



## BUCKS COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION



# GENERAL RULES

- 1 SAFETY & COURTESY FIRST!
- 2 Current membership cards must be displayed, with member number visible, while using the premises.
  - a) Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st.
  - b) Only members may use these ranges, except those permitted by "guest Pass" or special events with board approval or for which a fee is charged.
- 3 All members & guests must sign the SIGN IN SHEETS at the range being used.
- 4 All junior members must be under the direct supervision of a parent or an adult.
- 5 Guest passes are available for a fee established by the board of governors. Issuance of guest passes may be suspended at the discretions of the board of governors.
  - a) Passes are available from the box at the side entrance of the club house, club officers, groundskeeper & range officers.
  - b) Guests must wear a pass issued for that day that is visible while they are on the grounds.
  - c) Only adult members may host guests.
  - d) Host member must supervise guests.
  - e) Host member is responsible for guests.
  - f) Host member & guests must use the same shooting position.(same bench or lane)
- 6 SHOOTING TIMES
  - a) Rifle, pistol, trap ranges and shotgun pattern board.  
Weekdays and Saturdays: 10 a.m. until times posted on range board. Sundays: 11:a.m. till time posted on range board. The ranges will be closed on Easter Sunday, Christmas, & New Years Day ,On Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day & Thanksgiving, all shooting will end at 3:00p.m.
  - c) Archery: Daily: Sunrise to Sunset
- 7 Board of Governors must approve all organized shoots.
- 8 Worn sidearms must comply with State Law.
- 9 Speed limit on club grounds is 5mph.
- 8 The allowed rate of fire is no faster than one shot every two seconds. Faster is "Rapid Fire which is prohibited".
- 9 Hearing and eye protection are recommended.
- 10 Targets
  - a) All targets must be placed on and fastened to the target boards provided.
  - b) "Targets" are defined as commercially printed or handmade lightweight cardboard or paper
  - c) No target representing humans, except silhouette, are allowed.
  - d) Firing at objects other than described, is prohibited.
  - e) All targets shall be placed INSIDE the red lines on the target board.
  - f) "Cross firing" is not allowed.
  - g) No incendiary or armor piercing ammunition is to be used.
  - h) All targets are to be removed when finished shooting.
11. Recommended relay time is 20 minutes.
12. Never point firearms at anyone! Including when placing on or removing firearms from The firing line.
13. Clean up and dispose of your spent shell casings.
14. Brass in front of the shooting benches may be picked up only during a safe flag.
15. Scavenging for used bullets behind target frames is prohibited.
16. All firing must be done from established firing lines only.
- 17 Misfired ammunition: Treat with caution. Cartridges that fail to fire must not be disposed of anywhere on the grounds, including trash containers and rubbish bins. You are responsible for your own misfired ammunition.

- 18 No quick draw firing.
- 19 A muzzle loader is considered unloaded when the powder has been spent from the barrel.
- 20 Never prime or cap muzzle loaders until reaching the firing line.
- 21 Muzzle loaders may “woof” the barrel at the firing line only.
- 22 Smoking is not permitted in any shed where black powder is being used.
- 23 The open “22 Only” range is not to be used except “22” & Muzzle Loaders for events.
- 24 Bird & buck shot use is prohibited in the 100, 50. & pistol sheds.
25. **POSITIVELY NO GUESTS AT ANY RANGE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER . REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY. REPORT VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY & RANGE RULES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. VIOLATION OF CLUB RULES MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.**
- 26 Park vehicles in parking lots & designated areas.
  - a) Handicap parking areas are available.
  - b) No parking on grass.
- 27 Destruction or mutilation of club property shall be cause for appearance before the Board of Governors for disciplinary action, which may also be cause for arrest and prosecution. Violators are responsible to pay for damages.
- 28 Any violation of club rules may be sufficient cause for disciplinary action as determined by the Board including loss of membership and/or arrest and prosecution.
- 29 Please keep grounds clean.
- 30 No alcoholic beverages are permitted on club grounds.
- 31 No smoking in the club house, trap houses or muzzle range.
- 32 No hunting or trapping on club grounds.

#### ARCHERY COURSE & PRACTICE BUTTS

- 1 Insure down range area is safe. No one should release an arrow when anyone is anywhere down range.
- 2 Shoot from lanes only.
- 3 Do not back track through the course.
- 4 Shoot in a maximum group of four.
- 5 Wait until all archers on practice field have finished shooting, before going down range to pull arrows. All archers must retrieve their arrows from the backstops and beyond at the same time.
- 6 No shooting from the parking lot.
- 7 No broad heads are allowed on the course or practice butts. Broad heads are permitted on specially designated butts only.
- 8 Place bow in front of the target, when looking for lost arrows.
- 9 No more than two people in the tree stand at one time.
- 10 No firearms are allowed on the archery ranges.
11. Crossbows use **FIELD RANGE ONLY** or Broadhead butts.

#### TRAPS

- 1 No “Hand Traps or Throwers” may be used. The club has a Mounted Thrower for club use. Trap Shooters Must Stand in Fenced in Area to Shoot. Shooters Must Shoot Between Upright Posts. No Shooting Outside Fenced in AREA PERMITTED.
- 2 Ground mounted trap throwers may be used at the top of the hill between trap houses #7 & # 8 when these trap houses are not in use.
3. Only shells containing shot may be used. Nothing larger than 7-1/2 with 3 drams of powder. Larger shot use the pattern board.
4. Shotguns shall be single loaded except when shooting doubles, at which time two shells may be loaded.

#### SHOTGUN PATTERN BOARD

- 1 Shoot only from yardage stakes: minimum 20 yards, maximum 50 yards.
- 2 No slugs or buckshot.

## RANGES

- 1 All ranges are controlled by the flag and buzzer systems.
  - a) All ranges commence firing and cease firing simultaneously.
  - b) Everyone is responsible for safety. Anyone may call for a cease fire by sounding the buzzer.
- 2 The Buzzer is used to gain the attention of the firing line. Determine the reason for the buzzer and act accordingly. Cease-fire! Make firearms safe! Find out why buzzer sounded.
- 3 Buzzer must sound in conjunction with a flag change.
  - a) **BLACK AND YELLOW STRIPED RECTANGULAR flag:CEASE-FIRE**, open action, unload firearms, no handling of firearms & stand clear of firing line.  
Handling of firearms or equipment is not permitted under the cease-fire flag . Stand clear & do not sit at bench during a cease-fire.
  - b) **RED TRIANGULAR flag**; all clear to commence firing. Everyone should insure down range is safe.  
**LOOK** carefully between the poles!
  - c) 100-yard shed when in use controls the return to red.
  - d) Flags should not be displayed in any shed that is not in use.
  - e) The flag system is also in effect before & after shoo-in hours.
- 4 Canoeist may call for a cease-fire by ringing a bell. All ranges must go to a cease-fire per rule 3.
  - a) Resume fire can only occur after someone has gone down range and confirm that the canoeists have passed and the range is clear.
- 5 All firearms must be unloaded and actions shall remain open except when in use on the firing line during a red flag.
- 6 Pistols Only at the 9 yard & 25 yard pistol range. **NO RIFLES OR PISTOLS THAT SHOOT HIGH POWDERED RIFLE CALIBERS NO FULL METAL JACKET BULLETS.**
- 7 Chronograph sky screens may be erected during safe flag.,after everyone has returned to the sheds. Bore sighting may only be done during red flag.

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