

NORTH WHIDBEY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION CLUB RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

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A. FOUR GUN HANDLING SAFETY RULES:

1. Treat all firearms as though they are always loaded.
2. Never allow the muzzle to cover anything you aren't willing to destroy, even for a brief instant.
3. Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and you have made the conscious decision to fire.

B. UNSAFE GUN HANDLING: Defined as any manipulation of a firearm that places any person or property at risk of injury or death. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Pointing guns (loaded or unloaded) at or toward any person or property not intended to absorb bullets.
2. Handling guns while anyone is downrange or forward of the firing line. When anyone is down range all guns must be benched, bagged or holstered. Everyone must remain at least three (3) feet away from any benched gun. Benched guns must be unloaded, and actions open. Archers may not have an arrow knocked when any one is down range.
3. Placing a finger inside the trigger guard unless pointing the gun at a target in preparation for shooting.

C. RANGE RULES: The following rules apply equally to all firearms and archery ranges.

1. Range hours – Monday through Saturday, 8AM to 9PM. Sunday, 1200 noon to 9PM. Rifle and archery ranges close at dusk.
2. Hearing protection and impact resistant eye protection is required by everyone on all firearms ranges.
3. All uncased, unholstered firearms must be unloaded, with actions open and magazines/clips removed, except when preparing to fire on the firing line.
4. Do not shoot at barricades, buildings, benches, or other club property.
5. Do not shoot at aerial targets with solid projectiles.
6. A metal shotgun patterning board is available on the trap range. Largest shot size allowed is #7 ½, lead only, loaded in 2 ¾" field and target shells only. Patterning shot larger than #7 ½ allowed on pistol range on privately owned targets.
7. Remove all shell casings, misfires, faulty ammo, empty ammo boxes, and target frames. Reloadable brass cases may be left in provided brass buckets.
8. Only #7 ½ shot or smaller, 2 ¾" field and target shells may be used on the trap range.
9. No hunting on NWSA property.
10. Red "bravo" flag at the range being used must be raised by the first person entering the range, and lowered by the last person leaving the range.
11. When shooting rapid fire strings, all shots must be kept within a 16" diameter circle, centered in the target area of the target frame. If shots cannot be kept inside the 16" circle shooter must slow rate of fire, move closer, or both.
12. Shoot only at targets that are protected by earthen embankment backstops, exceptions only for shotguns firing shot shells and archery on the trap and archery ranges. Make sure bullets won't be fired over backstops, or impact into ground short of backstop.
13. Use of alcohol and drugs is prohibited on all ranges. No one under the influence of alcohol or drugs is allowed on any firing range.
14. Trap Range and Rifle range cannot be used simultaneously for personal use. When one is in use the other is closed. **Use of radios for range coordination during sanctioned, organized Trap Shoots is authorized**
15. On rifle and pistol ranges only paper or cardboard targets may be used, attached to personally owned target frames, placed in club installed target frame holders, except for organized events when a Range Officer is present. No other targets are authorized. Target frames will be made according to club specifications. Frames are available through club sponsored Boy Scout Troop.
16. Logbooks provided at each range are required to be filled out by all members and guests, and include date, arrival time, and departure time. Range Master for organized events may sign in/out for group, indicating number of participants using the range.
17. Use of NWSA Ranges is at your own risk.
18. All NWSA members are required to wear membership cards as an ID badge on front, outside of outer garment when on club property.
19. Violation of any of the rules will be reported to the Board of Trustees for consideration of possible termination of membership.

D. GUESTS:

1. Guests may be brought onto NWSA property to use the facilities.
2. Club member acting as sponsor is responsible for the actions of their guests.
3. Sponsor must ensure that all club and safety rules are followed.
4. Sponsor must remain with guest for the duration of the guest's visit.
5. Guests may not enter club property unescorted.

E. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES:

1. Every member is responsible for knowledge and enforcement of the rules and bylaws of the club. NWSA bylaws are available at www.northwhidbeysportsmen.org
2. If anyone is observed violating NWSA rules, you are required to take appropriate action. At a minimum get their vehicle license number, and if possible their name and the name of their sponsor if they are a guest.

I have read the above considerations and agree to abide by them while on NWSA property and have received a duplicate copy for my files and reference.

Member name (print)

Member signature

Date

Instructor Signature