

TONAWANDAS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ALL SHOOTING RANGES & FIELDS

1. **General.** Live firing and shooting conducted at the Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club is designed to provide authorized personnel access to a facility where they can become proficient with privately-owned / legal firearms. The Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club is a family orientated organization and dedicated to Wildlife conservation, hunting, fishing, archery, shooting and firearms safety training. This organization supports the NRA safety programs. This organization is staffed with NRA Instructors and New York State Hunter Safety Instructors.

2. **Facilities for use.** The Club firearm shooting facilities consist of:
Shotgun: 4 skeet fields / 7 trap fields / 1 sporting clays course
Ranges: 1 outdoor pistol range / 1 indoor pistol range / 1 outdoor rifle range (w/ 2 Pistol stations)
Other: Archery Bags (at Pistol Range) / Catch and Release Fishing Pond
Hunting: Member (only) Hunting on Property. All Game within N.Y. State seasons.

The range SOP, range availability, range rules and club safety rules are established by the Board of Directors and the appointed range Chairpersons. Availability and schedules are posted each month in the "Sportscaster", the club's monthly news bulletin. Shooting events, schedules and club safety rules are posted on the clubhouse bulletin boards.

Note: Please review the "Sportscaster" on a monthly basis for safety articles and restrictions placed for hunting and shooting on all TSC property.

3. Range Limitations and Safety Requirements:

a) Outdoor shooting times:

Pistol Range: When on the range, Range safety card w/YELLOW lanyard must be displayed at all times.

- Every Day: 9 am to 8:59 pm or dark (whichever comes first).

Rifle Range (w/ two Pistol stations): When on the range, Range safety card w/BLUE lanyard must be displayed at all times.

- Monday to Friday: 9 am to 8:59 pm or dark (whichever comes first).
- Saturday & Sunday: 10 am to 8:59 pm or dark (whichever comes first).

Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC

Outdoor property will be permanently expelled from the Club. Exception: Legal Hunting.

b) Indoor shooting times – 8:00 am to 10:00 pm (every day).

Exception: closed for Friday Night Dinner Hour (5pm – 8pm)

c) All shooters must follow the NRA standard "Gun Safety Rules".

d) Hearing & eye protection must be worn by all employees at all ranges during all shooting events. Practice is considered a shooting event.

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f) Proper shooting locations for all Guns at TSC:

Shotgun Patterning Board: (Shotguns ONLY)

The Shotgun Patterning Board is located to the left of Skeet Field #1.

The Patterning board can help Trap or Skeet Shooters find their guns "point of Impact".

This is important in finding where your guns shot pattern is relative to the clay target.

You should grease the steel plate face and then place a spent (used) shotgun shell on the center peg to aim at. There is Grease and a roller for your use located behind the board.

Then, stand approximately even with the back side of Trap house #1. Shoot 2 or 3 rounds at the spent shell. If your pattern is high or low or too far left or right, you can adjust the comb or vent rib, and retry your shot. Hopefully, this will result in more shot reaching the clay target.

Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size only. Please remember to use lead shot only. NO Steel shot, Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed.

Shogun Home Defense Gun Board: (Shotguns only)

Next to the Steel Patterning Board is a 4' x 4' plywood board (usually covered by cardboard) to learn use of your home defense gun.

Staple or tape your target to the cardboard.

Then, stand approximately even with the back side of Trap house #1 to Shoot.

Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size only.

No Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed.

Outdoor Ranges:

1) Outdoor Pistol Range: ONLY Pistols can be used on this Range

2) Outdoor Rifle Range:

- (10) Rifle Stations: ONLY Rifles can be shot on these stations

- (2) Pistol Stations: ONLY Pistols can be used on these stations

Note: Shotguns with DEER SLUGS ONLY can be used at all (12) stations

3) Trap/Skeet & Sporting Clay Courses: Shotguns ONLY

- Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size only.

Any Questions: Contact a Board Officer

g) Call a "Cease Fire and "Make Safe" if any person moves forward of any "live fire" firing line or any other unsafe condition is observed.

h) Notify the Club Safety Officer and/or any Director, Club Officer, or Range Chairperson of any safety infraction.

i) Shooting is allowed only on scheduled ranges. Club directors, event/shooting chairpersons will determine the scheduled range times.

j) Insure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits.

k) Shooting at target frames is prohibited.

l) Only authorized ammunition and firearms may be used.

- Outdoor Pistol Range: all Legal Hand Guns and Ammo can be used
Members supply their own targets / No tracers or incendiaries / no armor piercing.

- Outdoor Rifle Range: all Legal Rifles and Ammo can be used

Members supply their own targets / No tracers or incendiaries / no armor piercing.

- Indoor Pistol Range: Jacketed or unjacketed Ammo / Members supply their own targets

Max. of .45 Caliber Pistol. No Magnum Loads, handguns chambered for 5.7, .410 defense loads
No tracers or incendiaries / No armor piercing bullets

Max.: .22 Caliber RIM FIRE Rifle (.22 short, long or .22 long rifles). No .22 magnums, .223 or .17 cal.

Air Rifles and Air Pistols are permitted

** Any Range questions, contact the Pistol Committee **

- m) Only paper targets are to be used on the rifle and pistol ranges.
- n) The use of any glass, or breakable, "glass-like", material for targets is prohibited.
- o) Metal targets may be used for previously approved authorized practice or events on the **OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE ONLY** / setup in line and between the existing target holders.
Metal Targets are NEVER allowed on the RIFLE RANGE.
- p) Notify the Club Safety Officer and/or any Director, Club Officer, or Range Chairperson of any safety infraction.
- q) Pick up all brass, shot shells, paper, and debris from the shooting area and range. Deposit all material in the designated receptacles.
- r) For all Ranges, Unsighted fire "hip shooting" is prohibited.
- s) Simulated automatic fire with semi-automatic firearms is prohibited.
- t) No Pets are allowed on any live firing line.

4. Handguns and concealed carry rules:

"Concealed Carry" All handguns must be legally possessed.
All handguns that are carried on the person must be totally concealed.
All handguns worn in the clubhouse are not to be visible or exposed.

THE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE ARE:

- a) Events or matches that require a holstered Handgun.
- b) Any on-duty, sworn law enforcement officer.
- c) Any on-duty military personnel.
- d) Authorized specific demonstrations approved by the Club Officers or Directors and must follow all applicable laws.

5. Authorized & Prohibited Ammunition:

- a) Armor piercing ammunition is prohibited on all ranges.
- b) Gas checked lead bullets are prohibited on the indoor range.
- c) Incendiary, explosive, tracer, or flare ammunition are prohibited on all ranges.
- d) Magnum velocity and "+P" type ammunition is prohibited on the indoor pistol range.

Jacketed or Unjacketed bullets can be used on the indoor pistol range.

- e) High velocity .22 WRF ammunition is prohibited on the indoor pistol range.
- f) Any ammunition deemed not appropriate by the Club Range Officer(s), Director(s), or event chairperson(s) for the specific range, match, or event.
- g) Shotgun slugs and shot sizes larger than "BB" are authorized in designated areas only (and cannot be used for Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays).
- h) Shotgun "patterning" with short brass shot sizes of #7-1/2 to 9 is authorized in the designated shotgun patterning area only.

**** Any Range Ammo questions, contact the Pistol Committee ****

6. Authorized & Prohibited Firearms:

- a) Fully automatic Firearms are authorized for use by sworn law enforcement officers and active military personnel using a specified range for practice. The range use must be specified "Under Contract". The contract must be approved by the "Board of Directors". The range will be closed to all other unauthorized personnel. All proper federal and state licenses and any other required paperwork must be made available to the "Board of Directors".

- b) Muzzle loading firearms using black powder are prohibited in the indoor pistol range.
- c) Handguns of a caliber greater than “.45” are prohibited in the indoor range.
- d) Rifles of a caliber greater than “.22 WRF” are prohibited in the indoor pistol range. Only RIM FIRE Rifles and Ammo are allowed. Air Pistols and Air Rifles are permitted.

7. Authorized Persons who may use the Club facility:

- a) Current members of the Tonawandas Sportsmen’s Club.
- b) Invited guests of members, provided the member is present and assumes full responsibility for the conduct of his or her guest(s).
- c) Persons approved by the Club Officers or Directors on a case-by-case basis.

8. Personnel Responsibilities:

Directors and committee chairpersons:

- a) Maintain Range Facilities.
- b) Post and notify members of range, league and match schedules.
- c) Determine the Rules, Regulations, and Safety Training requirements.
- d) Determine the range activities, times, and fees.

Members:

- a) Each member is responsible for his or her firearms and ammunition while on the club premises.
- b) Each member is responsible for his or her guest.
- c) All members and guests will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times.
- d) Members must sign up for range use PRIOR to using the range and pay the required fees for Family Members and Guests.
- e) All Local, County, State, and Federal Laws will be observed at all times.

Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC Outdoor property will be permanently expelled from the Club. Exception: Legal Hunting.

9. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs

Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs on any live fire firing line. Range access will be denied to anyone who is, or appears to be, intoxicated. After a member or guest has ceased all live firing and after his or her firearms and all ammunition is secured, alcoholic beverages may be consumed at the appropriate locations:

- a) Clubhouse.
- b) Back Deck.
- c) Any other authorized area for specific events.

10. Clubhouse Safety Rules:

- a) The NRA Gun Safety Rules will be observed at all times.
- b) Follow all safety instructions from the Club Officers, Club Directors, Event Directors, Club Safety Officer, or RSO.
- c) All firearms not being used will be unloaded and actions open.
- d) All firearms off the firing lines must be cased – benched – grounded – or racked.
- e) Shouldering of rifles or shotguns inside clubhouse is prohibited.
- f) Aiming firearms at anything other than an down Range and at an authorized target is prohibited.

- g) Loaded firearms will be allowed only on the appropriate firing line and under the supervision of the event/match director, Club Safety Officer, or RSO.
- h) Assist in cleaning up the range area of brass and or shot shells at the conclusion of any shooting event.

11. Range Fees: (as of September 17th, 2020)

	Member rates	Non-member rates
Skeet	\$5.00 **	\$7.00
Trap	\$5.00 **	\$7.00
Sporting Clays	\$15.00 **	\$20.00

**: Up to a 10% discount available by using the “TSC Shoot Card”

Range use costs:

Rifle Range / Outdoor Pistol Range / Indoor Pistol Range

- Members: no cost / Family Members (Spouse/Child under 18) \$3/ day
- Guests (including non-qualifying Family Members): \$10/ day

Note: Some events require additional or special fees. These fees will be charges according to the event, match, or league requirements and the amount is governed by the appropriate rules and the event director or chairperson.

Note: If the Outdoor Pistol Range is rented you CAN setup your target and shoot your Pistol (on the two Pistol stations) on the Rifle Range.

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12. Emergencies and Medical Support:

- a) Call for medical assistance – 911.
- b) Take charge of situation – one person.
- c) Assist in or render immediate first aid when appropriate.
- d) Notify the club director(s) immediately and make necessary report(s).
- e) Follow the instructions of any sworn law enforcement officer who takes control of the accident scene.

TSC Web Site: www.TonSportsClub.com

Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club – Family membership guidelines

- 1) As the Members Spouse or a Child under the age of (18) and living in the House, you have the following privileges:
- Shoot "Trap" at member rates.
 - Shoot "Skeet" at member rates.
 - Shoot "Sporting Clays" at member rates.
 - Use the Indoor or Outdoor Pistol Range - \$3 per day. Must be with member.
 - Use Outdoor Rifle Range - \$3 per day. Must be with member.
 - Use Archery Range at no cost. Must be with member.
 - Use catch and release Fishing Pond at no cost. Must be with Member.

Note:

- For each of the above items, you must be accompanied by the Adult Member.
 - Guest and non-qualifying Family Member rate for using Ranges: \$10 per day.
- 2) The following Items are not part of the Family membership benefits:
- You do NOT have voting privileges.
 - You can NOT Hunt on TSC property. This is for Members only / no guests.
Note: Children between the age of 14 to 18 can be given permission to Hunt at "the Members side" by the Board. Contact the Board for permission.
 - You are NOT an owner/member of the Club. Ownership rights belong to the member only.
 - You do NOT accrue time toward "Life Membership" at TSC.
 - You can NOT attend General meetings of the Club.
 - You can NOT purchase a Door FOB or member discount Shoot Card.

If you have any questions on Family membership or Club Ownership, see a Board Director.

Below are the criteria for "TSC Club Ownership":

Only "members in good standing" own an equal share of TSC. To be a member in good standing, "you must be up to date with payment for the current membership year dues". All members that "drop the Club" forfeit their ownership share in TSC.

Young Adult Membership: Ages (18-25). Full use of the Club. The Initiation fee is waived UNTIL you turn (26).

***** Sample of Range Pass signup slip ***
(Shown as Top & Bottom / actual slip is Front & Back)**

Side 1: Member - Range Signup Date: _____

Circle Range used: Indoor Pistol / Outdoor Pistol / Outdoor Rifle

Member Name: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Firearm(s) being used

Make(s): _____

Model(s): _____

Ammo: Factory / Reload (please circle one)

Bullet Caliber: _____ Weight: _____ Type: _____

Signature: _____

Adhere to all Range rules revised 4/5/21 (copy posted in Club and on line)
Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC
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Side 2: Family Member or Member Guest - Range Signup

Family Member (Wife or Child under 18)

Fee enclosed (\$3/ Family member): _____

_____ (must be with Member)

Guest or non-qualifying Family member Fee (\$10 / person): _____

(Guest or non-qualifying Family member - must be with Member)

Family Member or Guest Name(s): _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Firearm(s) being used

Make(s): _____

Model(s): _____

Ammo: Factory / Reload (please circle)

Bullet Caliber: _____ Weight: _____ Type: _____

Signature: _____

Adhere to all Range rules revised 4/5/21 (copy posted in Club and on line)

NEW RIFLE RANGE OPERATION & RULES

Upon arrival:

1. If red flag is out at front of shelter, the range is in use. If the yellow flashing lights are on when you enter the range it is cold (cannot be used – someone down range) and you must not go in front of the yellow safety line until the lights are turned off and the range is declared hot. Follow all commands of the person who has assumed the position of range officer (there can only be one).
2. If the red flag is not on display, put it out front in the holder so others will know that the range is in use. When you go down range to hang targets turn on the yellow caution lights and unhook chain at the pass-through. When you return, walk to and check all three viewing points to insure no one is down range (left “X” ----- center “X” ----- right “X”) then hook chain on pass-through and turn off the yellow caution lights. The range is then hot.
3. If others come with you or after you, one person should assume the responsibilities of range officer which include:
 - a) Overall safety of the range, and that all rules are being followed.
 - b) Calling cease fires for mutually agreed upon target changes, make sure all firearms are safe and anyone not going down range stays behind the yellow safety line, and then turning on the yellow caution lights and unhooking the chain on the pass-through.
 - c) Make sure by visually inspecting the three viewing points that no one is down range before attaching chain at pass-through and turning off caution lights and then declare the range hot.
4. If you are the last one leaving the range, take down the red flag and place in the holder.

Site Specific Rules

1. Hours:

Mon. – Fri.: 9am to 8:59pm or dark (whichever is first)

Sat. & Sun.: 10am to 8:59pm or dark (whichever is first)

The range is open 365 days a year unless rented.

Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC

Outdoor property will be permanently expelled from the Club. Exception: Legal Hunting.

2. Range I.D. card on NEW BLUE lanyard must be worn at all times when on the range.
3. Form must be filled out and any monies paid BEFORE using the range.
4. A maximum of two guests are allowed per member.
5. No vehicles are allowed downrange, use the parking lot.
6. Hearing & eye protection must be worn at all times by all people on the range.
7. The use of alcohol and drugs on the range is prohibited.
8. Pistol shooters must have a valid NYS pistol permit. Rifle shooters must be at least 18 years old with the exception that children under 18 may shoot when supervised by a parent or guardian.
9. Absolutely no handling of firearms when the range is declared cold.
10. Use staplers only on the target boards, not on the posts benches etc.
11. Only paper targets may be used and only on the target boards. No bottles, cans, metal targets or binary explosive targets.

12. Only NYS legal firearms and ammunition can be used.
13. Open chamber indicators must be used at all times when not shooting. These are available in most sporting goods stores or at the TSC shoot room.
14. Use only proper target or hunting ammunition. No tracer, incendiary or armor piercing.
15. All firearms on benches or mats must have muzzles pointed downrange at all times.
16. All firearms must be unloaded with magazines removed with the bolt open and an open chamber indicator installed when entering or leaving the range. Unloaded firearms may be transported with the action closed if they are cased.
17. There are no specified shooting periods, if someone is waiting keep your session to one hour. Give everyone the courtesy you would expect.
18. Only bench and prone rifle shooting is allowed on the range, there will be no offhand (standing) shooting.
19. New firearms and optics must be zeroed at the fifty yard berm, not the 100 or 200 yard berms.
20. Only place your targets in your lane, they are all numbered. Do not place targets on the posts or other devices or holders not supplied by the club.
21. There are pistol positions at 7 and 25 yards, these are for pistol only. Only one target frame should be used. If shooting 7yd. or 25 yd., the other frame should be down. If shooting 50yd., both frames should be down.
22. This is only a known distance range with positions at 50, 100 and 200 yards. There will be no maneuvering and shooting etc. This is not a combat range.
23. Dry firing is to be treated as live firing for all the above rules.
24. Visitors and spectators must stand behind the yellow safety line.

General Safety Rules:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction

ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot

ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

ALWAYS know your target and what is beyond it

OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE OPERATION & SAFETY RULES

Site Specific Rules

1. Hours: 9am - 8:59pm (or dark – whichever comes first) EVERY DAY. The range is open 365 days a year unless it is rented – see Sportscaster Range Calendar for Rental schedule.
2. Range I.D. card on the YELLOW lanyard must be worn at all times when using the range.
3. Form must be filled out and any monies paid BEFORE using the range.
4. A maximum of two guests are allowed per member.
5. Vehicles can be driven down range (except in the winter). Care must be taken to stay on the stoned areas. Members who drive on the grass will have range use privileges removed. You can also use the parking lot and walk down.
6. You can only shoot at the targets set in front of the North berm. Maximum shooting distance from the North berm target stands is 25 yards.
7. Hearing and eye protection must be worn at all times by all people on the range.
8. Any person shooting a Pistol on TSC property must have a valid N.Y. State pistol permit.
9. Any unsafe use of the range or violation of any rules will result in having your range use permit revoked. Severe or repeated violations will result in expulsion from the Club.

Note: Agencies that qualify at our range are authorized to shoot Rifles and Shotguns on this Range. Members ARE NOT – Pistols only.

Confirmation of completion of the Outdoor Pistol Range Safety Class.
Signature below confirms you have read and will comply with all rules:

Member Signature: original signed copy on file at TSC Date: XXXXXXX

Member Print Name XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Range safety Officer: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Date: XXXXXXX

TSC Outdoor Pistol Range

This range is a private range and is available to members of TSC that are in good standing and have taken the appropriate training courses and possess the correct credentials.

This means the ID card and New YELLOW LANYARD must be present and visible.

Guests are allowed only when accompanied by members of TSC with the proper credentials. Guests will NOT have a yellow lanyard.

The member is responsible for all activities and violations incurred by guests. Actions of your guests could have your ability to use the ranges revoked.

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 the Range Master, a Range Officer or TSC Board member should be alerted as well as possibly law enforcement. Violators will be prosecuted.

Keep in mind: non-Member guests will not have a lanyard – the Member will.

Arriving at the range

Check in and fill out paperwork at the building as required.

Your range pass is required to be in your possession and 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 there is an individual at the range that does not have their range pass on display, you should “challenge” and ask to see their range pass and have them properly display it. In the event they do not have a range pass, they should be asked to leave the range. If there is any issue, call a member of the board of directors to report the incident. “I forgot it at home” is not a valid excuse. No Pass, No Entry.

Range Officers may test members to determine if members are challenging. Failure to do so may result in being sent for remedial training.

If a vehicle is taken down range, the vehicle should be behind any firing lines and remain on the road. It CANNOT be on the grass for any reason.

Only proceed down range when the range is clear, and it is safe to proceed. Coordinate with shooters on the range to establish a cease fire and render the range safe to travel through.

Staging out of your vehicle is allowed, however all firearm handling rules must be followed. Handling any firearms at a vehicle is a violation of safe gun handling rules.

Never drive through the grass. If you drive on the grass this can cause damage to the range. If range damage is discovered, camera footage will be pulled, and the responsible party will have their range use revoked.

Every effort should be made to stay on the road. Park your vehicle in a way so that you can exit easily and not drive on the grass.

Covered Shooting Area

At the time of this writing, use of the covered shooting area is permitted for special events only. Special events are authorized by the Board of Directors and the Range Master.

All members should proceed down range and shoot at the berm.

Any member caught using the covered shooting area will have their access rights revoked.

Permitted Firearms

- **Any handguns chambered a straight walled pistol cartridge (Ex: 9mm, 40S&W, 45ACP, 50AE)**
- **No handguns chambered in rifle calibers are permitted (Ex: 223, 308, 300WM)**
 - **Exception to this is pistols chambered in 5.7x28mm, 357 Sig**
- **Any handgun or long gun using a Rimfire cartridge (Ex: 17HMR, 22LR, 22WMR)**
- **Pistol Caliber Carbines chambered in 9mm, 40S&W, 45ACP**

Note: Any unsafe use of the range or violation of any rules will result in the Member losing their right to use the range. Severe or repeated violations will result in expulsion from the Club.

Establishing a Firing Line

A firing line is established by setting a table at the position you wish to shoot. The table can be positioned in one or two ways.

- 1. Table on side of shooter – The firing line is then established parallel to the front of the table. Equipment, magazines and bags may be placed on the table, however all firearm handling must be done pointing down range including casing and uncasing.**
- 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.**

Take one of the available tables or bring your own table and set it at the position where you intend to shoot. Note: Tables normally will NOT be available – bring your own.

No more than 2 active shooters per table. If there are more shooters, get another table.

The firing line and table must be established square to the North berm.

The muzzle of the firearm should be in front of the firing line/table when being fired.

The shooter should never be in front of the firing line / table while the line is active.

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.

All shooters on one side of the berm should always use the established firing line at the same distance. Never have another group either in front or behind you. Always parallel.

The berm has 3 sides but you can **ONLY SHOOT AT THE NORTH BERM** using the Targets stands that are there.

A shooting line on a different side of the berm cannot be established if it sits with in the 180 of an existing firing line. Look to your right, look to your left, if you see anyone setup in front of that line, they are probably in your 180.

Shooting in the direction of the side berms is **NOT** allowed.

Setting Targets

Use of the target holders at the end of the front berm is mandatory. If you wish to use a steel target, it must be placed in line with and between the existing target stands.

All target stands must be within the confines of the berm. Angled shooting is **NOT ALLOWED**. Maximum shooting distance from the target stands is 25 yards.

Portable target stands must be set in line with and between the current target stands. This gives bullets that pass-through targets no place to go but into the berm.

Shooting and Handling at the Firing Line

All firearms **MUST** be transported unloaded and cased or boxed. The box/case should be closed and secured (snapped, zippered, etc).

A firearm wrapped in a rag or loose cloth is not considered an appropriate case/bag.

If you are using a firearm that you are carrying, it must remain holstered until you are at the firing line. Once at the line it should be cleared and below rules followed. When leaving for the day, you are permitted to reload your firearm and holster/conceal it. This should be done at the firing line.

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

If holstered, they should remain unloaded while not on the firing line.

There should be no magazine, or ammunition in the firearm if holstered outside the firing line.

If a firearm is to be removed from the line, it should be put back in case/box or holstered unloaded.

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.

This is a Pistol Range. Long guns cannot be used (with the exceptions listed on Pg.3). Use of chamber flags is required with the action being closed on the flag. Note: Agencies that qualify on our Range are authorized to shoot Rifles and Shotguns. Members are not – Pistols only.

All firearms must be pointed downrange at all times. If a muzzle breaks the 180 this is considered unsafe gun handling.

Drawing from a holster is permitted as long as the user does it in a safe manner with the proper equipment.

Shooting with movement is NOT permitted.

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 that are shooting on the side of the berm you are on that you wish to go down range.

All shooters in this area 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, the shooters on the side should give a confirmation that all firearms are cleared/cased/flagged/holstered either with a thumbs up or verbally. Once all shooters have confirmed, the range should be called clear and shooters may go down range.

No one who is on the cold side of the berm 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. But NEVER touch any firearm. All firearms must remain cased/holstered.

Targets and 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 you wish to use a steel target stand, it must be in line with and setup between the current target stands.

If a shooter chooses to use their own stands, they must be safe construction and appropriate height for use on the range. They must be placed in line and between the existing target stands.

Paper and cardboard targets are to be used only with exception of below.

Steel Targets may be used only in line with and between the current target stands.

Members supply their own targets. Only paper targets are allowed. No tracers or incendiaries / no armor piercing / no tannerite targets.

Clean Up

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

Return tables back to the designated area.

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.

Report any damage to the Range Master / Board of Directors immediately.

Note: Agencies that qualify on this range are authorized to shoot Rifles and Shotguns on the Range. Members ARE NOT – Pistols only.

Violations and Safety Infringements

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

The club has started to invest in 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.

Individuals found to be in violation of rules and safety guidelines will have range use revoked.

If a violation is found to be extremely severe, the offender will be expelled from the club.

This memo is not an all-inclusive list but provides some guidelines. Please consult with the Range Master, Range Officers or any other member of TSC Management for clarification or to report issues.

Steel Target Certification

Steel targets must be of sound construction and for the purpose of being shot by firearm. They must be setup in line with and between the target stands.

Steel targets are never to be shot at from closer than 21ft.

Steel targets should be designed and positioned so that splatter off impacted bullets is not directed back at shooters.

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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 _____