

NENAMESECK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

CLUB RULES AMENDED 8-30-2022

ALL MASSACHUSETTS FIREARM LAWS MUST BE FOLLOWED.

New Members must attend a Club Orientation Class before using any range.

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

All members are reminded that video surveillance cameras are in use for all Club facilities. Any reported infractions of Club rules or damage to Club facilities will be followed up on and appropriate action will be taken.

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.

GENERAL CLUB RULES:

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

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

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

Treat all firearms as if they are loaded at all times. Be aware of the muzzle directions at all times.

Use the red range safety lights whenever anyone is going forward of the firing line. If you arrive at the range, the red lights are on, and no one is visible on the range, you are responsible to ensure that no one is downrange. This is especially important on the outdoor rifle range when someone may be down range on the 200 or 300-yard range. You may drive your car downrange to setup and change your targets on the rifle range. For the 300-yard range, part on the rise before the depression (to ensure that you are seen) and use your emergency flashers.

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. Handling of a firearm includes but is not limited to scope adjustments, relocating a firearm or anything supporting a firearm. If there is a problem with a firearm (i.e., magazine in, loaded firearm) do not touch the firearm to correct it while anyone is down range, wait until everyone returns behind the firing line and then correct the problem by informing the shooter. Shooters constantly ignoring/violating this rule should be reported to a Club officer or RSO. This is a major safety infraction.

All firearms are to be uncased/unholstered at the firing line and NOT behind the line. Make sure that the muzzle is pointed downrange before uncasing a firearm.

Keep all firearms pointed straight downrange whenever they are uncased. Be aware of muzzle directions; this is especially important for short barreled firearms (handguns).

When moving a firearm on the outdoor ranges, the magazine must be removed and the bolt/slide locked back, or the cylinder must be open and empty and an ECI (Empty Chamber Indicator) must be inserted in the chamber. The safe muzzle direction for moving the firearm is straight up in the air **after** the ECI is inserted.

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, before being moved or before proceeding downrange. The firearm must be pointed straight downrange, the magazine must be removed and the bolt/slide locked back, or the cylinder must be open and empty. Satisfactory ECI's may be commercial versions, lengths of weed-wacker cord, larger size ty-wraps, or any device that insures to an observer that the firearm chamber is empty. Note that the firearm safety device/lever is not mentioned; this is a mechanical device which can fail and should not/cannot be relied on and is not considered to be a satisfactory replacement for any part of

the above procedure.

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

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 allowed (17 HMR and 22 Magnum Rimfire are allowed).

No shooting forward of the shooting stations.

No shooting from a 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 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.

Paper targets only.

Maximum length of paper target is 18 inches at distances less than 50 feet.

Firearms are to be uncased only inside the firing station. No handline of firearms outside of the firing station and uncased firearms are not to be transported between firing stations. The tables behind the firing stations are for equipment storage only; **NO** uncased firearms are allowed on these tables.

When firearms are in a range station and not being used, they shall be placed down with the action open, ejection port up, magazines out, cylinders open, flagged with an ECI and pointing down range.

OUTDOOR RIFLE RANGE RULES:

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

Use the provided plywood stands with cardboard sheets to hold your paper targets. Ensure that the targets are placed securely in the frames provided. Do not shoot at the wooden frames or stands. You may use your own target holders but ensure that the impact area does not include the wooden frames. When shooting at short ranges, use the piles of ballistic sand as a backstop for your target (this helps prevent ricochets off the flat surface on the rifle range).

Members are encouraged to bring their own tape or staple gun. Tape or staple targets to the cardboard. Quick and easy cleanup when you are finished.

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

Firing line is the forward edge of the concrete pad. There will be no shooting forward of this line.

When uncased firearms are on the firing line and not being used, they shall be placed pointing straight downrange with the action open and ejection port up, magazines out, cylinders open, flagged with an ECI and pointing down range.

This rule especially applies when anyone proceeds forward of the firing line.

Shotguns may be fired on the outdoor rifle range at your own targets and target frames. Use of the Club target holders is not allowed. Shooting at clay targets on the impact area is allowed but skeet and trap shooting (shooting in the air) is prohibited.

OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE RULES:

All standard hand gun calibers are allowed.

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

Use the provided plywood stands with cardboard sheets to hold your paper targets. Ensure that the targets are placed securely in the frames provided. Do not shoot at the wooden frames or stands. Quick and easy cleanup when you are finished.

No PROPANE TANKS, CANS, BOTTLES 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 forward edge of the concrete pad. There will be no shooting past this line.

When firearms are on the firing line and not being used, they shall be placed pointing straight downrange with the action open and up, magazines out, cylinders open, flagged with an ECI and pointing down range. This rule especially

applies when anyone proceeds forward of the firing 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:

IF THERE IS A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 8 YEARS OLD AT THE RANGE THEY NEED TO BE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN THAT IS **NOT** SHOOTING OR HANDLING FIRE ARMS. CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE INDOOR PISTOL RANGE OR ON THE CONCRETE PADS OF THE OUTDOOR RANGES. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANDATORY. NO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 8 YEARS OLD IS ALLOWED TO SHOOT ANY FIRE ARM.

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 restrictions:

8-14 Year old: All calibers are allowed BUT must be under the **DIRECT** supervision (1-1-1 rule) of a properly licensed (FID or LTC) adult Club member. 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 adult Club member. (FID or LTC). If not properly licensed (FID card & Hunter Safety Class) then the 10-14 years old rules (1-1-1 rule) 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 (1-1-1 rule) of a properly licensed adult Club member (Mass LTC or FID) 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 (1-1-1 rule) of a properly licensed adult Club member (Mass LTC or FID) with only **one gun** between them is allowed at the shooting station.

WE VALUE OUR FUTURE SHOOTERS, ANY MEMBER FOUND TO BE DISREGARDING THESE RULES WILL HAVE THEIR PRIVILEGES SUSPENDED UNTIL THEY ATTEND/REATTEND AND PASS A CLUB ORIENTATION CLASS.

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 misfired rounds to drop to the ground. Misfires should be placed in red DUD cans available at the indoor and outdoor ranges.

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 takes a while to achieve the end result.

Squib load: When the round discharges but without the normal report (a fizzling or subdued 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. This 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/gunsmith to clear the barrel.

Before going forward of the firing line, call for a “cease fire”, ensure 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.

The 1-1-1 rule: **One** licensed (LTC or FID) adult member to **one** unlicensed adult or minor with only **one** uncased firearm between them. This rule applies to unlicensed family members (family membership), unlicensed guests of members and any unlicensed minors using the Club facilities. An adult licensed member is to directly supervise all shooting activity and is responsible to ensure all activity is conducted in a safe manner and in accordance with Club rules.

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. The 1-1-1 rule applies.

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

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

Shooters are required to clean up after themselves. This includes picking up all fired cases, trash, and the removal of all targets from the target holders. (Inside and outside ranges). When picking up spent brass, include all fired cases whether they are on the cement pad or on the ground forward of the firing line or behind the cement pad (parking area). Brass goes into the collection buckets. Aluminum or steel cases and shotgun hulls are considered to be trash and placed in the trash barrels. There should be no trace of your shooting session when you leave the range. Members not cleaning up after themselves are subject to suspension of their range privileges.

Any damage 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 sunrise to sunset Monday – Saturday. Sunday 9:00Am 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 website.

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 OR PERSONAL METAL SWINGER TARGETS)

No skeet or trap 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.

Dogs are allowed in the Club house only if there is no event or meeting taking place. All dogs must be leashed. Dogs on Club property must always be leashed during Club events.