

**Rowan County Wildlife Association Inc.**  
**Range Manual**  
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## 1.0 Introduction

Members are encouraged to use the facilities of the Rowan County Wildlife Association, Inc., hereinafter known as “RCWA” as often as they like. The information in this manual will provide guidance on the expectations of our members and their guests to help ensure a safe and pleasurable experience for everyone.

While members are not expected to memorize these Range and Club Rules in their entirety, they should review and be familiar with those rules that pertain to the specific ranges or areas of the property they may use. Members are strongly encouraged to keep a copy of these rules for their future reference while at the range.

These rules are current as of the date indicated; however, they may be revised from time to time. RCWA's most current Range Manual and Club Rules are available on the RCWA web site: [www.rcwa.club](http://www.rcwa.club)

RCWA Board of Director information (members, contact info and meeting dates) can be found on the RCWA web site – the RCWA Board Info tab or the RCWA Quick Ref Schedule on the Range Schedule tab. The RCWA Board Officer contacts are also on the back of the membership badge. All the RCWA range schedule information is maintained on the RCWA web site on the Range Schedule tab. This includes all regular match schedules and contact info as well as special events that are added as appropriate during the year.

The speed limit on the entrance road is 10 mph and the speed limit in front of the clubhouse and on the drive adjacent to all ranges is 5 mph.

## 2.0 Medical Emergency

**If you need emergency medical services at the range, call 911 and tell them to respond to the Rowan County Wildlife Association range at 650 Majolica Road.**

The local fire department/s that will respond to an emergency at the RCWA has been provided an emergency access gate code, as well as access to a lockbox placed at the entrance with a key to the operate the front gate.

If you have someone available to go open the front gate, it is advised you send them to speed up the response process and direct the emergency personnel to the correct location on the range. Remember, the range is a big space and having someone direct them will help reduce the response time.

Emergency responders may request that shooting activities in the immediate vicinity be suspended while they are on site, this Does Not mean that all shooting activities on the property would be suspended.

**There is a cardiac Automated External Defibrillator (AED) unit, and a Basic First Aid Kit located on the back wall of the Clubhouse that are available to all RCWA members via their gate access card to the Clubhouse. If either of these are used in a medical emergency, please notify one of the Board Members so they can be replaced/restocked.**

### 3.0 Hours of Operation

Hours of operation listed below are for shooting activities which are permitted under normal conditions while following the Rules and Regulations of the RCWA.

RCWA Club Members may access RCWA Club Property at other times providing the members and their guests remain compliant with the Rules and Regulations established by the Board of Directors.

**MONDAY – SATURDAY 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM**

**SUNDAY 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM Rimfire Pistols and Rifles ONLY**  
**12:00 PM to 8:30 PM Centerfire Pistols/Rifles, Shotgun & Muzzle Loading Pistols/Rifles.**

Ranges which have permanently installed lighting for the purpose of illuminating the field (Currently only on the Skeet/Trap fields) may be used to extend their shooting time up to 8:30 PM.

**If you cannot properly verify your target, the backstop, and immediate surroundings for any reason, you must stop shooting.** Night vision equipment may be permitted for members who participate in specialized shooting activities after dark.

An exception for shooting after 8:30 P.M. will be allowed only when approved by RCWA Board of Directors in advance of any such activity.

### 4.0 Entrance Gate Operation

**Entrance Gate** access cards are issued to members for their personal use only. Do not allow anyone else to use your card. When Entering the club property, Do Not allow anyone to follow you through the entrance gate without using their own access card.

**NOTE: This gate access card also provides access to the Clubhouse.**

Please allow the gate a chance to open before scanning your access card multiple times. The gate does not begin to open instantly, and repeatedly scanning your card may cause the gate to malfunction. If the electric gate malfunctions, please call one of the phone numbers posted on the gate.

Only Club officers or officer-authorized personnel may lock open the entrance gate. All group matches, law enforcement training, clinics, events, personal firearms training, concealed carry classes, concealed carry qualification and other activities that occur on RCWA property must have prior approval from the RCWA Board of Directors and must comply with all regulations established by the Board of Directors.

### 5.0 General Rules

**These rules are intended to make our activities safe, convenient, and enjoyable for everyone. Please follow basic rules of common sense, safety, and courtesy.** All members and guests are expected to follow RCWA's rules, and all members share the responsibility to enforce these rules.

**Range safety is a must for RCWA to remain a safe place to shoot.** If you see dangerous or prohibited activity taking place, speak to the person(s) involved - they may simply be unaware of the danger or rule violation. If it is not possible to correct any safety or rule violation problem diplomatically, ask another club member for help. Please get the vehicle license tag number of the person(s) involved and give it to a Range Safety Officer or a RCWA Officer or a member of the Board of Directors. Report any damage to Club property to a Range Safety Officer or an RCWA Officer or member of the Board of Directors.

**EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ARE REQUIRED ON ALL RANGES BY SHOOTERS AND SPECTATORS.**

**The possession or use of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages under any circumstances is prohibited on RCWA property.**

Members and their guests must not use illegal drugs or consumes any alcohol immediately prior to or during any activities on RCWA Property. Violations may result in their membership being terminated and permanent expulsion from all RCWA property.

**NOTE: All loaded firearms must be holstered around the clubhouse and/or parking areas. Firearms in the clubhouse must be unloaded with actions opened except for legally concealed handguns. Loaded firearms may not be handled in the clubhouse for any reason.**

## **5.1 Membership Badge Requirement**

**Membership badges must be visible at all times while on Club property** Any person without a current membership badge (not a gate access card) or not accompanied by a member should be asked to leave the ranges immediately. Members pay for the privilege of shooting at RCWA and are expected to see that other range users are wearing current membership badges or are the guests of, and accompanied by, a current member.

If you do not feel comfortable asking an unauthorized person to leave, ask another club member to assist you. Discretely get the vehicle license tag number of the person(s) involved and give it to a RCWA officer or a Board of Director Member. For some situations, it may be necessary to call 911 and have the Rowan County Sheriff's Department remove the person(s) from RCWA property.

## **5.2 Bringing Guest (Rules and Responsibility)**

**Members may bring three guests to the range who are age 19 and older.**

In addition, members may also bring their children and/or grandchildren who are under the age of 19 to the range. The member is responsible for ensuring any guests brought to the range are instructed in the safe handling of a firearm prior to shooting.

When a member brings guests to the range, only two guests may shoot at a time except for the Shotgun Fields where only one shooter is allowed to shoot at a time.

**The member must not shoot while their guests are shooting.**

**The guests must not shoot while the member is shooting.**

**Dependents, and guests must always remain with their host member while on RCWA property. It is the responsibility of the host member to be certain his/her guests are familiar with and abides by RCWA's RANGE & CLUB RULES.**

**Visitors** may not use any range facilities except as guests of a member, or as guests while participating in sanctioned matches that are authorized by the Board of Directors.

### **5.3 NFA Class III Firearms**

**National Firearms Act (NFA) "Class III" firearms with full-automatic-fire capability may only be fired with written permission from the Board of Directors.**

You must have a copy of this written permission with you if you have full-automatic-fire NFA firearms on RCWA property. You must also have a copy of your Form 1, Form 2, Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, or Form 7 (whichever is applicable) with you if you have any NFA firearms on RCWA property.

**Possession of a bump fire stock, binary trigger, OR Similar Trigger system which increase the rate of fire to more than 1 round with a single press/release of the trigger is prohibited on RCWA property unless you have received "written authorization" by the Board of Directors.**

### **6.0 Range Usage Rules (ALL Ranges)**

**Failing to abide by rules and regulations will result in the loss of range privileges and/or membership. This is your range so take care of the bays and berms.**

**Additional Range Rules and information is posted on our website and locations around the range. It is every member's responsibility to keep up to date with all Range Rules and regulations. Periodically review the club website for updates.**

**The Board of Directors may make exceptions to some of these rules for special situations or circumstances. Any exceptions by the board will be made in written form.**

**No ranges may be reserved without RCWA's Board Approval.** For example, if you leave a range to take a break or go to lunch, other members may use the range. When you return, you must wait for other members to finish using the range or they allow you to join them. **Ranges are for use on a first come first served basis.**

Each range has shooting benches, loading tables and chairs provided for use, these are provided based on the typical use of each range. Any items relocated to other ranges during shooting activities must be returned to their original range location when you are finished shooting.

## **RULES FOR ALL RANGES:**

1. **DO NOT** handle any firearm when people are down range or forward of firing points.
2. All weapons are to be unloaded and all actions open prior to anyone going down range.
3. Treat all firearms as always loaded while on the ranges.
4. Keep Muzzles pointed in a safe direction
5. Do not point your firearm at anything you do not want to destroy.
6. Always be sure of target, backstop, and immediate surroundings. Shoot only into established backstops.
7. **You are responsible for your actions and the actions of your guests.**
8. **Pick up shot shell hulls, trash, and targets** after shooting and place them in the trash contains provided on each range.
9. **Effective immediately (21 Sept. 2024) in ranges 2 through 13, the shooting of shotguns at targets attached to the wire (chicken wire) target facilities including the posts is prohibited and will result in a range rules violation.**
10. **DO NOT Shoot unapproved targets which include target posts or frames**, cans, bottles, produce, pallets, lumber, rocks, ammunition, golf balls, clay birds except on the shotgun range (skeet, trap, 5-stand or sporting clays), explosive devices or targets, ground bouncers, wobble type targets, walking/flipping type targets, any other targets placed on the ground, or anything that could cause a round to leave the range. This is not a comprehensive list.
11. **Approved targets** are cardboard, paper, and properly angled and placed steel targets.
12. The firing of the following types of ammunition is prohibited on all club ranges:
  - a) TRACER ROUNDS
  - b) FLECHETTE ROUNDS
  - c) EXPLODING ROUNDS
  - d) INCENDIARY ROUNDS
13. Stop any unsafe action you see on the range to avoid any possible accidents.
14. If you find anyone that is not a RCWA member on the range, ask them to leave unless they are accompanied by a member. Also get the license tag number of anyone that is not a member or accompanied by a member and give to one of the RCWA officers.

## 6.1 Range Maintenance

During times when range maintenance activities necessitate the closure of a specific range for the safety of the maintenance personnel, a sign will be placed at the entrance of the range. In addition to signs, all safety protocols will be followed such as using the flashing red lights and flag on the rifle range. During the time a range has been closed for maintenance activities,

- There will be NO Firearms brought to the firing line
- There will be NO Firearms pointed down range or in the direction of the maintenance worker/s

Club members and their guest are subject to the identified Penalty for violations of RCWA RULES AND RANGE SAFETY VIOLATIONS in this range manual and those posted on the web site for any reported violations.

## 6.2 Shooting Steel

### Shooting STEEL PLATES/TARGETS

- 1) All steel targets (fixed or suspended) Must Be positioned in a manner that maintains the target face perpendicular to the path of incoming rounds.
- 2) **Steel plates must be placed at the base of the berm to prevent rounds from leaving the bay and from hitting any target posts or frames.**
- 3) Steel plates must be approved for the caliber of weapon used. NOTE – Permanently Installed Steel Targets provided by RCWA are rated for the range they are placed on.
- 4) Shooting steel plates with rifles and pistols are allowed on Ranges 1 & 5 through 10 and the Rimfire Range
- 5) Steel plates for Rifle Targets must be placed at a minimum distance of 20 yards from the shooter, with target being a minimum of a 22-degree down angle when the steel is rigid mounted.
- 6) Shooting steel plates with pistols (handguns) are allowed on Ranges 2, 3,4, 11, 12 & 13 (No shooting steel in these bays with rifles)
- 7) Steel plates for Pistol Targets must be placed at a minimum distance of 11 yards from the shooter, with target being a minimum of an 11-degree down angle when steel is rigid mounted.
- 8) Be very careful when shooting steel targets – ricochets are common, and lead splatter from steel plates is a serious hazard. Spectators must stand back from the firing line and spectators are required to wear Ear and Eye protection



## 7.0 Range Specific Rules

1. Approved targets on Ranges 1 – 13, A - L and the Rimfire Range are paper or cardboard targets placed on the target wire (**except for shotgun targets**).
2. **DO NOT put targets on top of, or on the target frame posts or other wood members holding the wire or on top of or on an eyebrow. Targets should be attached to the wire with clothes pins or in a manner which prevents damage to the posts or wooden frames!** (Eyebrows are located on Ranges #2 - #4 and A – L to keep bullets from leaving the range).
3. Range 1 and Range 5 are designated for Law Enforcement during training. These dates and times may be posted times on Range 1 and Range 5, However the most up to date schedule can be found on our website. Please use other ranges on those dates and times.

### 7.1 Archery Range

The Archery range has been updated and now uses a Common Firing Line like the Rifle and Rimfire ranges; ALL Archers must stand at the firing line when using the range.

**ABSOLUTELY NO BROADHEADS are allowed on the range as they will permanently damage the targets!**

The limitations of the new targets – Targets are rated for up to 500 Feet Per Second (FPS) which would withstand the capabilities for most Crossbows. Crossbows will be allowed if the velocity of the arrow remains below 500 FPS. **DO NOT shoot arrows at speeds greater than 500 FPS at the Bigshot Targets!**

A dirt berm has been constructed as a backstop to prevent arrows from leaving the range. Always shoot in line with your target so the backstop is behind your target. **DO NOT** shoot across target lanes as this could allow an arrow to miss the backstop and leave the range.

Target Placement and Usage guidelines:

1. The range has a Range Safety Flag installed immediately in front of the firing line; when someone needs to go “down range”, All archers Must be notified, and the Range Safety Flag shall be placed in the upright position before anyone is allowed to be down range.
2. While the Range Safety Flag is in the upright position, no one will be allowed to nock an arrow.
3. Targets are mounted on movable stands which allow them to be moved to various distances from 10 to 60 yards. These targets are very heavy and should be moved with care.
4. When moving a target; You should stand behind the target and tip it backwards until the target is on all 4 wheels. Once it is on the wheels, you can move it forward or backward to the desired distance.



5. There are 4 target lanes, and the targets should remain in these lanes to allow for separation between the targets.
6. You may place paper targets on the front of the Bigshot targets using methods which do not damage the target face.
7. You may bring your own 3-D targets for use on the range; however, they must be placed so that they are in a target lane in front of the berm and not in proximity to other targets which may result in a ricochet.

Please enjoy the updated range and targets, provide any feedback for additional improvements or concerns to [RCWArange@gmail.com](mailto:RCWArange@gmail.com)

## 7.2 Ranges A – L

**Berms A through G** are designated as **Pistol Only and the approved targets are paper or cardboard.**

**Berms H thru L** are designated as **Pistol caliber only**; these bays are longer and have AR 500 steel pistol targets hanging in these bays. You can use the installed steel targets or paper/cardboard targets properly attached to the wire.

You may shoot pistols and rifles in these bays if the rifles are chambered in a pistol caliber. **No standard ARs or AKs!!**

Anyone caught using any rifles that are not pistol caliber will be in violation of the rules and are subject to be called before the RCWA Board for an explanation.

## 7.3 Rimfire Range

**NOTE: Only 22 Short, Long and Long Rifle ammunition is allowed on this range.**

Vehicles may only be driven on the Rimfire Range to and from the berms to replace targets, etc., or for maintenance purposes, or as necessary during matches. The light system must be used when going to the 50yd and 100yd Target Lines.

When going to the 100yd Target Line both the light system and the orange flag must be used while down range. All vehicles must remain visible from the firing line. The Board of Directors or the Range Officer (during matches) may approve exceptions (in written form) for physically handicapped members.

- 1) Never handle a firearm or leave a firearm loaded while someone is down range.
- 2) Anytime any lights are flashing on/off and/or the flag is up, the firing or handling of any weapon is prohibited.
- 3) **Firing across established shooting lanes is prohibited.**
- 4) Approved targets on the Rimfire Range are paper or cardboard targets placed on the target wire and Steel plates if they are used according to the guidelines for Shooting Steel Plates/Targets. Steel targets must remain at the berms, do not move them closer to the firing line.

- 5) All shooting must be done from the established firing line (under the shelter).
- 6) Be considerate of others if you arrive on the Rimfire Range and members are shooting. Before activating the light system to go down range, ask those shooting if they will be at a stopping point in a few minutes. You would expect to be treated the same if you were firing and someone else needed to go down range.
- 7) Always check with other shooters to get an “all clear” before going down range.
- 8) Personally make sure that every shooter using the range understands that the firing line has been cleared before moving down range.
- 9) Be considerate of others – set enough targets at one time to shoot for 15 to 30 minutes.
- 10) Before calling the firing line “hot’ again, personally verify that each shooter knows that the line is going hot.

### 7.3.1 Rimfire Range Warning System

Each shooter must use the light system (Switch UP to go down range – Switch DOWN when you return). If you are going down range to the 100-yard targets, always use the flag in addition to the down range warning system.

**NOTE: IF YOU ARE GOING DOWN RANGE TO THE 100-YARD TARGETS, ALWAYS USE THE FLAG IN ADDITION TO THE DOWN RANGE WARNING SYSTEM. THE 100-YARD TARGETS CANNOT BE SEEN FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FIRING LINE. ALSO, THE PERSON PUTTING THE FLAG UP MUST BE THE PERSON THAT TAKES THE FLAG DOWN.**

**BEFORE GOING DOWN RANGE:** Check with all shooters on the Rimfire Range before activating the light system to go down range. Be courteous!!! If someone only needs a few minutes to finish shooting prior to going down range, please be patient and wait. Flip the Switch UP that is near your bench (The overhead lights will start flashing on/off every three seconds). After 3 seconds, the sirens will sound for 2 seconds. The rotating red lights will also turn on at this time and stay on as long as the overhead lights are flashing on/off. After the firing line is clear, you can go down range.

**WHEN YOU RETURN FROM DOWN RANGE:** You must move the switch that you activated to the DOWN Position, this should be the same switch that you activated prior to going down range. The overhead lights will continue to flash on/off until all Switches have been moved to the DOWN Position that were activated before going down range. The firing line should be considered hot when the lights stop flashing on/off and the rotating red lights go out and the flag is down. Double check with all others on the firing line before assuming the line is hot and make sure no one is still down range.

**\*\*\*CAUTION: IF YOU DEACTIVATE THE LIGHT SYSTEM WHEN YOU RETURN FROM DOWN RANGE AND THE LIGHTS STOP FLASHING ON/OFF AND THERE IS STILL SOMEONE DOWN RANGE. IMMEDIATELY ACTIVATE THE LIGHT SYSTEM . WHEN EVERYONE RETURNS FROM DOWN RANGE, YOU NEED TO TURN THE LIGHT SYSTEM OFF BY PUSHING THE SWITCH IN THE DOWN POSITION FOR THE LIGHTS TO STOP FLASHING ON/OFF. \*\*\***

## 7.4 Range 1 (Rifle Range)

1. Vehicles may only be driven on the Rifle Range to and from the berms to replace targets, etc., or for maintenance purposes, or as necessary during matches. The light system must be used when going to the 50yd and 100yd Target Lines.
2. **When going to the 200 yd Target Line both the light system and the orange flag must be used while down range.** All vehicles must remain visible from the firing line. The Board of Directors or the Range Officer (during matches) may approve exceptions (in written form) for physically handicapped members.
3. Each shooter must use the light system (Black button to go down range – Red button when you return). If you are going down range to the 200-yard targets, always use the flag in addition to the down range warning system.
4. **Never handle a firearm or leave a firearm loaded while someone is down range.**
5. **Anytime any lights are flashing on/off and/or the flag is up, the firing or handling of any weapon is prohibited.**
6. **Firing across established shooting lanes is prohibited.**
7. Approved targets on the Rimfire Range are paper or cardboard targets placed on the target wire and Steel plates if they are used according to the guidelines for Shooting Steel Plates/Targets.
8. **All shooting must be done from the established firing line (under the shelter).**
9. Be considerate of others if you arrive on Range #1 and members are shooting. Before pushing the Black button to go down range, ask those shooting if they will be at a stopping point in a few minutes. You would expect to be treated the same if you were shooting and someone else needed to go down range.
10. Always check with other shooters to get an “all clear” before going down range.
11. Personally make sure that every shooter using the range understands that the firing line has been cleared before moving down range.
12. Be considerate of others – set enough targets at one time to shoot for 15 to 30 minutes.
13. Before calling the firing line “hot” again, personally verify that each shooter knows that the line is going hot.

## 7.4.1 Range 1 (Rifle Range) Warning System

**NOTE: IF YOU ARE GOING DOWN RANGE TO THE 200-YARD TARGETS, ALWAYS USE THE FLAG IN ADDITION TO THE DOWN RANGE WARNING SYSTEM. THE 200-YARD TARGETS CANNOT BE SEEN FROM EITHER END OF THE FIRING LINE. ALSO, THE PERSON PUTTING THE FLAG UP MUST BE THE PERSON THAT TAKES THE FLAG DOWN.**

**BEFORE GOING DOWN RANGE:** Check with all shooters on the Rifle Range before pushing the Black pushbutton to go down range. Be courteous!!! If someone only needs a few minutes to finish shooting prior to going down range, please be patient and wait.

Push the Black push button on a push button station that is near your bench (The overhead lights will start flashing on/off every three seconds). After 3 seconds, the sirens will sound for 2 seconds. The rotating red lights will also turn on at this time and stay on as long as the overhead lights are flashing on/off (See additional information in Note 5).

After the firing line is clear, go down range.

**WHEN YOU RETURN FROM DOWN RANGE:** You must push the Red push button on the same push button station that you pushed the Black push button prior to going down range., (As you return from down range, go ahead and push your Red push button. You do not need to wait until everyone has returned from down range to push your Red push button. The overhead lights will continue to flash on/off until all Red push buttons have been pushed below any Black push buttons that were pushed prior to anyone going down range).

**The firing line should be considered hot when the lights stop flashing on/off and the rotating red lights go out and the flag is down. Double check with all others on the firing line before assuming the line is hot and make sure no one is still down range.**

**\*\*\*CAUTION: IF YOU PUSH THE RED PUSH BUTTON WHEN YOU RETURN FROM DOWN RANGE AND THE LIGHTS STOP FLASHING ON/OFF AND THERE IS STILL SOMEONE DOWN RANGE. IMMEDIATELY PUSH A BLACK PUSH BUTTON. WHEN EVERYONE RETURNS FROM DOWN RANGE, YOU NEED TO PUSH THE RED PUSH BUTTON FOR THE LIGHTS TO STOP FLASHING ON/OFF. \*\*\***

**Note:** 1) All push button stations operate independently of each other.

- 2) Every Red push button below a Black push button (that was pushed) must be pushed for the overhead lights to stop flashing on/off when you return from down range.

- 3) If the overhead lights do not stop flashing on/off after everyone has returned from down range, someone did not push their Red push button. Have everyone push all Red push buttons until the lights stop flashing on/off.
- 4) The lights will flash on/off for a maximum of 45 minutes after a Black push button has been pushed. If for some reason you need to be down range for a longer period of time, push or have someone push a Black push button after the lights has stopped flashing on/off.
- 5) **It is important that everyone pushes their Black push button prior to going down range.** The first person that pushes a Black push button before going down range will cause the overhead lights to start flashing on/off every three seconds. After 3 seconds, the sirens will sound for 2 seconds. The rotating red lights will also turn on at this time and stay on as long as the overhead lights are flashing on/off. **Everyone else that pushes a Black push button will not see or hear any changes. However, everyone that pushes a Black push button will set up the circuit so that the lights will continue to flash on/off until everyone that pushed a Black push button prior to going down range has pushed their Red push button when they return from down range.**

## 7.5 Shotgun Fields (Ranges)

**Skeet, Trap, and Five Stand fields (ranges) moved away from a leased operation in 2021 and now operates as a RCWA members managed operation.** Currently these fields are operated in a similar fashion as all other ranges with the exception that members who desire to shoot on these fields must attend a training session to become a Certified Member. This allows these members to utilize the shotgun field facilities in an unassisted manner.

**NOTE: Shotgun Fields specific questions should be sent to [RCWASkeet@gmail.com](mailto:RCWASkeet@gmail.com)**

The Shotgun Fields include Skeet, Trap and Five Stand fields (ranges), and are for shotguns only, firing at clay targets. No slug or buckshot ammunition, or any loads of lead shot larger than #7½, are permitted on these ranges.

1. HEARING AND EYE PROTECTION IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.
2. Carry your shotgun either with the breech broken or with the breech bolt open, depending on type.
3. Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction – either down towards the ground (preferably) or upwards, do not carry in a manner where your barrel sweeps across other people.
4. Place your shotgun in a stand or case when not in use.
5. Keep your shotgun open and unloaded at all times except when you are on a firing station preparing to shoot.
6. Do not load more than two shells at a time.
7. Do not place shells into any part of the gun until you are standing on the shooting station with your gun pointed safely toward the flight area.
8. Always maintain control of your shotgun to pose no threat to others.
9. You are responsible for your actions and the actions of your guests.
10. Pick up shot shell hulls and trash after shooting.
11. Stop any unsafe action you see on the range to avoid any possible accident.
12. Only one shooter, from a single firing station, may fire at a time. No more than one person may occupy a firing station at the same time, except when a coach and pupils are working together (and in that case, there may be only one shotgun on the station).
13. The person pulling targets (the “puller/trapper”) is in charge of the field, and all shooters must follow their commands. When the command “Cease Firing” is given by anyone, immediately cease all firing, open your action, and remove all shells from your gun. While personnel are in the trap house loading the machines, you may not sight your weapon down range in the direction of the trap house or personnel.

## 7.5.1 Shotgun Fields Limitations

Authorized shotguns:

1. 12 gauge or smaller
2. Shoot only 2 ¾ inch or shorter shells
3. Use only 7 ½ shot or smaller
4. LEAD SHOT, STEEL SHOT or other approved shot types
5. Shoot only from designated shooting stations
6. Shotguns must be shot from the shoulder except for approved exhibition shooters
7. Shotguns without shoulder stocks may not be used on the shotgun ranges

## 7.5.2 Shotgun Patterning Board

You may pattern your shotgun in the area designated for this purpose. Clean up spent hulls and pieces of target when you are finished.

## 8.0 Matches and Competitions

All matches and competitions have rules established by various organizations that regulate these programs. Due to the length of these rules you need to locate the agency that regulates these competitions and obtain a copy of these rules by mail or by computer or by other electronic means. Each match or competition has a range officer that will inform you of specific rules that apply to RCWA ranges.

RCWA Club Sponsored Matches must be directed by RCWA Members and have prior approval by the RCWA Board of Directors.

Match Directors will have 14 days to complete their post-match paperwork and mail a summary of the match along with payments to the RCWA Club Treasurer at PO Box 612, Salisbury NC 28145.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE - During the times that ranges are being set up or used for a Match, the Match Director and their Range Safety Officers will be responsible for all activities on that specific range. When a range is being set up for a match or being used for a match, Members and their guests are NOT allowed to use the range unless they are participating in the match or are acting under the direction of the match director. Please check the club web site for the most up to date match schedule.**



## 9.0 Clubhouse Access and Classroom

### Clubhouse access guidelines

- Members may access the Clubhouse by using their gate card at the card readers at the front and rear door of the Clubhouse for the purpose of accessing the AED and Basic First Aid kit should a medical emergency arise.
- The Clubhouse restroom facilities may also be used if this is preferred over the other facilities available on the property.
- The Clubhouse may be used to shelter from sudden weather events, or a location for a brief conversation.
- The Clubhouse should not be used as a meeting space unless such a meeting is for specific RCWA club business.
- Members and their guests are not allowed to build fires in the fireplace or use the kitchen for cooking unless they have rented the space, and the use of these facilities are included in the rental agreement.
- Those who wish to occupy the Clubhouse for reasons other than those described herein should have Approval from the Board of Directors prior to use.

The Clubhouse and Classroom are available for rent by contacting the RCWA's Treasurer to schedule dates and times. Rental is available only to members in good standing by paying the current security deposit and use fee in advance.

## 10.0 Lake Information

If you have questions about the use of the lake facilities, please email [rcworange@gmail.com](mailto:rcworange@gmail.com) with your questions.

### Use of Boats on the Lake

RCWA members are allowed to bring small boats (john boats, canoes, kayaks, etc.) to the lake for their personal use. They must be manually powered (paddles/oars) or electric trolling motor. There is a rudimentary boat ramp close to the Wildlife Sanctuary area otherwise you must be prepared to launch and use your boat from a grassy shore area. Unattended boats will be removed.

### Lake Fishing Guidelines

The lake environment is managed with periodic input from the NC Wildlife Commission folks so please do not try adding your own conservation activities.

- 1) Artificial trees and bushes have been added to the lake.
- 2) Fish feeders have been added to supplement food intake to help increase size and numbers of the fish.

- 3) Aerators have been added to improve the water oxygen content and reduce algae blooms in hot weather.
- 4) The lake is restocked every 2 to 3 years. In addition, batches of minnows/shiners are added periodically as food supplements for the fish.
- 5) The lake has been stocked with largemouth bass, redear sunfish and bluegill.

**We are asking that the following rules be observed when fishing in the lake:**

1. If you catch crappie, white bass, warmouth sunfish, or green sunfish please do not return them to the lake.
2. **All largemouth bass caught that are over 14 inches shall be returned unharmed to the lake. Please do not return any largemouth bass under 14 inches to the lake.**
3. **Do Not** introduce any outside fish to the lake of any kind.
4. **Do Not** put any trees, tires, cinder blocks or any other items into the lake without approval by the RCWA Board.
5. **Do not** discard fish or fishing tackle on the ground.



Warmouth



Crappie



Green Sunfish



White Bass

## 11.0 Wildlife Sanctuary

### Wildlife Sanctuary Area Scheduled Uses

Vehicle access to the Wildlife Sanctuary area is via the gate at the lake dam area. Members will need their #7 backup range gate key for the lake gate lock. All members shall lock the gate after entering and lock the gate after exiting.

The following are scheduled uses of the camping and hiking facilities in the upper parts of the lake property - the Wildlife Sanctuary area. Please respect the use of the upper lake facilities by groups who have reserved time. Local Boy Scout troops do use this facility from time to time for some of their nature related educational activities.

### Camping Rules for the Wildlife Sanctuary Area:

1. You must notify the RCWA that you are requesting to camp in the Wildlife Sanctuary area, send an email to [RCWArange@gmail.com](mailto:RCWArange@gmail.com) to ensure that no one has the area reserved for the time you are requesting.
2. If you are going to have a campfire, you must use a fire pit. No fires may be left unattended!
3. The bathroom at the Wildlife Sanctuary is locked - **use code 6500**. To relock the bathroom door after closing, press the Schlage lock symbol.
4. Clean up your camp area before leaving the RCWA property.

## 12.0 Camping on RCWA Property “Outside” the Sanctuary Area

1. ALL Camping Activity on RCWA Property is to be “Dry Camping” with NO Discharge of Waste to include “gray water” anywhere on the property, campers will need to plan to take care of this off site.
2. Camping is permitted as part of a Club Sponsored Match, and you will need to work through Your Match Director to obtain permission and guidance on where you should park.
3. ALL Camping on RCWA Property Outside the Sanctuary Area Or Match will require the Member to send an email to [RCWArange@gmail.com](mailto:RCWArange@gmail.com) at least 2 weeks in advance to make the camping request. Items to include in the email:
  - a. The date you would like to arrive and when you plan to leave
  - b. The size/type of camper you will set up on the property
  - c. Your contact information including a cell Phone number

## 13.0 No Hunting on RCWA Property

Hunting is NOT Allowed on RCWA Club Property.

Wildlife management programs may be approved by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary.

## 14.0 Penalty for Violation of RCWA Rules

Except as provided elsewhere herein, violation of RANGE & CLUB RULES will result in action deemed appropriate by the RCWA Board of Directors or other club official (Range Officer, etc.) based upon the nature of the violation and the conduct and demeanor of the offending party. Penalties may include but are not limited to Suspension and/or a repeat of the "Range Safety Class," or permanent expulsion from RCWA property. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests and as such will be held accountable for Range Rule violations committed by such guests. Appeals of any penalties will be in accordance with the By-Laws of the RCWA.

### RCWA RULES & RANGE SAFETY VIOLATIONS

**ALL MEMBERS MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ALL RANGE AND CLUB RULES PERTAINING TO ALL RCWA PROPERTY AND THE SPECIFIC RANGES OR AREAS THEY USE.**

1. Do not let anyone follow you in the gate without using their gate card (Unless they are your guest and driving their own vehicle). This is the reason we have a card system; ALL Members Should scan their gate access card upon arrival.  
**Note: This does not apply if the gate is locked open.**
2. Speeding on club property: The speed limit on the entrance road is 10 mph. The speed limit in front of the clubhouse and on the drive adjacent to all ranges is 5 mph.
3. Shooting outside the "Hours of Operation" as defined in Range Manual, section 3.0
4. Failure to utilize Eye and Ear Protection while on a "Live Range"
5. Failure to Have and Properly display your Membership Badge while on club property.
6. Violations of the Guest Policy as outlined in Range Manual Section 5.2
7. Failure to use the Rifle Range Warning system on Range #1 and the Rimfire Range.
  - When going to the 100-yard berm on the Rimfire range, the warning lights and flag must be used.
  - When going to the 200- yard berm on the Rifle Range (Range 1), the warning lights and the flag must be used.
8. Failure to shoot from the established firing line "Under the Shelter" on the Rimfire Range and the Rifle Range (Range 1).
9. Failing to use berms as target backs. Example: Placing targets up range of the berm. All permitted or approved targets must be placed at the base of the berm if you are not shooting targets placed on the wire located at the berm.

10. Violations of Range Rules Section 6.2 "Shooting Steel Plates/Targets"
11. Effective immediately (21 Sept. 2024) in ranges 2 through 13, the shooting of shotguns at targets attached to the wire (chicken wire) target facilities including the posts is prohibited and will result in a range rules violation.
12. Shooting at unapproved targets which include cans, bottles, produce, pallets, lumber, rocks, ammunition, golf balls, clay birds except on the shotgun range (skeet, trap, 5-stand or sporting clays), explosive devices or targets, ground bouncers, wobble type targets, walking/flipping type targets, any other targets placed on the ground, or anything that could cause a round to leave the range. This is not a comprehensive list. Approved targets are paper, and properly angled and placed steel targets.
13. Violations of Range Rules Section 7.2 – Firing prohibited Firearms/Ammunition on Pistol Bays A – L
14. Violations of Range Rules Section 7.3 – Firing prohibited Firearms/Ammunition of the Rimfire Range which is limited to 22 Short, Long and Long Rifle ammunition.
15. Firing across established lanes is prohibited on all ranges.
16. Violations of the fishing and lake rules.
17. The firing of prohibited types of ammunition on the ranges. Prohibited ammunition includes tracer rounds, Frechette rounds, exploding rounds and incendiary rounds.
18. Failure to comply with Range Rules as outlined in the Shotgun Fields Sections 7.5 and 7.5.1
19. Failure to pick up Shotgun Hulls, and properly disposal of targets and trash before leaving the range.
20. Failure to comply with guidance as outlined in Range Manual Section 8.0 regarding Matches and Competitions. The Match Director will have authority over the specific ranges involved in the Matches/Competitions.

**Penalty for violations of RCWA RULES AND RANGE SAFETY VIOLATIONS OF RULE NUMBERS: 1 THROUGH 20.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** The member must come to the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting and explain your action(s). The loss of privileges will be decided by the BOD.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Loss of privileges for 2 months.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Loss of privileges for 6 months.

21. Allowing anyone other than yourself to use your membership badge, gate card or key.
22. Handling weapons anywhere on club property in an unsafe manner. "**SAFE**" is Defined as using accepted safe gun handling practices.
23. Handling weapons while someone is down range of the firing line. All ranges
24. Willful destruction of any club property, **which includes the intentional shooting of target post, frames, and eyebrows on any range.**
25. National Firearms Act (NFA) "Class III" firearms with full-automatic capability may only

be fired with written permission from the Board of Directors.

26. Possession of a bump fire stock, binary trigger, OR Similar Trigger system which increase the rate of fire to more than 1 round with a single press/release of the trigger is prohibited on RCWA property unless you have received "written authorization" by the Board of Directors. The bump firing of any weapon is also prohibited.

**Penalty for violations of RCWA RULES AND RANGE SAFETY VIOLATIONS OF RULE NUMBERS: 21 THROUGH 26.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Loss of privileges for 2 months.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Loss of privileges for 6 months.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Loss of privileges for 12 months.**

27. The possession of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages under any circumstances is prohibited. Any member who uses or allows their guests to use illegal drugs or consumes any drugs or alcohol prior to or during shooting may result in their membership being terminated and permanent expulsion from all RCWA property.

**Penalty for violation of RCWA RULES AND RANGE SAFETY VIOLATION RULE NUMBER 16.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Loss of privileges for a minimum of 6 months.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Indefinite loss of range privileges.**

**This list of possible violations and penalties is not all inclusive. Any violation of the RCWA range rules will be dealt with in a manner deemed appropriate by the RCWA Board of Directors.**

**The Board of Directors will keep an incident report of all violations.**

**If a violation occurs, upon request the member must turn in their gate card & key and membership badge to a Board Member and/or Range Officer of RCWA. Upon your appearance before the Board of Directors, the board will decide when your membership will be reinstated, and under what conditions.**

## **15.0 RCWA Web Site**

**The most up to date information can be found on the club web site [www.rcwa.club](http://www.rcwa.club)**

## RCWA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The RCWA “Life Membership” is a way to recognize members who have made significant contributions to the RCWA; The following are the guidelines for the recognition process:

1. Nominations can be made by any RCWA club member in good standing.
2. The nominee should have contributed to RCWA club improvements.
3. The nominee should have managed or worked on club events. (i.e. - Shooting venues, Representing RCWA in outside events, Current or Past service to the RCWA as Board of Directors)
4. Nominees must be a current member of the RCWA in good standing.
5. Nominations must be approved by the RCWA Board of Directors.

### APPLICATION FOR NOMINATIONS TO BECOME AN RCWA “LIFE MEMBER”

1. RCWA Member making the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_
2. List the contribution/improvements the nominee is being recognized for:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Club events managed or worked on:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Verification that the nominee is a member in good standing: **YES** or **NO**
5. **Approval** or **Rejection** by the Board of Directors:
  - Date of Approval/Rejection: \_\_\_\_\_