

## **Rockford Skeet & Trap Club Pistol Range Rules**

1. Pistol range hours are 9am until 7pm or dusk, whichever comes first. The range may be closed by the board of Directors for special events such as register shoots or 5 stand/sporting clay shoots.
2. All guests must be signed in in accordance with the Rockford Skeet & Trap Club guest procedures. Members must wear their badges indicating pistol range authorization at all times.
3. All members and guests shall comply with Illinois firearm laws.
4. Guests are welcome, but members must supervise their guest on the range and cannot shoot at the same time that their guest is shooting.
5. Safety is the responsibility of every shooter.
  - Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
  - Do not load until you are preparing to shoot.
  - Do not put your finger on the trigger until you are pointing at the target.
6. Only authorized, prepositioned steel targets will be utilized.
7. Shooting should only be directed at the designated targets and against the designated backstop.
8. Armor piercing and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
9. Only pistols of .45 caliber and smaller or .22 LR caliber rifles may be fired on the range. Pistols firing bottle necked, rifle caliber cartridges will not be fired on the range
10. All personnel on the range will wear eye and hearing protection.
11. Firearms must be brought to the range unloaded and in a case or appropriate range bag. These will be placed on the firing bench or firing line before opening
12. Firearms should be pointed down range at all times.
13. Uncased firearms are not permitted behind the firing line.
14. Holstered firearms and drawing from a holster to fire are not permitted.
15. **No person is to be downrange, beyond the firing line except authorized persons, under special circumstances only.**

This is necessary because of the possibility of shot from the skeet ranges falling in the target area.
16. In the event that it is necessary for an ***authorized person*** to be downrange, no person will be allowed downrange, beyond the firing line until all firearms are unloaded, safe, and on the bench.
  - semiautomatic pistols should have the magazine removed, have the chamber unloaded, and be locked open
  - double action revolvers should have the cylinder open with all of the chambers empty.
  - single action revolvers should have all of the chambers empty, the hammer down, and be cased.
  - rifles should be unloaded, have the bolt or action open, and an open bolt/empty chamber indicator in place.
17. Firearms may not be touched or handled when any person is beyond the firing line and downrange.
18. All personnel should step back and vacate the firing line/bench before any person goes downrange beyond the firing line. The firing line should remain vacant.
19. Firearms will not be touched or handled, and firing will not resume until it is determined that all personnel are safely behind the benches and the firing line.
20. Extreme caution will be exercised at all times. If in doubt, do not shoot. Everyone should consider himself/herself to be a range safety officer. Any person on the range may call ***"Cease Fire"*** at any time if an unsafe condition is seen. At the command ***"Cease Fire"***, all firearms will be immediately laid down on the firing bench with the muzzle pointed downrange. The firearms will not be handled until a further command or clarification (such as ***"Unload"***) is given.

After shooting, the range area should be cleaned up. All brass and targets should be picked up and disposed of properly. The pistol range should be secured.
21. Very high rate, rapid firing of firearms is not permitted.