

Safety Rules

(December 2024)

- Muzzle direction: point up, to the ground, down range.
- Breaches are to be open at all times when not shooting
- Load and unload guns on station only when it is your turn to shoot
- Absolutely no “Dry Firing/Pointing” of a firearm in the club house. Do not mount or point guns towards the road
- Eye and ear protection is required while on a shooting field
- No shooting alone. A minimum of two people is required at all times on club property when shooting
- Each shooter in a squad and on the field is required to have their own shotgun when on station and is responsible for the safe discharge and use of their shotgun. Transferring of shotguns between shooters while off of the shooting station is allowed.
- No shot larger than 8 is permitted
- Always unload your gun immediately if there is a hold up and/or malfunction. If you have a misfire or malfunction, keep your gun pointed down range until it can be safely unloaded. Always check for obstructions in the barrel before attempting to fire the gun
- All handguns are to be concealed at all times on club property.
- The only rifles allowed on club property are .22 caliber rifles and they can only be used on the handgun range.
- Rockford Skeet Club Members or Member’s Guest shall not use or be under the influence of any alcohol, marijuana/cannabis, or illegal drugs on club property
- Pick up shell casings when done shooting.
- Don’t walk in front of trap machines until the arm is released and the power is turned off
- Shut down the houses and machines when done shooting.
 - Release trap arm
 - Turn off the machine
 - Load machines with targets
 - If a cord is used, roll it up and store in the high skeet house or in the storage building if using the trap fields.
 - Lock all house
- Club shooting hours must be adhered to strictly: 9:00 AM to ½ hour before dusk, except when shooting under the lights. All shooting must stop by 9:00 PM. Our special Use Permit is very clear on this issue. No violations!
- All guests must be logged into the guest book. All guests are required to sign a waiver upon each visit
- Only firearms manufactured by a federally licensed Manufacturer or Importer, and are fit for the intended use may be used on club property. Intended use for club purposes, and this safety rule, is clays target shooting with respect to Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays, (including 5-Stand), shooting norms. Additionally, fit for intended use includes proper fit for the individual shooter so that proper shooting and safety protocols are followed. Examples of proper fit for intended use of the individual shooter include guns that are of the appropriate weight, length, intended purpose, and size for the specific shooter.

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Additionally, only firearms manufactured by a federally licensed Manufacturer or Importer and are fit for intended purpose may be used on the club handgun range. Intended use relative to the handgun range is for target shooting only and must comply with the rules for the handgun range. Due to the vast array and selection of all firearms, especially handguns, the RSC board will have full discretion as to the firearms that may be used on club property.

- Youth participants under the age of 18 must be supervised by a non-shooting adult, who has completed a recognized safety briefing, while the youth shooter is participating in shooting and shooting activities. The adult may be a parent, club member, safety officer, coach, mentor, or guardian. The supervising adult may not be a shooting member of the squad and is responsible to ensure the youth shooter follows club safety rules and established shooting safety protocols.

Youth shooters may be allowed to shoot on the same squad with their supervising adult if they have demonstrated a safety conscious attitude and skills to shoot unsupervised. This will be a special dispensation granted by a Safety Officer and must be requested by the parents or guardian of the youth shooter.

- Failure to follow these safety rules will result in additional training and/or supervision requirement(s), disciplinary action including membership termination, or other actions as determined by the Board of Directors.

Remember: Firearms safety is no accident. Safety is every one's job.

BE SAFE, KEEP IT OPEN, AND HAVE FUN

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