

NENAMESECK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

CLUB RULES AMENDED 12-4-2018

ALL MASSACHUSETTS FIREARM LAWS MUST BE FOLLOWED.

New Members must attend a range safety class before using any range.

Violation of club rules may result in board action up-to and including expulsion.

GENERAL CLUB RULES:

There is absolutely no alcoholic beverages or marijuana allowed on Club property.

Eye and ear protection is mandatory on all indoor and outdoor ranges.

Treat all firearms as if they are loaded at all times.

Absolutely no handling or touching of uncased firearms or uncasing of firearms when the red range safety lights are on or if anyone is downrange.

All firearms are to be uncased/unholstered at the firing line and NOT behind the line.

Keep all firearms pointed downrange whenever they are uncased.

Keep fingers outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot and aimed on target.

An ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) should be inserted in the chamber of all firearms whenever they are benched, being moved or before proceeding downrange. The magazine must be removed and the bolt/slide locked back, or the cylinder must be open and empty.

Before going forward of the firing line, call for a 'cease fire', insure that the red range lights are on, no one is handling any firearms, ECI's are inserted, magazines out, cylinders open, Check your neighbors left and right. Remember to turn off the red range lights after everyone has returned from being forward of the firing line. Note: the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges are considered to be 2 separate ranges and operate separate from each other.

If you are alone on the outside rifle range, do not leave your firearm unattended when going downrange. Keep your firearm with you or locked in your vehicle. Remember you may be 100, 200 or 300 yards downrange and away from your firearm.

Members must have their membership card or badge in their possession at all times while on club property. You must present it when asked by any member or Club officer.

A guest may be brought a maximum of one time per calendar year before the guest is required to join the club. Only one guest is allowed per membership (single or family) per visit.

Guest memberships are available, contact the membership chairperson for more info/cost.

No one under 18 years of age are to use any firearms or be on club property unless accompanied by properly licensed adult. (See rules below for anyone under 18)

Shooters are required to clean up after themselves. This includes picking up all shells, trash, and the removal of all targets from the target holders. (Inside and outside ranges). Brass goes into the collection buckets. Aluminum or steel cases, and shotgun hulls are considered to be trash and placed in the trash barrels. Members not cleaning up after themselves are subject to suspension of their range privileges.

Any damages to Club property must be reported to a Club officer immediately. (See list of phone numbers in the club

house or on the club website.)

Outdoor ranges are open from 8:00 Am to sunset Monday-Saturday. Sunday 9:00 Am to sunset.

Indoor ranges are open 24 hours every day.

Ranges will be closed for scheduled club events or maintenance. When the range is closed the range closure will be posted on the club web site or on the calendar in the club house.

There is no smoking allowed in Club buildings. Members smoking outdoors will be respectful of others.

There is no shooting of the following on club property PROPANE TANKS, CANS, BOTTLES, FOOD ITEMS AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. (PAPER TARGETS ONLY OR PERSONAL METAL SWINGER TARGETS)

No skeet shooting is allowed on club ranges.

No shooting is allowed at any time on the Turkey shooting range (By the club house) except at organized Turkey Shoots.

There are no dogs allowed in club buildings.

There is no handling of firearms in the club meeting room. (All firearms are to be handled on the range only.)

Club RSO officers or Club officers have the right to ask any member to leave the Club property for any violation of the Club rules and not return until they appear before the Board of Directors.

INDOOR FIREARM RANGE RULES:

All standard hand gun calibers up to 45 cal. allowed. 454 Cassul, S&W 460 and 500 are not allowed.

No black powder firearms.

No fully automatic weapons.

No rifles larger than 22LR rimfire allowed.

No shooting forward of the shooting stalls.

No shooting from holster (drawing of firearms as part of the shooting process). All shooting will be done from the shooting bench.

No cross firing on the range. (Shoot at your target only.)

No personal targets allowed. (All targets are to be hung from the holders provided.) No metal swingers are allowed.

Targets are to be set at the correct height so that bullets impact the backstop. Targets must be placed at eye level to the shooting position so that the bullet path is parallel to the floor. Use the provided cardboard to adjust target height.

When firearms are on the range station they shall be placed with the action open and up, flagged and pointing down range.

Paper targets only. Maximum length of paper targets is 18 inches at distances less than 50 feet.

OUTDOOR RIFLE RANGE RULES:

Targets are limited to official shooting targets. Paper and R550 steel plates only.

No PROPANE TANKS, CANS, BOTTLES, FOOD ITEMS AND/OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

Shooting line will be at the edge of the concrete pad. There will be no shooting past this line.

Shotguns may be fired on the outdoor rifle range at your own targets and target frames. Use of the club target holders (plywood sheets) is not allowed.

OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES:

All standard hand gun calibers are allowed.

Paper targets or personal metal (R550 steel) swinger targets only.

No PROPANE TANKS, CANS, BOTTLES, FOOD ITEMS AND/OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

No rifles larger than 22LR rimfire allowed.

No shotguns are allowed on the pistol range.

The shooting line will be at the edge of the concrete pad. There will be no shooting past this line.

ARCHERY RANGES

Archers must move forward through each course half in numerical order, not in reverse.

No children under 15, unless accompanied by an adult.

No glass bottles allowed on archery course at any time.

Field points only. No broadheads (even in quiver) allowed.

Paper and 3D targets only on indoor range.

ANYONE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

NO PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 8 YEARS OLD IS ALLOWED TO SHOOT ANY FIRE ARM.

IF THERE IS A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 8 YEARS OLD AT THE RANGE THEY NEED TO BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN THAT IS NOT SHOOTING OR HANDLING FIRE ARMS.

ANY PERSON 8 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE RESTRICTIONS LISTED BELOW.

Long Guns (rifles/shotguns): Minimum age to shoot: 8 years old with the following Gauge/Caliber restrictions:

8-14 Year old All calibers are allowed BUT must be under the **DIRECT** supervision of a properly licensed (FID or LTC) parent or legal guardian. Only **one gun** between them is allowed at the shooting position.

15-17 Year old May shoot their own gun if he/she is properly licensed (FID card & Hunter Safety Class) and strictly complies with all Range Safety Rules and is supervised by a properly licensed (FID or LTC) parent or legal guardian. If not properly licensed (FID card & Hunter Safety Class) then the 10-14 year old applies.

Hand Guns: Minimum age to shoot: 10 years old with the following Gauge/Caliber restrictions:

10-14 Year old are restricted to 22 rim fire only and must be under the **DIRECT** supervision of a parent or legal guardian who is properly licensed (Class A or Class B LTC) with only **one gun** between them allowed at the shooting station.

15-21 Year old May fire larger caliber hand guns under the **DIRECT** supervision of a parent or legal guardian who is properly licensed (Class A or Class B LTC) with only **one gun** between them allowed at the shooting station.

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF:

Misfires: If you pull the trigger and the primer is struck but the round doesn't discharge (aka go bang), this is known as a misfire. This may be due to a light primer strike, a defective primer, old ammunition. Sometimes the round may be reloaded into the firearm to fire on the second attempt. Misfires should be cleared from the firearm without actually touching/handling the round since it may be a hangfire. Allow to drop to the ground.

Hangfire: This is a round which fails to fire at the time the primer is struck but discharges 2 to 10 seconds (or longer) later. Therefore if the round is left in the firearm, the firearm should continue to be pointed downrange. If an attempt is made to clear the round, do not handle it and allow it to drop to the ground. If the round discharges outside of the firearm, generally the case will split without giving the bullet itself any power. A hangfire is like a slow burning sputtering fuse, it just take a while to achieve the end result.

Squib load: When the round discharges but without the normal report (a fizzling sound rather than the expected bang) do NOT fire the firearm again until you check for an obstructed barrel. The light report could mean that the bullet had enough power to leave the case but not enough power to clear the barrel. The can be caused by a bullet with only a primer (no powder) or corroded or corrupted powder. The barrel can be checked using a cleaning rod, range rod or by dropping an object such as a spent 22 rimfire case down the barrel. If the barrel is obstructed, contact a competent individual to clear the barrel.