

St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club Inc.

Affiliated with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs

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LOWER RANGE RULES (RIFLE AND PISTOL)

- 1) Raise the range flag at the entrance to the range road (top of hill), when either range is being used. Lower the flag when leaving **IF** you're the last to leave the lower ranges.
- 2) Eye and hearing protection is mandatory for everyone, including spectators.
- 3) Case and Uncase firearms at the benches, muzzles down-range.
- 4) Firearms not in use must be:
 - a. Resting on the bench or ground, unloaded, with Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI) inserted, muzzle pointed downrange, OR:
 - b. In a gun rack with muzzle up or down, ECI inserted, OR:
 - c. Unloaded and in a closed gun case.
 - d. **DO NOT** store unused firearms horizontally on the back tables unless in a closed case.
- 5) When loading, unloading, or dry-firing firearms, they must be on the firing line, pointed downrange below the berm, (Muzzleloaders may have muzzle up during loading procedure)
- 6) When actively shooting, muzzles must be even with or beyond the firing line, or beyond the glass if using the shooting windows in the enclosed portion of the range.
- 7) Paper targets or steel "gongs" are the only allowable targets. Steel targets must be shot **NO** closer than 30 feet. Reactive Targets such as Tannerite or objects such as Bowling Pins, Rolling Spinners, etc. are not allowed.
- 8) If you bring your own targets, position them to ensure all rounds fired will impact the berm and will not hit club's target frames or windage flags. Do not shoot diagonally across the range.
- 9) The short-range rifle (25/50/100yd) and the long-range rifle (200/300yd) operate independently.
- 10) Personal defense handguns are to be fired on the pistol range. Hunting handguns and Pistol Caliber Carbines, including AR- and AK- style pistols, may be used on rifle or pistol range.
- 11) No Full-auto or burst fire allowed.
- 12) When going downrange to set, retrieve, or review targets, etc.
 - a. Verify that all firearms are unloaded, actions are open, and an ECI is in place.
 - b. The Rifle range has **SAFETY LIGHT SWITCHES**, turn one on for every person going downrange.
 - c. Verbally check with other shooters in and outside the enclosures **before** anyone goes downrange. Ask **"ARE YOU CLEAR?"** to ensure that all firearms are in a safe condition.
 - d. **DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON** when anyone is downrange.
- 13) When returning to the firing line,
 - a. Turn off your safety light switch.
 - b. Verify everyone has returned, and all range safety lights are off.
 - c. To return to live fire, call out **"GOING HOT, EYES AND EARS"**.
- 14) Live fire is allowed between 8AM and 9PM, unless otherwise approved by the Club's BOD.