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# Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club

## Rules for use of the indoor range for rifle and pistol shooting

Like you, we don't really care for rules. But your health and safety are our foremost concern. It is our goal that you enjoy your time at the TSC indoor range. Many shooters will be inexperienced. Many will have unsafe habits, or wish to act in ways that adversely affect others or the safe operation of the range. We need to operate the range so that it is safe, healthy, efficient, effective and pleasant for our members. To assure these goals are met, we present the following and ask that you familiarize yourself with this information and adhere to it when you visit the range. We believe you will find these rules reasonable, and less restrictive than most ranges. If there is any doubt or question as to what a rule applies or the rationale behind the rule, please feel free to contact us for more information.

As we are involved in the carrying and firing of firearms, it is critical to behave in a totally civil manner. There is to be no arguing, shouting, threatening, intimidation, pushing or fighting tolerated. Such behavior may result in expulsion from the range, including permanently. All range officers as designated by the TSC board have the authority to eject any shooter from the range for cause.

## **RULES ARE ENGLISH AND MUST BE UNDERSTOOD**

### **Common Sense**

### General Rules

- All shooters must sign in on the log provided. Enter name, shooting log, caliber of ammunition, indicate member or guest. Guest fees may be placed in the mailbox on the range officer station.
- Handgun shooters under 21 years of age and long gun shooters under 18 years of age must have parental approval and be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times on the range.
- Be sure that your firearm is safe to operate and know how to operate it safely. Always keep your firearm unloaded, your finger off the trigger and the firearm pointed in a safe direction until ready to shoot.
- Never hand a loaded firearm to another person. Do not accept a loaded firearm from anyone.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm. If you have any questions, please consult a range officer before coming to the range.
- No smoking, food or drink in the range area at any time.
- No expectant mothers allowed on the range at any time. Even very small amounts of lead contamination can affect unborn children.
- No loaded firearms are to enter or exit the building. All magazines and speed loaders must be unloaded. Load firearms at firing line only. No firearms are permitted in the ready room without being in a case or range bag.

### Use of Rifles on the indoor range

- Only rifles chambered for and using .22 short, long or long rifle are permitted. You may NOT shot rimfire cartridges in .17HMR, .17HM2, .17WSM, 5mm Rem Mag., .22WMR. Absolutely NO centerfire rifles are permitted!
- Air rifles and pistols are permitted
- All other safety rules apply.

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### Use of pistols on the indoor range

- All members and guests must have a valid NYS pistol permit.
- Members may host a maximum of two guests at any one time.
- Be sure that your firearm is safe to operate and know how to operate it safely. Always keep your firearm unloaded, your finger off the trigger and the firearm pointed in a safe direction until ready to shoot.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm. If you have any questions, consult someone who knows before you shoot.
- Inexperienced shooters are not allowed on the range without prior instruction, coaching and the approval of the Pistol Committee. Instruction or coaching is available at no cost to members by appointment.
- If unsafe behavior is noticed, make sure the Pistol Committee is notified as soon as possible.
- Eye and ear protection must be worn by everyone at all times on the range.
- No handgun drawing from the holster is allowed.
- The range is for aimed fire only, so shooting from the hip is not permitted.
- Steel, incendiary, tracer armor piercing or explosive ammunition is not permitted.
- The use of ammunition either lead or jacketed is permitted. The firing of magnum ammunition including but not limited to .357 magnum, .41 magnum and .44 magnum are NOT permitted at any time.
- Only paper targets may be used. Targets must be placed so that at eye level bullets fired at the target will impact the backstop.
- Firearms must be pointed downrange at all times when in your shooting lane.
- Firearms, speed loaders and magazines can only be loaded at the firing line.
- When not shooting or during target changes, all firearms unloaded with the magazine removed. Firearms must be on the firing lane bench with actions open and with an open chamber indicator in the action.
- Dry fire practice is allowed only on the firing line.
- Never extend any part of your body forward of the firing line for any reason.
- When a target change cease fire is called, anyone not going forward must remain behind the yellow safety line.
- After shooting you will police your brass and leave the range as clean as it was found.
- It is strongly advised that you wash your hands when finished shooting prior to eating, drinking, or smoking to prevent lead ingestion.

In consideration for granting access to the indoor range with an access fob, I agree to following the above rules conducting myself on the indoor range and agree to be responsible for the actions of any guest I host.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Range Safety Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

FOB Number \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_