

Van Wert Co. Outdoorsmen Assn.

Range Rules

Abuse and/or violation of the Range Rules are sufficient reason to suspend members from using the club facilities. Those suspended can only be reinstated upon approval of the club membership.

General Range Rules

1. The outdoor range operating hours are from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. All shooting will end at sunset, with the exception of trap shooting, or other official activities. O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(C)
2. All shooters must have a valid & current membership card, and show their membership card on request. Junior members (under 18) must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, Range Safety Officer, or be in other club sponsored activity.
3. All members have the right to insist upon proper observance of Range Rules and firearms safety at all times. Unsafe acts are to be reported to club officers immediately.
4. Shooting at glass bottles, trees, benches, chairs, trash containers, computers, etc... or any other club property is not permitted. O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(D2a(iii))
5. **DO NOT** shoot over the earthen backstops, or place items on top of the backstops. At all ranges, targets must be attached to a suitable target holder in front of a backstop. O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(D2a(iv))
6. Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are not permitted on club premises. Persons, who exhibit behaviors consistent with drug or alcohol use, will not be permitted on the clubs property. O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(D2b(viii))
7. When firing in specific events Turkey Shoots, Trap, Silhouette, High power, etc., the special rules for that event must be adhered to.
8. Open shooting will be prohibited during special events. With the Range Safety Officer in command of all participants & observers. O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(D1)
9. The use of paint ball guns, and other non-lethal devices or explosives containing paint are prohibited from use on any club property.
10. All Federal, State, and Local laws must be adhered to while on club property. The use of tracer & incendiary ammunition is prohibited. O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(D2c(iv))
11. For **SAFETY** concerns, there is no hunting allowed on club property, due to the close proximity of populated areas around the club.
12. No unauthorized persons or activities are permitted in the woods downrange.
13. No unauthorized burning of refuse, or other items on club property

Firearms Safety & Target Rules

All uncased firearms must be unloaded, with the action open until at the firing point or position. The use of an "Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI)" is recommended.

1. All firearms are to be handled in a safe and responsible manor. Violations of this rule will result in expulsion.
2. The muzzle of any firearm must never be pointed toward anyone. Violations of this rule will result in expulsion.
3. Everyone on all ranges SHOULD wear ear & eye protection devises. O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(D2a(vii))
4. In the event of a hang-fire or misfire, the shooter should keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and wait 30 seconds until opening the action.
5. Extreme caution is to be used with all steel targets. Rimfire targets are to be in a direct line with the earthen backstops. The use of jacketed ammunition on steel targets is prohibited. Steel targets are to be centered with the backstops, and shall be no further than the target frames away from the earthen backstop. At all times, steel targets are to be kept at a 90 deg. angle to the shooter. Minimum distance from shooter to steel target is 25 yards.
6. After shooting, each shooter WILL pick up their refuse.
7. What you bring as a target, take home with you when you are done.
8. No "bump firing" of semi-auto firearms. Technique of finger on trigger and rhythmic movement of gun to try to increase rate of fire.

Automatic Firearms Specific Range Regulations

O.R.C. 119.031§1501:31-29-03(D2c(iv))

1. No more than one automatic firearm shall be fired at one time.
2. Only club members are permitted to fire class III firearms on club property.
3. All handheld & shouldered firearms are to be fired **NO** further than 25 yards from backstop.
4. All Bi-pod equipped firearms (bi-pods that rock up & down are not permitted), and tri-pod equipped firearms with a working transverse & elevation attached and operational (locked down), are to be fired **NO** further than 50 yards from backstop.
5. All firing by non-owners shall be done in short burst, magazines to hold 5 rounds or less, belt fed to have every sixth round removed (if possible).
6. Owners of class III firearms allowing non-owner/club members the use of their firearm shall act as a safety observer, and are responsible for the safe operation and use during handling and live fire of the class III firearm.

Van Wert County Outdoorsman Association
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