the trigger guard area & the trigger itself.
 - c. **Know your target and what is beyond.** Be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people, animals or any other potential for mishap.
 - d. Shooters & spectators must wear eye & hearing protection anytime live firing is taking place on the range they are on.
6. Firing will be done on established ranges only. Targets will be attached to the target supports provided in such a manner to prevent damaging the target supports and such that bullets will impact existing berms. Midrange targets are not permitted on any range.
7. The ranges are designed for conventional firearms (handguns, rifles, and shotguns). There will be **no** fully automatic, bump fire, bazooka type, cannons, mortars, or other non-conventional firearms (weapons) fired on any range.

8. Tracer, incendiary, armor piercing, or explosive type ammunitions or targets are not allowed.
9. Remove all targets and put them in the trash barrels provided or take them with you. Do not litter club grounds.
10. Shotgun shooting may only be done in three areas. One is the shotgun area (Range 10) southwest of the highpower pits where the clay target throwers are located. This is the only area where aerial targets may be used. Only shotguns will be fired at aerial targets. Shotguns with slug loads may be sighted in on the west end of the outdoor pistol range (Range 8), or on Range 4b, the multi-purpose bay. Exceptions require special permission from the Board of Directors.
11. Portions of the facilities may be closed for safety reasons during formal matches & practices, or for maintenance or special events. Maintenance activities, matches, organized practices and sanctioned training sessions take precedence over general member use.
12. Fire safety must be practiced at all times.
 - a. Use of fireworks is prohibited on club grounds.
 - b. Smoking is prohibited everywhere on Club property, except within a private vehicle.
 - c. YRC follows Fire Restrictions as established by the Yellowstone County Commissioners
 - i. Under Stage 1 fire restrictions campfires and other open fires are prohibited everywhere. Liquid petroleum and LPG stoves that can be turned on and off are allowed. Motor vehicle travel off established roads & trails is prohibited. Motor vehicles shall not be parked on grassy areas. Normal range use may continue.
 - ii. Under Stage 2 restrictions, all Stage 1 restrictions apply. Member use of outdoor ranges is limited to the hours of 7 AM and Noon each day, except for organized events & matches with fire suppression equipment on site. Shooting at gongs & steel plates is prohibited, with steel targets being removed where feasible.
 - iii. Under Stage 3 restrictions all outdoor ranges are closed except for organized practices & matches with fire suppression equipment parked at the range being used. Stage 1 travel & parking restrictions remain in effect.
 - d. **IF** a fire should break out, call 911 using the landline phone located outside of the clubhouse door (cell service at the Club is poor at best). You are at 7212 Molt Road. If possible, have someone go to the main gate to let emergency personnel in.
13. Wildlife is protected on club grounds -**NO HUNTING!!**
14. Consumption of alcoholic beverages (liquor, beer, or wine) will not be allowed on any range. Exceptions require special permission from the Board of Directors. Anyone firing on a range under the influence will be expelled from the club.
15. Each range may have special rules posted. Please observe them.
16. Serious violations of club rules should be reported promptly by club members to any of the officers or Board of Directors for action. Violations *may* result in dismissal from the club. Certain violations may result in legal action being taken.

The above rules are intended to provide for the safety of all persons and property, and to permit enjoyable use of club facilities. Shooting is a safe recreational and educational activity because thoughtful shooters respect and follow the rules with a spirit of cooperation, recognizing the rights of others. Please be courteous and respectful of your fellow members & their guests.