



CATAWBA VALLEY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.

RANGE RULES 10/1/09

1. All ranges and club facilities are for use of members and their guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a member.
2. All guns must be unloaded and clear except when on the firing line, getting ready to fire.
3. Open chamber indicators are required in all firearms on the indoor range, pistol range, 100 yard, 200 yard, and 300 yard ranges. An open chamber indicator can be anything from a section of string trimmer line, a pipe cleaner, or official NRA type indicators.
4. Shotguns at the skeet and wobble trap ranges are not required to display open chamber indicators. The actions must be open or broke down when not on stage for firing.
5. All guns must be unloaded and actions opened in a safe condition and tabled when a cease fire is called; before anyone is permitted in front of the firing line; and while anyone remains in front of the firing line.
6. It is NOT permissible to clean your firearm while any person is downrange
7. Treat every gun as though loaded. Watch that muzzle! The fact that a gun is unloaded is no excuse for sloppy handling or muzzle violations.
8. Please observe common shooting courtesy. Let others post and check targets when necessary and make room for them to enjoy shooting too.
9. Because of the location and close relationship between several ranges, extreme care must be used. For example:
 - a) Any shooter using the 200 and 300 yard ranges is obligated to ensure that all entry chains and signs are up while using those ranges. Also, if the chains are up and you wish to shoot on the 100 yard range then you must check in and get permission from the person using the 200/300 yard range before going anywhere else.
 - b) Use of the 200 and/or 300 yard ranges is permitted only when the forward ranges are not in use or when prior permission is given by the 100 yard line user(s) and when the 100 yard line users remain on the left half of the covered firing line (which is left of the scorer's table) and leave by the east entrance.
 - c) No one will be permitted to fire from the 200/300 yard range if shooters are present on the right half of the 100 yard line.
 - d) No cross firing between the ranges will be permitted. You must fire straight into the berms and/or on steel targets to prevent left and right ricochets that could endanger other shooters on other ranges. In the case of the 100/200/300 yard lines, the dividing line is the creek bridge. No one from the 100 yard covered line will fire on targets right of the bridge and no one at 200/300 will fire at targets left of the bridge.

- e) In the case of a scheduled Match in progress on the 100/200/300 yard ranges and a shooter wishing to use the 100 yard line, the following procedure must be followed. The shooter must first obtain permission from the Match Director to shoot from a position at the 100 yard barricades. Then, the shooter must shoot and stay inside one of the four shooting positions that are inside the barricades. Shooting must be from the bench or the concrete firing line and firing must be straightforward between barricades. Shooting from the grass inside the barricade is not permitted. If the match is at 100 yards the shooter must only fire when the match shooters are permitted to fire and follow all other range commands of the match. In the case of matches at 200/300 yards, then both parties may fire independently of each other. If you see someone moving downrange in the far right downrange area (such as when resetting silhouette targets), the proper etiquette would be to hold fire until the range is clear. This is not a requirement – but strongly recommended. The barricades are designed to allow 1) a shooter use of the 100 yard firing line while matches are in progress and 2) preventing the shooter at 100 yards the possibility of a dangerous crossfire.
 - f) If you come to shoot at the 100 yard line, then please use the barricade end first. This will leave the right side open in case someone wants to shoot from the 200/300 yard range and maximize usage of the range facilities.
10. Earth berm backstops are located on the 100, 200, and 300 yard ranges. No target shall be located greater than 10 feet in front of an earth berm. No target shall be fired upon that is located greater than 10 feet from the earth berm backstops. The only exception to this will be targets placed on top of the berm at the High-Power pit. These targets will be considered safe as the large bank behind the pit stops the bullets. Do not place metal objects on the berm at angles that may cause a ricochet.
 11. Since there is no berm on the firing side of the creek on the 50-yard pistol range, the following safety rule will apply: No bullet should contact the ground between the concrete firing line and the 25-yard line. All targets must be positioned such that when sighting through the center of the aiming area of the target, no bullets will hit the ground prior to the 25-yard line. Hits in the ground beyond the 25-yard line and into the bank across the creek are considered to be safe.
 12. All regulations concerning care and shooting of metal silhouette targets are to be read and observed. (See Page 3)
 13. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the range property at any time.
 14. Shooters are required to clean up any range or target debris before leaving the range. Take your trash with you.
 15. All Class III items are banned from club premises. Class III items are those types of firearms, which must be registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Records and are defined in the National Firearms Act. Some examples are machine guns, sawed-off rifles, sawed-off shotguns, destructive devices, silencers, and any other "weapon". Included among destructive devices are "Molotov cocktails", anti-tank guns, bazookas, and mortars. A few examples of any other "weapons" are H&R handyguns, Ithaca automatic burglar guns, cane guns, gadget-type firearms and "pen" guns, and weapons designed to expel tear-gas which fire fixed ammunition.
 16. Indiscriminate random fire and firing "from the hip" are prohibited. The intent of this is to require aimed fire at appropriate targets
 17. All weapons using the .50 caliber BMG cartridge or any derivatives of that cartridge are banned from club premises.

18. The 100-meter targets in front of the 200-yard range cannot be used when there are shooters present on the right half of the 100-yard line. No exceptions!
19. Parking in front of firing lines is prohibited.
20. Only straight walled handgun cartridges are allowed on IPSC targets on the pistol range.
21. NO HUNTING is allowed on club property!
22. The indoor range is for .22 rimfire and air gun rifles and handguns only. No centerfire guns or .17 rimfires are allowed.
23. No firing after dark on the outdoor ranges.
24. Firing shall not commence prior to 12:00 Noon on Sundays. Special events requiring a start time prior to 12:00 Noon on Sundays must be brought before the membership at the monthly meeting.

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CARE OF METAL SILHOUETTE TARGETS

The Club presently has several thousand dollars invested in metal silhouette targets of the following types:

- REDUCED SIZE THIN STEEL FREE STANDING and SWINGING SIGHT-IN TARGETS ON THE 100 YARD RANGE are suitable only for .22 LR use.
- REDUCED SIZE THICKER STEEL FREE STANDING TARGETS ON THE 100 YARD and 200/300 YARD RANGES which are primarily for handgun use or rimfire 22's.
- LARGE SIZE STEEL FREE STANDING TARGETS ON 200/300 YARD RANGE which are for centerfire handgun and some **limited** rifle use (no rifle usage on large rams).
- LARGE SIZE STEEL SWINGING SIGHT-IN TARGETS ON 200/300-YARD RANGE which are **not** suitable for rifles.

Club members are requested to observe the following general precautions to prevent damage (holes and cratering):

1. ANY OF THE SILHOUETTE TARGETS, even the large ones, can be damaged if the wrong firearm, cartridge or distance from target is used. A high velocity centerfire rifle such as the 22-250 Remington cartridge for example, at 100 yards is capable of shooting through any target we have.
2. REDUCED SIZE THIN STEEL TARGETS and REDUCED SIZE SWINGING TARGETS ON THE 100 YARD RANGE are easily damaged and only the .22 LR cartridge should be used. Even round ball black powder guns can damage these targets.
3. LARGE SIZE FREE STANDING TARGETS (chickens, pigs and turkeys - **not rams**) may only be shot with a rifle from 250-300 yards. Even then care should be taken that targets are not being damaged by the rifle. If you are not sure of what to do here then don't shoot the steel animals with a rifle!
4. LARGE FREE STANDING RAMS ON THE 200/300 YARD RANGE should not be shot with a high velocity rifle from any distance as the large rams greater weight makes them easier to damage.
5. LARGE SWINGING SIGHT-IN TARGETS ON THE 200/300-YARD RANGE are of softer steel and should **not be shot with a rifle from any distance** - even 300 yards.
6. Care should be taken that extra HOT handgun loads/cartridges do not damage the 200 YARD RANGE TARGETS.
7. Metal piercing military ammo or its equivalent should not be used on ANY TARGET.