

NORTH OLMSTED SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



# RULES AND POLICIES

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*"Written Range safety rules will be established by the various Range committee chairmen and the Range Officers and will be posted clearly in the Clubhouse. The Range rules will be strictly adhered to by all shooters at all times. Range Officers shall have the authority to expel any shooter from the Range for the breaking of any of the Range safety rules.."* -NOSC Constitution and Bylaws

EACH NOSC MEMBER SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THESE RULES AND POLICIES, IF YOU NEED A COPY,  
PLEASE CONTACT A RANGE OFFICER.

*“The objectives of the Club shall be to promote the interest of legitimate sport with rod and gun; to propagate and restock suitable fields and streams with game and fish; to uphold the laws for the protection and propagation of game and fish within the state of Ohio; to further such legislation as is proper to provide better hunting and fishing; to protect the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America; and any and all things deemed suitable or necessary for promoting the welfare and well being of said Club.” -NOSC Constitution and Bylaws*



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## SECTION I. FIREARM SAFETY

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THE RULES IN THIS SECTION APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ON NOSC PREMISES.

1. All Federal, State, and Local firearms laws must be observed.
2. A Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) is permitted on the premises with certain restrictions as stated in this document and must be carried in a secure and safe manner.
3. Firearms, other than a CCW, must only be transported to and from the building as a Safe Firearm.

A firearm is considered safe if it is unloaded and enclosed in a case or is carried at shoulder level in a clearly visible manner as follows:

- Long guns - muzzle pointed upward carried with the action open, empty chamber indicator in place, and in such a manner as to keep the finger out of the trigger guard.
- Hand guns - cylinder open (double action revolver), loading gate open (single action revolver), slide back (semi-auto), Empty Chamber Indicator in place, middle finger through the trigger guard, gun hanging from the middle finger.

An Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) is a highly visible device, which when inserted into the firearm's chamber clearly shows that the firearm's chamber is empty.

4. A loaded firearm may not be handled while off the range firing line, except at the designated FIREARM CLEARING station.
5. Any loaded firearm, including a CCW, must be unloaded at the designated FIREARM CLEARING station in the Clubhouse before entering the Indoor Range.
6. A Concealed Carry Weapon may only be loaded at the FIREARM CLEARING station.
7. A firearm must always be pointed in a safe direction, whether it is believed to be unloaded or not. A safe direction means that the firearm is pointed so that even if it were to discharge it would not cause injury or damage.
8. When handling any firearm, immediately engage the safety device if possible and, if the firearm has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s), which should be clear of ammunition.
9. There shall be no discharging of firearms on NOSC property outside of the building except during those days and hours, and abiding by the rules of the Trap Range.



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## SECTION II. GENERAL RANGE RULES

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THE RULES IN THIS SECTION APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ON ANY NOSC RANGE. ADDITIONAL RULES MAY APPLY TO A PARTICULAR RANGE OR TYPE OF SHOOTING, SUCH AS THE INDOOR RANGE, TRAP RANGE, OR IPDA EVENT.

EACH SHOOTER MUST HAVE COMPLETED AND SIGNED, A COPY OF THE NORTH OLMSTED SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK BEFORE USING ANY NOSC RANGE. IF THE SHOOTER IS A MINOR THE PARENT OR A LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. THE "ACKNOWLEDGEMENT" WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

A SIGN-IN LOG WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE RANGE. EACH SHOOTER MUST SIGN THE LOG -- BY DOING SO THE SHOOTER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE IS FAMILIAR OF ALL NOSC RULES AND POLICIES.

### RANGE SAFETY

RANGE OFFICERS ARE NOSC-TRAINED MEMBERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLUB, ITS MEMBERS AND ITS ASSETS. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ASK THE RANGE OFFICER FOR CLARIFICATION OF ANY NOSC RULE OR POLICY.

1. No one is permitted to shoot without a Range Officer present on the Range. A Range Officer may not shoot alone.
2. Heed all commands and directives of the Range Officer.
3. All persons on or near the firing line must wear proper ear and eye protection.
4. While on the firing line, the shooter's finger must be off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot. The finger must be well outside the trigger guard to prevent accidentally slipping onto the trigger.
5. No one may move forward of a firing line until the Range Officer has declared the line safe and given the command to go forward.
6. If a misfire occurs, the shooter should assume that the round is a delayed or hang-fire discharge and keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, wait a short period of time and then clear the firearm.
7. If a firearm discharge feels or sounds abnormally light, the shooter should assume that the barrel might be obstructed. Clear the firearm and check for an obstruction by running a rod through the barrel from the muzzle to the breach.
8. If the shooter has any type of firearm failure that he or she does not safely remedy, the shooter should keep the firearm pointed down range and ask the Range Officer for assistance.
9. If any shooter demonstrates inability to fire safely and keep all rounds down range either through lack of skills or use of improper equipment, the Range Officer shall terminate their range session.



10. If, in the opinion of the Range Officer, a person is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs or otherwise physically or mentally unable to be 100% safe with a firearm, the person will not be allowed to handle any firearm and will be asked to leave the Range.
11. An adult must supervise any shooter under the age of 16 all times on the firing line.
12. The Range Officer reserves the right to approve any target and its placement on the Range.
13. The Range Officer will determine the location of the firing line and firing location of shooters.
14. The Range Officer reserves the right to inspect any firearms or ammunition for safety considerations.
15. Tracer, armor piercing, and steel core ammunition are prohibited.

#### PERSONAL CONDUCT

1. Discourteous action on any shooters part will result in expulsion from the Range for the remainder of the shooting session.
2. Do not touch or handle anyone else's equipment without his or her permission unless there is an immediate safety issue.
3. Damage caused to the Range such as caused by errant rounds is the financial responsibility of the shooter. The Range Officer shall report such damage to the Range Chairman.
4. The shooters at the close of the shooting session are responsible for cleaning up the Range.
5. Food and beverages are prohibited on the Range.

#### GUESTS

1. Guest's of a member will be permitted to shoot on any of the Club Ranges only in the company of a sponsoring member.

GUEST(S) WHO WISH TO USE THE RANGE MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN, A COPY OF THE NORTH OLMSTED SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK. THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND THE SPONSORING MEMBER OF A MINOR MUST ALSO SIGN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

2. The member sponsoring a non-member shall be responsible for the safety and conduct of the guest at all times with the due regard for the North Olmsted Sportsman's Club and fellow members.
3. The Range Officer reserves the right to limit the number of guests present on the Range at any given time.



4. A limit of not more than four (4) days' shooting privileges will be extended to the guest of a member, who must sponsor and accompany the guest at all times. A request for more than four (4) days' shooting privileges for a guest may be presented to the Board of Trustees and Range Officers by the sponsoring member. The decision of the Board of Trustees and Range Officers will be final in each case and in no way establish a precedent for the future.
5. Visiting clubs or organizations are responsible for insuring that the people they bring and/or invite to an NOSC Range have had an appropriate range and safety orientation.

SEE THE CLUB POLICIES SECTION REGARDING STATUS OF FAMILY MEMBERS.

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### SECTION III. INDOOR RANGE

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THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS USING THE INDOOR RANGE, EXCEPT DURING IPDA SHOOTING EVENTS. ALL OF THE RULES IN THE FIREARM SAFETY AND GENERAL RANGE RULES SECTIONS APPLY TO THE INDOOR RANGE AS WELL.

#### RANGE COMMANDS

**CEASE FIRE** - The shooter must stop shooting immediately, remove his or her finger from the trigger, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and await further commands. Any person who sees an unsafe condition on the Range has the responsibility to call a CEASE FIRE.

**MAKE THE LINE SAFE** - The shooters on the firing line must unload his or her firearm and place the firearm on the bench. A firearm is considered loaded if: the action is closed, the action is open and an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) is not in place, the action is open and there is a case in the chamber, regardless of whether the case is empty or not, if it is a clip fed firearm and the clip is partially or wholly inserted in the firearm, regardless of whether there are any cartridges in the clip, it is a magazine fed firearm and there is a cartridge (fired or not) in the magazine.

**LINE IS SAFE** - The line is declared safe only after the Range Officer has visually inspected each firearm and confirmed to be not loaded. No person on the Range may handle a firearm.

**LINE IS NO LONGER SAFE** - After the Range Officer has visually confirmed that everyone is back behind the firing line the Range Officer will give this command.

**SHOOTERS ON THE LINE MAY LOAD** - Persons on the firing line may load their firearms.

**COMMENCE FIRE** - Shooters on the line may fire at will.

#### SAFETY

1. No one may enter any part of the Range with a loaded firearm.
2. All firearms in the open and are not being fired, must have a NOSC-supplied yellow Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) properly installed at all times. User supplied ECI's of a different color and/or style are not to be used.



3. A person not on the firing line must have his or her firearm cased or must carry it in such a manner as to be clearly visible as a Safe Firearm.
4. No firearm may be handled in any manner between the time that the Range Officer has declared the LINE IS SAFE and the time the Range Officer has declared the LINE IS NO LONGER SAFE.
5. Firearms may only be loaded on the firing line after the Range Officer has declared the LINE IS NO LONGER SAFE. Only that firearm which is being used may be loaded. A person wishing to fire more than one firearm must keep his or her firearm(s) not in use, in a safe condition with an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in place.
6. No firearm may be fired until the Range Officer gives the command to COMMENCE FIRE.
7. No one may wear a holstered firearm on the Range, except during those days and hours, and abiding by the rules of the IDPA.
8. The Range Officer shall ensure that all members have access to the firing line. If there are more shooters than firing points available, the Range Officer will rotate shooters on and off the line as necessary. Guests should use the firing point assigned to their sponsor. Guests may occupy an adjacent empty firing point if available.

#### **FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

1. Only handguns, rim-fire rifles, and center-fire rifles firing pistol cartridges may be used. No shotgun patterning may be done.
2. Handguns with a sight radius of four (4) inches or less may only be functionally tested at a distance of 21 feet or less from the range backstop, and under the direct supervision of the Range Officer.
3. Any type of handgun ammunition may be used; Extensive use of hollow-point ammunition causes rapid backstop deterioration and is discouraged.
4. In the event that a mechanical problem with a firearm should occur such as a failure to feed, failure to fire, jam, etc., the shooter should keep the firearm pointed down range. If the firearm can be safely cleared it should be done on the firing line. If the firearm cannot be safely cleared, do not remove the firearm from the line and ask the Range Officer for assistance.
5. In the event that a safe firearm has to be repaired or disassembled it should be done in the Clubhouse and not on the firing line. Minor repairs and sight adjustments that can be accomplished in a short time with minor distraction may be performed on the firing line.

#### **RANGE HOURS**

The Indoor Range hours of operation are 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Shooting shall not start before 10:00 am and all shooting must stop immediately at 10:00 pm. For special events, shooting may



start earlier than 10:00 am, if approved by the Board of Trustees. No shooting on Christmas or Easter.

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#### SECTION IV. IDPA SHOOTING

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THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS PARTICIPATING IN IDPA-STYLE SHOOTING ON THE INDOOR RANGE. ALL OF THE RULES IN THE FIREARM SAFETY AND GENERAL RANGE RULES SECTIONS APPLY AS WELL.

IDPA-STYLE SHOOTING IS GOVERNED BY THE EQUIPMENT AND COMPETITION RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEFENSIVE PISTOL ASSOCIATION.

##### LOADING COMMANDS

**FACE DOWN RANGE, LOAD AND MAKE READY** - The shooter must face down range, remove the firearm from its holster, load the firearm and prepare to fire the firearm. If the firearm has a manual safety, it must be engaged. Whether the firearm is holstered or not depends on the specific course of fire.

**STANDBY** - The shooter should be ready to commence with the course of fire that starts with the beep of the timer.

##### UNLOADING COMMANDS

**UNLOAD AND SHOW CLEAR** - The shooter must remove and stow the magazine from a semi-auto, or the casings and or live rounds from a revolver, lock the slide open, or keep the cylinder open, and allow the Range Officer to see the chamber(s) are empty.

**SLIDE FORWARD or CLOSE CYLINDER** - The shooter must close the slide or cylinder of the empty firearm.

**HAMMER DOWN** - While pointing the muzzle at the range backstop, the shooter must pull the trigger to show a clear firearm.

**HOLSTER** - The shooter must return the firearm to its holster.

**RANGE IS SAFE** - The Range Officer has ensured that the shooter's firearm is cleared and holstered. The shooter may proceed down range to view his or her targets. The scorer, and other participants may go down range to score, repair, and reset targets.

##### CORRECTIVE COMMANDS

**MUZZLE** - The muzzle of the shooter's firearm is pointed in an unsafe direction. Point the muzzle down range.

**FINGER** - The shooter's finger is on the trigger or in the trigger guard when it should not be. The shooter must remove his or her finger from the trigger and place it outside of the trigger guard on the firearm's frame of the firearm.



STOP OR CEASE FIRE -- The shooter must stop shooting immediately, remove his or her finger from the trigger, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and await further commands. Any person who sees an unsafe condition on the Range has the responsibility to call for a CEASE FIRE.

COVER - This is IPDA procedural command that warns the shooter that he or she is not making sufficient use of cover according to rules of the IDPA governing body.

#### SAFETY

1. All Concealed Carry Weapons (CCWs) must be unloaded at the FIREARM CLEARING station immediately upon entering the building for IDPA events. When leaving the building, a CCW may be reloaded at the FIREARM CLEARING station, but the carrier must leave immediately.
2. No one may enter any part of the Range with a loaded firearm.
3. All areas of the Clubhouse outside of the Indoor Range are considered the Safe Area for all participants and observers of the IDPA event. All firearms must be unloaded with magazines out. Cleared firearms may be handled in the Safe Area.
4. On the Range, all firearms must be unloaded with magazines out. No person may handle a firearm in any manner. The normal condition of pistols not actually engaged is holstered and unloaded, with hammer down and magazine removed.
5. When at the firing position, the shooter may load only when the Range Officer gives the command FACE DOWN RANGE, LOAD AND MAKE READY.
6. The shooter's finger must be outside the trigger guard during loading, unloading, drawing, re-holstering, while moving (unless engaging targets) or during remedial action.
7. The minimum age of participants in IDPA events at NOSC is 18 years of age.

#### FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

1. Any type of firearm and ammunition that conforms to the Equipment and Competition Rules of the International Defensive Pistol Association may be used.
2. Extensive use of hollow-point ammunition causes rapid backstop deterioration and is discouraged.

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#### SECTION V. TRAPSHOOTING

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THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS USING THE TRAP RANGE. ALL OF THE RULES IN THE FIREARM SAFETY AND GENERAL RANGE RULES SECTIONS APPLY AS WELL.

SHOOTING IS GOVERNED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION (ATA).



1. Trap Range usage requires two Range Officers to operate except one Range Officer may appoint a member temporarily in lieu of a second Range Officer, for that day only, for any point of that day's shooting.
2. All guns must have the action opened and contain no live or empty shells at any time, except while the shooter is on the firing line. A break open gun's action may be closed when it is in a gun rack but it shall not contain a live or empty shell.
3. Barrels are to be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
4. All shooters are required to unload their guns when changing posts, or when commanded to MAKE THE LINE SAFE.
5. A shooter shall place a live shell in his/her gun only when on a post facing the traps.
6. Only one (1) shooter per post is allowed at any time, unless a scheduled and designated "Protection" or "Oakley" shoot is in progress.
7. Regardless of prior trap shooting experience, every first-time shooter must have an experienced trap shooter accompany him or her for their first round of trap.
8. Trap help must never emerge from the trap house until authorized. Trap help wishing to exit the house must raise the orange safety cone and wait for confirmation that the line is safe.
9. The squad "on the ready" should be on the benches behind the current squad, and take the line smartly when asked, in order to maximize the time available to all shooters. Shooters who are chronically late to the line may be removed from the squadding rotation.
10. Please remember that we have automatic voice release devices in use, and refrain from excessive noise on the firing line.
11. ATA TARGET LOADS ONLY!! (Max 7.5 shot, 1.125 oz.) The Range Officer reserves the right to prohibit any loads that sound unusually heavy.
12. All shooters should sign in at the desk upon arrival to insure proper squadding.
13. Shooting hours are every other Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST. (1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.). No shooting on Christmas or Easter.

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#### SECTION VIII. CLUB POLICIES

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THIS SECTION CONTAINS INFORMATION REGARDING NOSC NOT COVERED IN THE PREVIOUS SECTIONS.



## MEMBERSHIP

1. The spouse and all dependent children of an active member are eligible to participate in all club activities with these restrictions: (A) The dependent children must have not reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday. (B) Neither the spouse nor dependent children may vote or hold office. (C) Any other restrictions that the Board of Trustees may from time to time establish.
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3. Any member may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Trustees for conduct unbecoming a member. The Board of Trustees shall consider the validity of any charges, and if found justified shall notify the member of the charges and of the Board of Trustees meeting at which the member may be heard. The member shall be notified in writing at the member's last known address at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

## MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Regular member meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the NOSC Clubhouse. Members must attend at least four (4) general meetings each year.
2. Members must participate in at least two (2) work parties each year.
3. Dues are payable by January 1st of the fiscal year for membership renewal. Any member whose dues are not paid by March 31st of the fiscal year shall lose all rights and privileges associated with active membership including the right to vote and any and all range privileges.
4. Any damage to NOSC facilities or property must be reported immediately to a Range Officer.
5. Smoking is not permitted in any part of the Clubhouse or Indoor Range.

## RANGE OFFICERS

Range Officers are issued key cards that allow access to the building and provide a record of entry. The key card also serves as an identification badge and must be displayed when the owner is acting as a Range Officer. If the Range is not scheduled for Club use it may be opened for shooting, provided there are a Range Officer and one other person present.

Range Officer Training is offered each year in March-April and is held in the Clubhouse. The dates of the training will be announced. All members are invited to attend and become an NOSC Range Officer.

Range Officers must re-qualify each year by attending a Range Officer Training session.



### CLUBHOUSE AND RANGE RENTAL

The Clubhouse and Indoor Range is available for rent for non-member activities when not being used for Club events. Contact a NOSC Trustee to arrange a rental.



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**APPENDIX A. DUES AND FEES**

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Annual Membership Dues (payable January 1 <sup>st</sup> ) .....	\$80.00 plus tax for one year
Membership Initiation Fee.....	\$50.00 plus tax
Indoor Range Fee .....	\$3.00 per day
Trapshooting Fee.....	\$5.00 first round, \$4.00 for subsequent rounds. Non-members \$5.00 each round.
Clubhouse Rental Fee (excluding range use).....	\$100.00 per day
Range Rental Fee .....	\$25.00 per hour

