

TSC OUTDOOR RANGE

This is a private range and is available to members of TSC and their guests. This range is not open to the general public. Any non-member found on the range without escort should be asked to leave immediately. If there is any issue, a member of the Pistol Committee should be alerted. Violators will be prosecuted.

Membership ID card and YELLOW LANYARD must be present and visible.

Guests (up to 2 additional shooters) are allowed only when accompanied by members of TSC with the proper credentials. The member is responsible for all activities and violations incurred by guests they escort. Actions of your guests could have your ability to use the ranges revoked.

Use of any range to conduct any sort of paid training services is prohibited.

Pistols may only be used by individuals in possession of a valid NYS Pistol Permit or those authorized under NYS Law.

Hearing & eye protection must be worn at all times by all people on the range.

The use or being under the influence of alcohol and drugs on the range is prohibited.

Acquiring Credentials to the Outdoor Range

TSC Members in good standing are required to take a 30-minute training course on the material in this document.

Upon successful completion of the 30-minute course a yellow lanyard will be issued.

Arriving & Setting up at the Range

Hours: Monday – Sunday: 9:00am to Sunset. The range is open 365 days a year unless rented or under maintenance.

All firearms transported to the range should be unloaded and cased with the exception of legally carried/concealed firearms. Firearms should never come out of the case or be handled until down range and at the firing line.

Check in and fill out paperwork at the building as required. Pay any guest / family range fees at this location and drop envelope in the box on the right-hand side of the block building at the top of the range.

Guest Fee - \$10

Family Fee (Spouse, Child under 18) - \$3

Your Membership ID/Lanyard is required to be on display at all times. Either worn on a lanyard around your neck or displayed off the back of the shooting table. But it must be visible. If credentials are not on visible, they must produce upon request. Please be polite and courteous if asking or asked.

Park in the parking lot at the top of the range or utilize the road to proceed down range. If a vehicle is taken down range, the vehicle should be behind any firing lines and remain on the gravel road. Park your vehicle in a way so that you can exit easily and in a manor so you do not block others in. Limit vehicles downrange to 3-4 maximum. Never drive through or park on the grass. This can cause damage to the range.

If you have driven downrange, stage out of your vehicle by leaving any equipment or firearms that are not immediately needed in your vehicle. All firearms in your vehicle should never be handled and remain cased until they have been moved to the firing line.

Covered Shooting Area

Use of the covered shooting area is permitted for special events only. Special events are authorized by the Board of Directors.

Members wishing to utilize the 50yd target stands typically used for the Bullseye style of shooting should consider attending the weekly Bullseye practice.

Any member caught using the covered shooting area outside of special events will be referred to the Pistol Committee for disciplinary action.

Permitted Firearm Calibers and Ammunition

Pistol shooters must have a valid NYS pistol permit or be authorized under NYS law. Long gun shooters must be at least 18 years old with the exception that children under 18 may shoot when supervised by a parent or guardian.

- **Handguns chambered in a straight walled pistol cartridge (Ex: 9mm, 38SPL/Mag, 40S&W, 44SPL/Mag, 45ACP, 50AE, etc.)**
- **Handguns firing necked cartridges such as 5.7x28mm, 357 Sig and rounds under 2000fps.**
- **Any handgun or long gun using a Rimfire cartridge (Ex: 17HMR, 22LR, 22WMR)**
- **Pistol Caliber Carbines chambered in 9mm, 40S&W, 45ACP, 38-40, 44-40**
 - **Any round used should be less than 2000fps**
- **Shotguns or pistols firing shotgun cartridges 12ga-410ga using Slugs and scatter shot of any size.**
- **Suppressors (LEO/Authorized Only)**
- **Bullet types allowed include FMJ, JHP, Lead, Coated, Biodegradable-Airsoft, Pellet Guns, Simunitions.**

Non-Permitted Firearm Calibers and Ammunition

- **No handguns chambered in rifle calibers are permitted (Ex: 223, 308, 300WM, AR Pistols)**
- **No Rifles chambered in Rifle Calibers**
- **No tracers or incendiaries**
- **No armor piercing ammunition**

Note: Any unsafe use of the range or violation of any rules will result being referred to the Pistol Committee for disciplinary action.

Establishing a Firing Line

The first shooter at the range establishes the firing line. If another shooter arrives and wishes to shoot at a different distance, all shooters must negotiate a common firing line.

- All shooters must always use a common firing line at the same distance.
- Never have another group either in front or behind you. Always parallel.
- Target stands may be staggered to achieve different shooting distances from the same firing line with in +/-5yd from the fixed target stands.
- The firing line must be established square to the North berm.
 - Side Berms can only be used in Special Events.

A firing line is established by setting a table, cart, bench or visible object at the position you wish to shoot. The position can be set in one or two ways.

1. Table / Cart / Object on side of shooter – The firing line is then established parallel to the front of the table / bench / object. Equipment, magazines and bags may be placed on the table/cart/bench, however all firearm handling must be done pointing down range including casing and uncasing. If using a range cart, traffic cone or other visible object, you will set in this manor.
2. Table in front of shooter – the firing line is established parallel to the back of the table. Shooters may stage gear and firearms on the table and shoot from behind it.

No more than 2 active shooters per position. If there are more shooters, create another position.

The firing line is the line where it is acceptable to handle firearms. Absolutely no handling of firearms should occur while not at the firing line. Handling a firearm while not at the firing line is considered unsafe gun handling. If the firearm is out of the case or the case is not closed/secured, this is considered handling.

Setting Targets / Target Stands

It is generally recommended to use the fixed target stands at the end of the range. Bring your own cardboard (24" wide x desired height).

If a shooter chooses to use their own stands, they must be safe construction and appropriate height for use on the range. Portable target stands must be set so that bullets that pass-through targets and have no place to go but into the berm.

Shooters may utilize multiple target stands if they are available but should remain square to ensure all bullets end up in the berm.

Maximum Distances

- Pistol / Pistol Caliber Carbine – 25yds – Drainage ditch/stone path is at 25yds

- **Shotgun / Pistols Chambered in Shotgun Cartridges – 10yds**

Shooters are allowed to stagger distance on targets with portable stands, but they must be within (5) yards forward or back from the existing target stands ensure that all bullets pass through the target and into the berm from the position the shooter intends to shoot from.

Members supply their own backers/targets.

- Only Paper, Cardboard and Steel targets built for the purpose of being shot can be used.
- No exploding targets (Tannerite), organic targets (pumpkins, etc) or metal not purpose built to be shot at.

Steel Targets

- Steel targets must be shot from a minimum distance of 21ft.
- Steel targets should be designed and positioned so that splatter off impacted bullets is not directed back at shooters.

Shotguns

- Can only be fired in positions S1 & S2 on the left side of the range
- Must remove metal target stand and utilize portable target stand (Not Provided)
- Maximum distance is restricted to 10yds.

Shooting and Handling at the Firing Line

All firearms **MUST** be transported unloaded (no magazine and live ammunition) in a case, bag or box appropriate for the storage/transport of firearms to the firing line. The box/case should be fully closed and secured (snapped, zippered, etc).

Carry/Concealed Firearms

- If you are not planning on shooting your concealed firearm, it may stay loaded and concealed.
- If you are planning to use a firearm that you are already carrying, it must remain holstered until you are at the firing line. Once at the line it should be cleared and rules in this section followed.
- Once a carry/concealed firearm has been cleared it is considered being used at the range. Any time you step off the line it must be cleared and re-holstered or bagged. You may not transition a loaded-carry/concealed gun and a range gun several times in the same session to avoid unloading before stepping off the line.
- When finished with your carry/concealed firearm for the day, you are permitted to reload your firearm and holster/conceal it. This must be done at the firing line.

At the firing line, firearms may be uncased to be fired, worked on, or holstered.

The only time a firearm is loaded is at the firing line. If you are stepping off the line, unload the firearm.

In general, keep the number of firearms that are out to a minimum. If you are not using or intending to use it, put it away.

All firearms must be pointed downrange at all times. This includes while shooting, loading and unloading as well as casing/bagging. If a muzzle breaks the 180 this is considered unsafe gun handling.

Using / Drawing from a Holster

- **Pistols may be moved from case to holster or holster to case only at the firing line.**
- **Drawing from a holster is permitted if the user does it in a safe manner with the proper equipment.**
- **The muzzle of the firearm should not go above the berm.**
- **Strong Side holsters only. No cross draw or under the shoulder holsters are permitted.**
- **When leaving the firing line with a holstered firearm, it must be cleared with no round chambered and an empty magazine well.**

Shooting with movement (lateral / advancing on targets) is NOT permitted.

If a firearm is to be removed from the line, it should be put back in case/box or holstered with magazine removed and chamber empty.

Going Downrange

After a while, shooters will need to head down range to repair, replace, re-position or remove targets. During this time, a cease fire will need to be called.

To call a cease fire, inform all shooters on the range that you wish to go down range.

All shooters should finish any shooting they are in the middle of in a reasonable amount of time and should unload/clear their firearms and either holster or case them. Any case/bag used must be zippered or snapped shut to be considered properly closed. Holstered firearms should be cleared of ammunition and with no magazine inserted.

Once all firearms are cleared and put away, all shooters should give a confirmation that the range is cleared either with a thumbs up or verbally. Once all shooters have confirmed, the range should be called clear and shooters may go down range. Always check the firing line to ensure it is clear before stepping in front of it.

No one is permitted to touch any firearms while a shooter is down range. To do so is unsafe gun handling.

Shooters should move to the back or behind the shooting line tables while anyone is down range. They may perform administrative tasks at that point such as loading magazines. All firearms must never be touched and must remain cased/holstered.

Once the last shooter down range returns across the firing line, give a verbal queue or signal. At that time firearm handling and shooting may resume.

Clean Up

Leave the range as good or better than how you found it.

Dispose of all targets in the burn barrel located by the exit of the range.

Pickup your spent brass. It doesn't biodegrade! Set a blanket or net to make it easier. If you don't want the brass, put it in brass bucket at the top of the range. We don't expect people to get every piece of brass, however, try to make a conscious effort to pick it up.

Spent shotgun shells should be collected if they are shot.

Report any damage to the Pistol Committee at Ranges@tonsportsclub.com immediately.

Note: Agencies that qualify on this range are authorized to shoot Rifles on the Range. Members may shoot firearms listed in the current edition of the range rules published on the website.

Violations and Safety Infringements

TSC takes the safety at the ranges and of its members very seriously.

The club has installed video surveillance and will be actively monitoring the recordings. Just because you are at the range alone, doesn't mean the rules shouldn't be followed. Footage may be reviewed at any time after the fact.

Actions will be taken against individuals found to be in violation of rules and safety guidelines, based on the severity of the infraction.

Upon completion of investigation and after presenting evidence gathered, the pistol committee by majority vote of the committee shall have the authority to counsel, suspend or revoke a members access rights to the outdoor range as deemed necessary. Disposition and steps to restore access will be provided to the member by the committee.

Serious or repeated violations will be escalated to the Board of Directors as necessary for further action as required.

This document is not an all-inclusive list but provides some guidelines. Please consult with TSC Pistol Committee for clarification or to report issues.