



CATAWBA VALLEY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.

RANGE RULES

1. General Range Conduct

- 1.1. All ranges and club facilities are for use of members and their guests only. Guests must remain in the company of a member. **The club** member is responsible for their guest's **actions**.
- 1.2. Outdoor ranges are open for shooting from sunrise till sunset Monday through Saturday. Outdoor ranges are open 12:00 Noon to sunset on Sundays.
- 1.3. Indoor range is open for use at any time.
- 1.4. Special events requiring a start time prior to 12:00 Noon on Sundays must be brought before the membership at the monthly meeting.
- 1.5. No alcoholic beverages or containers are permitted on the range property at any time.
- 1.6. Members and their guest are required to clean up any range or target debris before leaving the range. Take your trash with you!
- 1.7. All **firearms** must be unloaded and clear except when on the firing line, getting ready to fire. (See rule 1.10 for concealed carry handgun exceptions.)
- 1.8. Open chamber indicators are required in all firearms on the indoor range, pistol range, 100 yard, 200 yard, and 300 yard ranges. (See rule 1.10 for concealed carry handgun exceptions.)
- 1.9. All **firearms** must be unloaded actions opened, open bolt indicator installed and tabled or cased when a cease fire is called before anyone is permitted in front of the firing line, and while anyone remains in front of the firing line. It is NOT permissible to handle any firearm while any person is downrange
- 1.10. Open- holstered or holstered concealed handguns carried by licensed concealed carry permit holders are allowed on the range property unless specifically prohibited by a match director during a match. As noted above in rule 1.7 and 1.8, all *un-holstered* weapons must be cased or tabled with an "empty chamber indicator" in place whenever **anyone is** down range.

- 1.11. Treat every firearm as though loaded. Watch that muzzle. There is no excuse for sloppy handling or muzzle violations.
- 1.12. Indiscriminate random fire and firing “from the hip” are prohibited, examples: bump fire device, triggers that fire on release, and gadget triggers.
- 1.13. With the exception of legally licensed Suppressors and legally licensed short barreled rifles (SBR), all other Class III items are banned from club premises. Class III items in general are those types of firearms which must be registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Records, and are defined in the National Firearms Act. The licensee for these permitted class III devices must carry a copy of his license documentation with the weapon, and be able to prove upon the request of any other member that the device is in his possession legally. The licensee must be present directly where the permitted device is being used at all times.
- 1.14. All weapons using the .50 caliber BMG cartridge or any derivatives of that cartridge are prohibited from CVRPC property.
- 1.15. All cannons and exploding targets (i.e Tannerite) are prohibited from CVRPC property.
- 1.16. Parking in front of firing lines is prohibited.
- 1.17. NO HUNTING is allowed on club property!
- 1.18. Please observe common shooting courtesy. Let others post and check targets when necessary and make room for them to enjoy shooting too.
- 1.19. No ammunition with a projectile that is attracted to a magnet shall be used on ANY STEEL TARGET.
- 1.20. All regulations concerning care and shooting of metal targets are to be read and observed.
- 1.21. Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times when a range is in use.

2. Rifle Range Conduct

- 2.1. Because of the location and close relationship between several ranges, extreme care must be used.
- 2.2. Any shooter using the 200 and 300 yard ranges is obligated to ensure that all entry chains and signs are up while using those ranges. Also, if the chains, gates, or signs are up and you wish to shoot on the 100 yard range then you must check in and get permission from the person using the 200/300 yard range before going anywhere else.
- 2.3. Use of the 200 and/or 300 yard ranges is permitted only when the forward ranges are not in use or when prior permission is given by the 100 yard line user(s) when the 100 yard line users are shooting from behind the baffles at the tables and **not to the right of the firing line. All vehicles must exit on the left side of the range.**
- 2.4. No cross firing between the ranges will be permitted. You must fire straight into the berms and/or on steel targets to prevent left and right ricochets that could endanger other shooters on other ranges. In the case of the 100/200/300 yard lines, the dividing line is the west creek bridge. No one from the 100 yard covered line will fire on targets

right of the west creek bridge and no one at 200/300 will fire at targets left of the west creek bridge.

- 2.5. In the case of a scheduled Match in progress on the 100/200/300 yard ranges and a shooter wishing to use the 100 yard line, the following procedure must be followed. The shooter must first obtain permission from the Match Director to shoot from a position at the 100 yard barricades. Then, the member must shoot and stay at one of the four shooting positions that are behind the barricades. Shooting must be at the bench or the concrete firing line and firing must be straightforward between barricades. Shooting from the grass inside the barricade is not permitted. If the match is at 100 yards the shooter must only fire when the match shooters are permitted to fire and follow all other range commands of the match. In the case of matches at 200/300 yards, then both parties may fire independently of each other. Match director or staff must call a cease fire at the 100 yard range before proceeding down range.
- 2.6. If using the 100 yard range while 200/300 yard ranges are in use targets may be set or checked only using the east bridge at your discretion.
- 2.7. If you come to shoot at the 100 yard line, then please use the barricade end first. This will leave the right side open in case someone wants to shoot from the 200/300 yard range and maximize usage of the range facilities.
- 2.8. The 200 yard firing line shall not be occupied when the 300 yard line is in use.
- 2.9. Earth berm backstops are located on the 100, 200, and 300 yard ranges. No target shall be located greater than 10 feet in front of an earth berm. No target shall be fired upon that is located greater than 10 feet from the earth berm backstops. The only exception to this will be targets placed on top of the berm at the High-Power pit. These targets will be considered safe as the large bank behind the pit will stop the bullets.
- 2.10. Do not place metal objects or targets on the berm at angles that may cause a ricochet.

3. Outdoor Pistol Range

- 3.1. Steel on pistol ranges is for straight wall pistol cases, .22 long rifle, and shot shells.
- 3.2. Some steel is .22 long rifle only (1/4" or thinner)
- 3.3. Shot shells will be lead or bismuth only (no steel shot).
- 3.4. No steel targets will be fired upon at a distance less than 25 feet.
- 3.5. All approved cartridges for CVRPC may be used on paper targets
- 3.6. Slugs may only be used on paper targets.
- 3.7. On pistol range 1 (left side range), hits closer than 25 yards in the dirt are considered safe all the way out to direct berm hits.
- 3.8. For pistol range 2 (center 50 yard range), no bullet shall contact the ground between the covered concrete firing line and the 25-yard line. All targets shall be positioned so that misses on plates and hits on paper must either contact the ground more than 25 yards out or hit the berm directly. Hits beyond 25 yards out and on the range 2 berm are considered to be safe.

- 3.9. On pistol range 3 (right side range) no shots will be fired from further back than the end of the separation berm between range 2 and range 3.
- 3.10. No target on any part of the pistol ranges shall be positioned so that shots are fired at or into the pistol range separation (side) berms except during club approved competitions.
- 3.11. No multi-projectile ammunition (shotshells) shall be used on the club's paper target stands.

4. Indoor Range

- 4.1. The indoor range is for .22 long, .22 long rifle, .22 short rimfire and air guns or air rifles only. No centerfire guns or other rimfires are allowed.

5. Skeet Range

- 5.1. Only shot shells loaded with lead or bismuth shot no larger than 7 ½ shall be used on shotgun ranges.
- 5.2. Shotguns at the skeet and wobble trap ranges are not required to display open chamber indicators. The actions must be open or broke down when not on stage for firing.
- 5.3. **Shotguns are not to be loaded until shooter is on the firing pad and prepared to fire.**

6. Care of Metal Silhouette Targets

- 6.1. The Club presently has several thousand dollars invested in metal silhouette targets of the following types:
 - 6.1.1. REDUCED SIZE THIN STEEL FREE STANDING and SWINGING SIGHT-IN TARGETS ON THE 100 YARD RANGE are suitable only for .22 LR use (approximately 1/4").
 - 6.1.2. REDUCED SIZE THICKER STEEL FREE STANDING TARGETS ON THE 100 YARD and 200/300 YARD RANGES which are primarily for handgun use or rimfire 22's (approximately 3/8").
 - 6.1.3. LARGE SIZE STEEL FREE STANDING TARGETS ON 200/300 YARD RANGE which are for centerfire handgun and some **limited** rifle use (no rifle usage on large rams, approximately 1/2").
 - 6.1.4. LARGE SIZE STEEL SWINGING SIGHT-IN TARGETS ON 200/300-YARD RANGE which are **not** suitable for rifles (approximately 1/2").
- 6.2. Club members must observe the following general precautions to prevent damage (holes and cratering):
 - 6.2.1. ANY OF THE SILHOUETTE TARGETS, even the large ones, can be damaged if the wrong firearm, cartridge or distance from target is used. A high velocity centerfire rifle such as the 22-250 Remington cartridge for example, at 100 yards is capable of shooting through any target we have.

- 6.2.2. REDUCED SIZE THIN STEEL TARGETS and REDUCED SIZE SWINGING TARGETS ON THE 100 YARD RANGE are easily damaged and only the .22 LR cartridge should be used. Even round ball black powder guns can damage these targets.
- 6.2.3. LARGE SIZE FREE STANDING TARGETS (chickens, pigs and turkeys - **not rams**) may only be shot with a rifle from 250-300 yards. Even then care should be taken that targets are not being damaged by the rifle. If you are not sure of what to do here then don't shoot the steel animals with a rifle!
- 6.2.4. LARGE FREE STANDING RAMS ON THE 200/300 YARD RANGE should not be shot with a high velocity rifle from any distance as the large rams greater weight makes them easier to damage.
- 6.2.5. LARGE SWINGING SIGHT-IN TARGETS ON THE 200/300-YARD RANGE are of softer steel and should **not be shot with a rifle from any distance** - even 300 yards.
- 6.2.6. Care should be taken that extra HOT handgun loads/cartridges do not damage the 200 YARD RANGE TARGETS.
- 6.2.7. No ammunition with a projectile that is attracted to a magnet shall be used on ANY STEEL TARGET.