

# **CRC Range Rules** *adopted by the Executive Committee April 2017, Revised 2020*

## **Range Safety on the 200-Yard Firing Line**

- Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always treat every gun as if it is loaded.
- Eye and ear protection should be used at all times during live fire.
- All guns should have an ECI (empty chamber indicator) in the chamber unless actually firing.
- In the event of a misfire or malfunction call a "Cease Fire", everyone is to put down their firearm and step away until the nature of the problem is clear to all. Keep all guns pointed down range until issue is cleared and safe.
- The red flashing safety lights should be turned on during a "Cease Fire".
- During mowing operations, the "Range Closed" chains will be erected at the entrances to the 200-yard firing line. - DO NOT enter the firing line during this time.

## **Range Safety Behind the 200-Yard Firing Line**

- No loaded guns are permitted behind the firing line. Conceal Carry Weapons are permitted, this means they should remain concealed unless "needed".
- Adjustments and maintenance should be done on the firing line with the gun pointed downrange and never during a 'Cease Fire'.

## **Range Safety Down Range of the 200-Yard**

- Do not go down range unless a 'Cease Fire' has been called, and all shooters on the line have unloaded, inserted an ECI and put down their firearms. During a "Cease Fire", absolutely no one is to handle any firearm for any reason.

## **The rotating red lights must be turned on prior to anyone going down range for any reason.**

- Before turning off the safety lights and resuming any firing (making the line "Hot"), check twice that everyone is back and safe.
- Do not shoot at metal targets at the 200-yard target line when the 'Target Pit' is in use. "Cease Fire" if the red flag is raised at the 'Target Pit'.
- Shoot into the backstop area only. Align yourself, your target and the backstop so your bullets hit squarely into the backstop.
- Take special care with height of targets at 100 yards so the bullets do not bounce before reaching the backstop. The center of your target should be 6' above ground level to be safe. **Only shoot at target frames at the 50-yard target line from on top of a bench. Shooting from a prone position at targets placed at the 50-yard target line could result in bullets going over the 200-yard berm.**

-Do not walk out onto the 200-yard range from the shed without making sure the firing line is safe, the red lights are on and a "Cease Fire" has been declared. Open the gate all the way to the post.

### **Rules for 25 and 50 Yard Berms and Gongs**

-Any range allowed firearms may be used to shoot at paper targets in front of the 25 and 50-yard berms **but not any of the metal plates at the 25 and 50-yard berms**. The metal plates may be shot with .22 rimfire firearms or non-deer hunting legal handguns only.

-Shoot at the targets in front of the 25-yard berm from the 25-yard bench. Shoot at the targets in front of the 50-yard berm from the 50-yard bench or shooting points #11 or #12 only.

### **Use of Full-Auto Weapons or Devices that Mimic Fully Automatic Fire**

-Full-auto and simulated full-auto fire is not allowed anywhere at the Columbus Rifle Club range. If it sounds like full-auto it is considered to be full-auto.

### **Targets**

-Hang paper targets from the proper target frames with staples or tape. **Clean off frames and dispose of used targets after shooting is complete for the day.**

-Do not shoot glass or any object that fragments, shatters or explodes.

### **Holster Rules**

-If others are present on the range, only "Strong Side" hip holsters may be used.

-Holster rules for scheduled competition or training events may vary.

### **Junior and Guest Rules**

**CRC members will ensure that all guests fill out a Liability Waiver Form prior to using the range.**

-Every guest is required to complete, sign, date and return a Columbus Rifle Club Guest Waiver Form each time they visit the range. Place the completed forms in the red box located at the Range Safety Board.

-Persons under the age of 18, or guests, shall not be allowed to use the range unless accompanied by an adult member.

-Young children must be under close supervision at all times on the range.

-It is the members' responsibility to explain and enforce the range safety rules for your guests. You are held responsible for the safety and conduct of anyone you bring to the range. A member must be in the immediate area of a guest or youth shooting at the range. A member must have special permission from an officer to have more than four (4) guests at any one time.

### **Prohibited**

- Consuming alcohol or illegal drugs at the range.
- Bringing a pet to the range.
- Shooting a 50 BMG at the range.
- Hunting or harassing wildlife on range property.
- Shooting before sunrise or after sunset.

### **Range Security**

- Membership cards must be in your possession and shown upon request.
- Make sure the target shed door and gate are locked and the red safety lights are turned off when you leave.
- Report any unsafe activity to a club officer.

### **Multipurpose Bays**

- Targets must be placed as close to the berm as possible and below shoulder height.
- All shooting must be done from completely inside the bay.
- High power rifles may be shot in the bays.

\* Range rules for matches and training events on the calendar may vary from the above rules.