

# EAST WINDSOR SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, INC.

## RANGE RULES

**PREAMBLE:** The purpose of these Range Rules is to provide maximum safety during the use of the East Windsor Sportsman's Club, Inc. facilities. This range is owned by the members of the East Windsor Sportsman's Club, Inc. and is intended for the sole use of its members and their guests. Club facilities are open to the public for specific events only. It is also open to certain agencies as approved by the club membership and the Executive Committee. Beyond the specific Range Rules listed below, all members, guest and other persons utilizing this facility are required to conduct themselves in a sportsman like and civil manner. These Range Rules apply to all individuals or groups using the Range.

### **“MEMBERSHIP BADGES MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON CLUB PROPERTY”**

1. Keep the muzzle of the your firearm under control, and pointed in a safe direction (downrange) **at all times.**
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger (outside the trigger guard) until you are ready to shoot.
3. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded **at all times.**
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
5. Always keep the gun unloaded with the action open, until ready to shoot.
6. There will be **no handling** of firearms when anyone is down range. This includes packing up of firearms for transport.
7. Dry firing will **only** be permitted on the firing line.
8. Everyone **must wear eye & ear protection** in the shooting pavilions and on the firing line.
9. Re-loading of ammunition on club property is **prohibited**
10. No single projectiles will be used on the trap field.
11. No steel targets will be allowed on the range except for .22, rim fire 'spinners"; Club authorized “doghouse” targets; and steel targets used in a club-sponsored event.
12. Clean up **all target materials** and spent cartridges after completion of shooting. **Do not use glass or metal targets at any time.**
13. All firearms will be unloaded immediately upon the sound of the buzzer, flashing light or verbal command. This is to be followed regardless of when the buzzer is sounded or a verbal command is given.

**All actions must be opened and remain open until further commands are given. Each shooter must back off from the shooting tables and the shooting line out of reach of any firearm.**

14. Rifle area shooters **may not** go down range to change or retrieve targets unless all firing points are clear and all firearms are unloaded, benched, with actions open and the red light/buzzer has been activated, including the Pistol Area. All shooters must step away from the firing line and not handle any firearms.
15. Pistol area shooters **may** go down range at anytime when all the pistol area shooters agree and their firearms are unloaded, benched, and with actions open and the blue light has been activated and all shooters have stepped back from the bench. The red-light/buzzer should not be activated for pistol shooters to go down range.
16. **Do not** fire at any structural part of the range, including the pistol range wall, the berm support structure or concrete or storage buildings. No targets upon the pistol range wall or on the trap house roof.
17. Firing at ground targets is **strictly prohibited**. This includes firing at targets placed on the top of any berm.
18. Pistol shooters may not use the rifle range if rifle shooters are using it, or arrive and wish to use it, except by permission of the rifle shooters present. No long guns (other than .22 cal rim-fire) of whatever caliber may be used on the pistol range.
19. The gate must be closed and locked by the last person to leave. When opening the gate the, combination must be changed so that it does not appear on the lock. The gate should not be closed and hooked or locked when the range is in use, except by permission of the Executive Officer or the Range Manager.
20. The following are not permitted on the range: A) Any exploding devices and  
B) Any Class II and III firearms.
21. During any scheduled match, registered match or other authorized shooting activity, if there is a conflict between these rules and the rules of the governing body, the governing body's rules will take precedence.
22. **No open alcoholic beverage or consumption** of same is allowed on Club property while the range is open to shooting. No person who has consumed intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs of any kind, and is considered under their influence shall be permitted on Club property. Any person impaired by any substance so as to be judged unsafe shall be barred from Club property and activities.
23. **Members shall be totally responsible** for the actions and obligations of their guest(s) and are required to stay with them during shooting. New members are probationary members for a period of six months. As probationary members they may only sponsor their spouse and they are allowed only immediate family members as guests.

24. **No smoking is allowed on the firing line.** Smoking is allowed in the parking lot only, not in pavilions or the club house. Butts must be placed in proper receptacles, not on the ground.
25. Loud or abusive language is not permitted. Shooters and range personnel will limit their conversations directly behind the firing lines to official business and converse in a manner so as not to disturb or distract shooters on the firing line.
26. When there is an authorized activity-taking place at the range, members must ask permission of the "Committee Chairman" that is running that event for use of the balance of the range facilities.
27. **No one may handle loaded firearms in the Club facilities or on Club property except while on the firing line. No exposed firearms may be carried at social or functions open to the public except by uniformed officers of the law.** All exposed firearms will be unloaded and have their actions open when not being used on the firing line except for Certified Instructors and Certified Coaches and students while training.
28. **On the pistol range, .22 caliber Rifles are allowed to be fired, center fire Rifles are not allowed regardless of caliber.**
29. **Until further notice, the use of .50 caliber BMG ammunition is not allowed.**

### **CONSEQUENCES**

Members found to be involved in the unsafe or improper use or discharge of any firearm will be suspended for not less than one (1) month or may be expelled as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board. The willful discharge of firearms, in violation of the range rules or safety procedures will result in the immediate expulsion of the member(s) found to be involved in the incident. For more information see Article Seventeen "Safety" in the By-laws.

To provide for the maximum safety of all participants at this range, these Range Rules will be reviewed and if necessary revised a minimum of every two years.

**I have approved these Range Rules as the E.W.S.C. Executive Officer.**

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Executive Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_