

# Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club Inc.

## *Range Rules and Regulations*



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# 1. Mission Statement

The Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club was incorporated on September 30, 1935; *"For the purposes of encouraging and promoting athletic contests, more particular those having to do with the use of firearms of every sort and in general to engage and promote athletic contests of all kinds."*

In support of this mission, the club strives to:

- Provide a safe, clean environment in which members can enjoy the shooting sports.
- Align our club's operation with the best practices sponsored by local and national organizations such as the National Rifle Association and GOAL.

# 2. Welcome to the Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club

On behalf of the Executive Board, we welcome you as a new member, guest, or visiting organization. The Executive Board also thanks its members for their support and contributions to the club over the years.

We recognize that our sport requires that we collectively follow a set of safety and operational rules to assure the efficient operation of our organization and facilities. Please take a few minutes to read through these range rules. Members of the Executive Board are available to answer any question you may have and can be reached online through the club's web site, [www.tauntonrifleandpistol.org](http://www.tauntonrifleandpistol.org), or by attending the monthly club meetings. We encourage all of our members to participate in club events such as the monthly club business meetings which are held at 10:00 AM, the first Sunday of each month. Please visit the club's web site or our Facebook page for additional information on shooting teams and other events.

**Disclaimer:** *The Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. (TRPC) assumes no liability or responsibility for damage to member's vehicles, firearms, or shooting accessories while on Club Property.*

# 3. How These Range Rules Are Organized

Most of the range rules and regulations described in this document apply to both the indoor and outdoor ranges. However, there are some rules that apply to the indoor range or the outdoor range specifically. In order to present the rules in an easy to follow, logical format, they have been organized into the following sections:

- Executive Board and Range Officer Governance
- Indoor and Outdoor Range Rules
- 300-Yard Range Rules
- Non-Club Member Information

Where applicable, we have noted when rules apply in organized events versus individual use of the ranges.

*Please pay careful attention to all safety instructions described in this document and always follow the manufacturer's instructions for handling your firearm.*

## **4. Executive Board and Range Officer Governance**

The Executive Board is elected yearly by the club membership. One of their functions is to establish the rules and regulations for the club and its members. The board is the final arbiter of violations against all club rules and regulations, including range regulations and safety violations. This section outlines some of the governing policies established by the Executive Board.

### **4.1 Range Safety Officers**

The Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) is charged with the responsibility of properly running the ranges. The CRSO may appoint temporary Range Safety Officers (RSO) who shall serve until the next meeting of the Range Officer Committee. All members, non-club members, visiting organizations, using TRPC ranges are to obey the instructions of the Chief Range Safety Officer and designated Range Safety Officers.

All Range Safety Officers are issued TRPC Safety Officer Identification.

### **4.2 Range Safety Officer Committee and Requirements**

The Range Safety Officer Committee shall consist of the following: Executive Board Safety Officer, Chief Range Safety Officer, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Primitive Arms instructors. A special meeting of the Range Safety Officer Committee can be called by the CRSO and attended by the current instructors. All will vote on the appointment, denial, or suspension of any club Range Safety Officer. The position of Chief Range Safety Officer shall be appointed or suspended by the club's Executive Board.

All Range Safety Officers should be Charter Club members who are over the age of 21 years and have been a member for at least two (2) years and remain in good standing in the club.

Along with a working knowledge of club range rules, all CRSO's and RSO's will be familiar with procedures for obtaining emergency aid from local fire, rescue, and police departments.

## **5. The Three Rules for Safe Gun Handling**

- 1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.*
- 2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.*
- 3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding *The Three Rules for Safe Gun Handling* or the safe handling of your firearm, please ask a Range Safety Officer or Executive Board member. We are here to support our members.

*The Three Rules for Safe Gun Handling* are from the General National Rifle Association Gun Safety Rules When Handling A Firearm.

## **6. General Range Rules and Regulations**

### ***6.1 Why We Have Range Rules and Regulations***

Procedures and policies contained in these Range Rules and Regulations have been established to provide for the safe and efficient operation of the TRPC's indoor and outdoor ranges and facilities. When followed, these rules assure a high degree of safety for club members, guests, visitors, and our club's neighbors.

The rules explained in this document and in the club's by-laws apply to all TRPC members, visiting clubs, groups, non-club members and anyone using TRPC range facilities. These rules and regulations also establish positive lines of authority.

All members are to be provided a copy of TRPC *Range Rules and Regulations*, which are to be followed by all members and their guests. Each member will verify in writing that they have received, read and understand the rules and regulations. Additionally, all members and guests are to read and countersign the General National Rifle Association Gun Safety Rules When Handling A Firearm, otherwise known as *The Three Rules for Safe Gun Handling*, which are also posted on each TRPC range at all times.

The TRPC Range Rules and Regulations, along with the club by-laws, can also be found on the club web site at: [www.tauntonrifleandpistol.org](http://www.tauntonrifleandpistol.org)

### ***6.2 Outdoor and Indoor Ranges Rules Vary***

The TRPC has built and maintains several shooting ranges for member use:

- The West range. A 50 foot indoor range with 8 shooting positions located at the left side of the club house.
- The East range. Also a 50 foot indoor range with 13 shooting positions located to the right side of the club house.
- A multi-range, multi-distance, outdoor shooting facility located at 425 Titicut Rd., Raynham, Ma., a few miles away from the club house consisting of:
  - o Two 50-yard ranges
  - o Two 100-yard ranges
  - o One 300-yard range
  - o One Trap range
  - o One Muzzle Loader/Archery range

Members, their guests and anyone else who use these ranges must understand and abide by all range rules and regulations.

While all safety rules apply no matter where you are shooting, range users must observe some special operational rules that apply to shooting at the indoor and outdoor ranges.

Whether you are participating in an organized shoot, such as a competitive pistol, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading or archery event, or you are shooting at the indoor or outdoor range as an individual, you must follow all range rules and regulations that apply to your situation. The following sections will outline these rules and regulations in detail

Should you have a question for any reason, please contact the Executive Board at: **info@tauntonrifleandpistol.org** or call 508-823-0313 and leave a voice mail.

### **6.3 Outdoor Range Hours**

The outdoor range is open to all TRPC members and is accessible through the use of a special gate access card you receive when you become a club member.

Because the outdoor facility is located in close proximity to a residential area, we must abide by an agreed upon set of operational hours.

The posted hours of operation are as follows:

- No earlier than 9:00 AM, Monday thru Saturday, including holidays.
- No earlier than 10:00 AM on Sundays.
- The range closes at Sunset for that day – the hour of Sunset is what is published in the daily, local newspaper, or as announced in other forms of public media, such as radio and television. ***No exceptions.***

Please note that range hours are subject to change without notice.

### **6.4 Indoor Range Hours**

The indoor ranges are open to all TRPC members 24 hours a day unless they have been reserved for shooting events or scheduled for maintenance. These shooting events are announced at monthly club meetings and posted on the TRPC web site and our Facebook page.

The East range will be open for use for general shooting unless it is in use for a scheduled event. If the East range is in use, the West range will be made available if it is not also in use for the event. The West range will remain locked when not available for general use.

Members can gain access to the indoor ranges through the use of a member access card.

**Pay special attention to the doors when entering the club house: *Make certain the door closes and locks behind you when entering or leaving the building.***

It is your responsibility to clean up after yourself when you are done using the ranges. Please deposit your discarded brass casings in the bucket provided on the ranges and any trash in the provided trash receptacles. If you are the last person to leave the indoor range, please be sure to turn off the lights.



## 7 Range Rules and Requirements

These rules are designed to assure the highest degree of safety on our ranges. Follow them at all times so that we may continue to enjoy our TRPC facilities and our shooting sports.

Special rules apply under certain conditions. These are outlined in the sections that follow.

### **7.1 Member Responsibilities**

1. All members must have a current TRPC club membership card available for inspection by any Range Officer and Executive Board member.

2. *The Three Rules for Safe Gun Handling* and the **TRPC Range Rules and Regulations** are the governing doctrine for our ranges and will prevail at all times.

3. Membership cards are for use by members only and may not be loaned out to non members.

4. OSHA approved hearing protection (earmuffs or plugs) and safety glasses must be worn by everyone when on or near the firing line. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**IMPORTANT:** *The club is not responsible for injuries resulting from failure of a shooter or guest to wear adequate eye and ear protection. Adults are responsible for the safety of their children at all times.*

5. Rules posted on and around the range will be strictly obeyed.

6. Wildlife is protected on club grounds – NO HUNTING!

7. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on all TRPC properties and facilities.

8. Smoking is not permitted in any of the indoor facilities.

9. Members are asked to show proper shooting and range etiquette toward others at all times when using the club. This is particularly important when approaching a shooter who is shooting with ear protection. In this case, wait until the shooter has stopped firing and the firearm is in a safe, unloaded condition. Then approach from a visible angle so as to not surprise the shooter.

10. To insure that shooters are able to keep all of their shots in the down range bullet traps at the outdoor ranges, initial sighting in should take place at the 50-yard range before shooting at the 100-yard range.

11. All or a portion of the ranges may be closed while work parties are in progress.

12. No instructional training classes, other than TRPC sponsored classes, are to be held on any club ranges.

13. Use of the club's 300-yard rifle range requires members to pass a qualification test. Once completed,

a photo ID card permit is issued before the range can be used. For more information about qualification requirements and rules and regulations for using the 300-yard outdoor range, please refer to Chapter 8, *300-Yard Range Qualification Rules and Standards*.

14. All pets brought to the outdoor range must follow all city or town by-laws and must always remain under the control of their handler. The club is not responsible for injuries caused by or injuries to animals on club property.

## **7.2 Ammunition**

1. Unsafe firearms and ammunition are prohibited on all ranges.
2. The use of armor piercing ammunition on the indoor ranges is prohibited.
3. Tracer, incendiary, and explosive ammunition is prohibited on all ranges at all times. This rule applies to both indoor and outdoor ranges.
4. Misfired or "dud" ammunition is to be disposed of in the designated dud receptacles only. At the outdoor ranges, the dud receptacles are the red steel containers attached to the shelter supports at each shooting position. At the indoor ranges, the dud receptacles are the red steel containers located behind the firing line labeled "DUD". ***NEVER DISGARD DUD OR LIVE AMMUNITION IN ANY TRASH RECEPTICAL.***
5. In the event of a misfire, the shooter must remain in their firing position with the firearm pointed at the impact berm. The action of the firearm should not be opened until after waiting at least thirty (30) seconds. (NRA guideline)

## **7.3 Safe Firearm Handling**

1. Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. Never point the fire arm at anything you do not wish to shoot.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you have the gun positioned and aimed at your target and you are ready to fire.
3. Keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
4. After firing, the firearm should be placed on the bench with the action open and empty, cased, or holstered. Never case a loaded firearm.
5. Know how your firearm operates. Read and understand the manufacturer's instruction manual completely before handling your firearm. If you do not have a manual for your gun, contact the manufacturer and obtain one before attempting to use it. Never load a firearm with which you are not familiar.
6. All quick draw firing of handguns from a holster is prohibited unless a TRPC Range Officer is present and supervising. This rule applies to all users including law enforcement and security personnel.
7. Un aimed firing is prohibited. This includes firing "from the hip" with handguns or long guns.

8. Never handle firearms when there are people forward of the firing line.
9. Before anyone goes down range, all firearms are to be unloaded and have their actions open with all ammunition removed. This also applies to fixed and tubular magazines. Detachable magazines will be removed. All firearms on the firing line must be in this condition before anyone proceeds down range.
10. Members are encouraged to use good judgment and consideration for other shooters when going down range for any reason. Care should be used when leaving your firearms unattended at the shooting bench. If you are unsure about others who are at the range facility, secure your firearms and valuables before leaving them unattended.
11. When approaching another shooter who is firing, stand behind the firing line and wait until the shooter has finished shooting and has made their firearm safe before approaching. Never walk up on a shooter so as to surprise them. Always use good range etiquette.

## **7.4 Targets and Firing Positions**

1. Be sure of your target. Make sure you have an adequate backstop. Firing is permitted at authorized targets only. Shooting at glass bottles, bricks, cement, stones, metal objects not specifically designed as a target, (For example, metal objects designed as targets include 22 spinner or pop up type targets.), or any target that is not authorized, will result in membership suspension.
2. Never shoot at any target on the ground or placed near or on top of any berm, post, or support other than target frames placed at the bullet trap. This applies to items designed as targets, such as the Duraseal bouncing or wobble type targets and items such as golf or tennis balls. All targets must be placed at the bullet trap.
3. Never elevate your firearm to a vertical position or any angle that would allow a shot to be fired above or below the backstop or berm area.
4. Metal targets that are approved by the TRPC or are commercially manufactured may be used on the outdoor ranges. (For example: spinners, swinging plates, dueling trees, ect.). All metal targets and their carriers must be placed directly inside of the "eyebrow" of the impact berms.
5. The following items are prohibited for use as targets at all times:
  - Paint cans
  - Oil cans
  - Fruits and vegetables
  - Electronic items
  - Dolls, stuffed animals
6. ***Explosive targets, either commercially available or home made, are NEVER allowed on any TRPC ranges.***
7. E Board members and Range Safety Officers reserve the right to determine the suitability of any item to be used as a target.
8. All items used as targets must be removed from the range upon leaving the facility. Trash receptacles are to be used for disposal of used targets.

9. Shooting positions follow these rules:

### **Outdoor Range**

Except for sanctioned club activities, the wide 100 yard range is reserved for 100 yard shooting only. All firing at less than 100 yards is to occur on the 50 yard ranges and the small 100 yard range only.

Angle firing is prohibited. Never fire upon a target down range that is not directly in front of your shooting position. Shooting across target positions in a diagonal manner is in violation of range rules.

All shooting will be from a fixed position at fixed targets only. Moving targets are not allowed.

Other than the large 100 yard range, shooters who wish to shoot at targets closer than 50 or 100 yards must move down range to close the distance to the target. The target must remain positioned in front of the impact berm. This is only allowed when there are no shooters at the standard firing line positions.

Under no circumstances is any member to place targets part way down range. ***All targets must be placed directly in front of and as close to the impact berm as possible, no higher than four (4) feet above the ground and at least one (1) foot off of the ground.***

Additionally, When firing in events such as black powder, metallic silhouette, trap, or any other discipline, the special safety rules of that event must be adhered to. Please see those sections in this document that apply to these events.

### **Indoor Range**

All shooters must fire at the target that is directly in front of their firing position. Angle firing is prohibited.

No one may walk forward of the firing line in order to fire at intermediate distances. All firing must take place from the designated shooting bays.

Except for sanctioned club events, all targets must be suspended from the provided target carriers. Placing targets down range that are not suspended from the carriers is prohibited.

***Only paper targets are allowed on the indoor range.*** (Except for sanctioned club matches)

## **7.5 Special Indoor Pistol Range Rules**

Due to the construction of the TRPC indoor ranges, not all commercially available handgun calibers can be used. Therefore, based on the backstop manufacturers recommendations, we have compiled a list of approved calibers. ***Only the calibers listed on the approved list can be used on the indoor ranges. No exceptions!*** The approved list of handgun calibers is posted at the entrance of the indoor ranges and on the club's web site.

***CAUTION: If you are in doubt as to whether a weapon or caliber may be fired on the indoor ranges, don't use it until you get confirmation on its approval. The use of weapons and calibers not approved will result in suspension or termination of membership. The expense of correcting any damage which occurs as a result of the use of an un authorized weapon or caliber will be the responsibility of the user and/or member under whose membership the user is visiting the club.***

1. All targets must be placed behind the red line that is painted on the floor.
2. You may only fire at targets that are directly in front of your shooting position.
3. All conventional handguns and ammunition which appear on the "approved use" list may be fired on the indoor range. This includes ammunition that is jacketed or hollow-point design as well as any lead bullet type.

***CAUTION: Handguns chambering rifle caliber ammunition such as .223 Rem., 7.62 x 39mm, 308, 30-06, 30-30 -WCF, 35 Rem. and similar cartridges are not allowed on the indoor range. Please see the posted list of approved cartridges.***

3. Armor Piercing, Tracer, Incendiary, or, Explosive ammunition is prohibited on the indoor range at all times.
4. All center fire rifles and carbines, including those chambered in traditional hand gun calibers, are always prohibited on the indoor ranges.
5. Rifles chambered for rim fire calibers (.22 long rifle, .22 W.R.M., .17 Hornady Rimfire Magnum, ect.) are allowed on all indoor ranges.
6. Shotguns, all shot shells, including rimfire and shotshells designed to be fired from a handgun, and ammunition loaded with more than one projectile are prohibited at all times on all indoor ranges.
7. When using muzzle loading handguns on the indoor ranges, only black powder may be used. Black powder substitutes, such as Pyrodex, are not allowed due to the potential fire hazard.
8. Shooters must supply their own paper targets. Targets are available for sale in the ready room.
9. Explosive targets, both commercially available and home made, are prohibited on all TRPC ranges.
10. No firing is permitted when the range safety light is flashing.
11. When the range safety light is flashing, you must step away from the firing line until the range is clear and the light is off.
12. NEVER go forward of the firing line until all shooters have made their firearms safe, stepped back from the line and the range safety light is flashing.
13. NEVER handle firearms when there are people forward of the firing line. This includes, but is not limited to, casing/uncasing, loading/unloading or cleaning the firearm.

## ***7.6 Trap Field And Shotgun Rules***

The TRPC maintains a regulation trap field which is open to all club members and the general public

during trap range hours. Trap shooting takes place every Sunday starting at 10am and on Thursday evenings during the summer. A range fee, which is set by the E board is required and does not include ammunition.

The following rules apply to the operation of the trap field:

1. The trap field must have a Range Safety Officer present during operation.
2. New shooters must participate in a short orientation presented by the Shotgun Instructor prior to shooting on the trap field.
3. The trap field may only be used during posted trap field hours.
4. The use of the trap field for firing at aerial targets thrown from anywhere other than the trap house using the automated trap thrower is prohibited. The use of portable ground throwers or table type throwers, hand operated throwers or anything other than the automated trap thrower set to club approved throwing angles is prohibited. There are no exceptions to this regulation.
5. In the event of a malfunction of your shotgun, such as a failure to feed, fire, extract or eject, where a live round or spent shell remains in the gun, the shooter is to remain at their position with the shotgun pointed down range until the condition has been corrected. In the event of a misfire, the shotgun should not be opened for at least thirty (30) seconds. (NRA guideline)
6. Only shotguns manufactured in accordance with specifications set forth by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufactures Institute (SAMMI) are to be used at the TRPC trap range. Damascus steel or twisted steel barrels are not permitted.
7. Shotgun ammunition containing shot larger than #7 1/2 is not allowed on the trap field. All ammunition used at the trap field is subject to inspection by the Range Safety Officer to insure that this regulation is complied with.
8. Firing will be single shot only except when doubles are permitted by the Range Safety Officer.
9. The use of hand-held, or table-type traps for throwing of clay birds or any other type of aerial target is strictly forbidden on TRPC club property.
10. Shotguns are to be loaded at the firing station only and only immediately before it is the shooter's turn to fire.
11. No one may enter the target area of the trap field for any reason, including the retrieval of clay targets, until the range has been shut down.
12. Shotguns with release triggers may only be used with the written permission of the TRPC Executive Board and only after a recommendation from the Chief Range Safety Officer or Shotgun Instructor. Permission for use of a release trigger will be considered on an individual, case by case basis.
13. The handling of firearms when there are people forward of the firing line is prohibited. This also applies to the cleaning of firearms.
14. All shotgun actions will remain open until it is the shooter's turn to fire.

15. Shotguns will be placed in the special gun racks provided at the range until it is time for shooters to take their positions on the firing line.

## **7.7 Special Shotgun Rules**

The use of shotguns is allowed on the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges for non aerial targets. When shooting shotguns on these ranges, all rules and regulations in use for rifle and pistol shooting also apply with the addition of the following:

1. Slugs and any size shot, including buck shot, may be used on the outdoor rifle ranges.
2. All firing of shotguns on the rifle ranges must be conducted parallel to the ground. ***No aerial shooting of any shot, slugs or any other type of ammunition is allowed on the rifle ranges at any time.***
3. Shotgun shooting on the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges requires that a target board be used.
4. Due to the large amount of damage caused by close range shotgun use, the club supplied target frames are not to be used at distances of less than 50 feet.

## **7.8 Muzzle Loading Rules At The Outdoor Ranges**

Muzzle loaders and black powder shooting is allowed on any of the outdoor rifle ranges. The club does maintain a designated muzzle loader range which is shared with the archery, 300-yard, and trap ranges.

The following rules apply to the muzzle loader range:

1. Smoking within 25 feet of TRPC ranges where black powder or black powder substitutes are in use is forbidden.
2. Priming and capping of muzzleloaders must be done at the firing line. During authorized club matches, an area may be designated for priming and capping.
3. Fouling shots must be fired into the backstop.
4. In the event of a hang fire, immediately notify the Range Safety Officer. Keep the firearm pointed toward the target until such time as you receive instructions. If no Range Safety Officer is present, make certain your muzzle loader remains pointed down range at the impact berm for a minimum of two (2) minutes. (NRA guideline)
5. All firearms are to be unloaded when there is a target change. Percussion caps or priming powder must be removed.
6. For match events, all firing is to be done from designated range firing lines only. No one is allowed forward of the firing line until a "cease fire" has been called and an "all clear" is given.
7. ***The handling of firearms with people forward of the firing line is forbidden.***

## **7.9 Outdoor Archery Range Rules**

The TRPC outdoor archery range is shared with the black powder range, 300-yard range, and trap field. Archery is only allowed at the designated outdoor archery range. All other ranges and areas of the outdoor facility are closed to archery.

The following rules apply to the archery range:

1. All archery equipment must be in good working order particularly when it applies to the following conditions:
  - a. No frayed or broken strings.
  - b. No chipped, flaking, or separated limbs.
  - c. No broken or cracked bow cams.
  - d. No loose or broken cables.
  - e. No cracked or split arrows.
  - f. No loose or broken fletching.
  - g. No loose or broken nocks.
2. All aerial shooting is prohibited. Arrows must be kept pointed toward the impact target.
3. Arrows are to be shot in designated areas only.
4. Arrows tipped with either field points or conventional target points are permitted on standard targets.
5. Broadheads or hunting points may only be fired at specifically designated targets.
6. Broadheads or hunting points must be completely covered by a quiver until the arrow is ready to be fired.
7. When utilizing the indicated target trails on the archery range, archers must travel in one direction only. Traveling against the direction of shooting is prohibited.
8. Non-shooters traveling on the archery trails are advised to be aware of the direction of shooting. Non-shooters must be accompanied by an archer who is familiar with the trails.
9. While retrieving overshot arrows, it is advisable to have someone stand at the shooting position in order to prevent a shooter from firing while a person is down range. Lone shooters should place their bow across the target face to indicate that the area is not clear for shooting.
10. At no time are arrows to be knocked on any bow when there are people forward of the firing line.
11. In order to notify members that the range is in use, the archery range sign located at the entrance must be turned to "ARCHERY RANGE IN USE" upon entering. Also, upon entering the range, the orange "RANGE HOT" flag must be placed in position at the top of the pole. When leaving the range, the sign is to be returned to "ARCHERY RANGE CLOSED" and the orange flag returned to the base of the pole.



## **7.10 Trash and Cleanup**

1. Please dispose of all used targets, empty ammo boxes and other trash and refuse in the provided trash receptacles which are located by each shooting range. Spent brass cartridges are to be disposed of in the buckets labeled "BRASS". Everyone using the TRPC ranges is expected to be conscientious in keeping club property clean and un littered.

**The golden rule is: *"Leave the range in the same or better condition than when you found it!"***

2. Upon completion of your shooting session, every member and guest is required to pick up and dispose of all trash and brass so that the area will be clean for the next user. Please remember to observe all rules relative to proceeding forward of the firing line when going down range to retrieve your targets

3. Lead pickup at the target areas is not permitted unless authorized by the club Executive Board or President.

## **7.11 Reserving a Range Bay**

Members wishing to reserve a firing position on the indoor or outdoor ranges can do so by contacting the TRPC President by telephone or e mail no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the date you wish to use it.

## **7.12 Match Rules**

Match events follow strict guidelines. This section outlines those rules for conducting a match event on TRPC ranges.

1. All competitions held by the TRPC will be governed by the rules and regulations set forth by the ruling national organization for each shooting discipline. Some of the governing bodies whose rules are observed during club competitions are: The National Rifle Association of America, National Archery Association, National Muzzle Shooters, Amateur Trapshooting Association, and National Skeet Shooting Association, among others. The TRPC Executive Board reserves the right to modify any match rules to meet circumstances which may arise in the organization of a match.

2. Each team captain shall appoint an individual to serve as a Temporary Match Official (TMO). The TMO will serve in this capacity for one match. TMO duties will be at the discretion of the Executive Board or the Chief Range Safety Officer. The rotation of team members for this purpose will be the responsibility of the team captain.

3. Each team participating in a match will be responsible for policing the range. This will take place under the supervision of the team captain and in accordance with a schedule to be established by the Executive Board or the Chief Range Safety Officer. Policing duties may be distributed among participating teams upon agreement of the team captains.

4. When not on the firing line, all firearms will be in an unloaded, safe condition with actions open. Firearms will remain unloaded until the TMO declares the line ready to fire and it is your turn to shoot.

5. Firearms will not be handled until the range is determined to be safe. All firing is to take place from the designated firing line only. Upon completion of firing, shooters will insure that their weapon is in a unloaded, safe condition with the action open. All firearms will be unloaded before leaving the firing line. Loaded firearms are only allowed on the designated firing line during matches.

### **7.12(1) Special Small Bore Rifle Matches – Indoor Range**

The following rules apply to small bore gallery matches and anyone using the indoor range for the small bore gallery course. All rules and regulations applying to the operation of the indoor range will be observed with the addition of the following:

1. Observe all rules for going forward of the firing line. NEVER handle firearms with people forward of the firing line. Before proceeding down range, insure that the range safety light is flashing, all weapons are unloaded, no weapons are being handled and all shooters have stepped back from the line.
2. All rifles and carbines chambered for central fire cartridges are prohibited on the indoor range at all times.

### **7.13 Rule Violations**

Violation of any of the range rules and regulations presented in this booklet, violation of any rules or regulations established by the Executive Board or violations of any of the NRA Gun Safety Rules will result in reprimand, suspension or termination of membership or, in the case of non member visitors, prohibition from entering or using TRPC ranges and facilities.

The Chief Range Safety Officer and any club Range Safety Officers may suspend the right of any member or non member visitor, including visiting groups, at any time by immediate verbal notice. In the event of suspension by verbal notice, the suspension will remain in effect until reinstated by the Executive Board in accordance with club by-laws.

Ranges and facilities of the TRPC are monitored via video surveillance. Recordings from these monitors may be used for disciplinary purposes by the Executive Board.

Members and visitors deemed to have caused damage to club property through negligence will be responsible for any expense incurred by the club to repair any damages.

### **7.14 Reporting Range Damage**

All members are required to inspect the range and report any damage or abuses. Reports can be made to the Executive Board as soon as possible through the club's voice mail or through email addresses provided on the [www.tauntonrifleandpistol.org](http://www.tauntonrifleandpistol.org) web site.

In the event of damage to a range, a Range Safety Officer or the Executive Board shall decide whether such damage has rendered the range unsafe to use. In the event that a range has been determined to be unsafe, the range will be closed until the damage can be repaired.

Closed ranges will be marked with signage indicating that the range is closed and will remain unavailable for use by all members and visitors.

## 8. Qualification Rules and Standards for the 300 Yard Range

The TRPC maintains a 300-yard range that is set apart from the other outdoor ranges. Members wishing to shoot on the 300 yard range must pass a qualification test. The qualification standard for the 300 yard range will test the members knowledge of ballistics as it applies to this range, ability to safely handle the firearm and knowledge of range use rules and regulations.

The following rules and regulations apply to qualification and use of the 300 yard range:

1. Members who have not attained a qualification for 300 yard range use must be under the direct supervision of a Range Safety Officer when using this range. ***There are no exceptions to this rule.***
2. Members who have successfully qualified for 300 range use may do so without supervision.
3. There are four separate classes of 300 yard range permits:

Class 1. All rifle types. Shooting positions limited to bench rest, bipod or prone position only.

Class 2. All rifle types. Standing, off hand and class 1 positions. (Qualification for class 2 is done from the standing, off hand position only.)

Class 3. Center fire, long range hand guns. Shooting positions limited to bench rest, bipod or prone position only. (Class 3 permits apply to hand guns only. Those who wish to use long guns must also qualify for a class 1 or 2 permit in addition to the class 3.)

Class 4. Center fire, long range hand guns. Standing, off hand positions and class 3 positions. (Class 4 permits apply to hand guns only. Those who wish to use long guns must also qualify for a class 1 or 2 permit in addition to the class 4.)

### 8.1 Qualification Procedures

The firing portion of the qualification takes place at 100 yards. Rifles and hand guns must be zeroed to 100 yards prior to the start of the timed qualification round.

In addition to the firing portion of the qualification process, applicants must demonstrate knowledge in the following areas:

1. Safely loading and unloading their rifle or hand gun on the range.
2. How sight adjustments are made for their weapon.
3. How to use the proper shooting positions for the class of permit being applied for.
4. Ballistics for the particular fire arm used for qualification.

What is the approximate velocity, bullet type and weight of the ammunition you are

qualifying with?

What is the trajectory of the round you are using? With 100 yard zero, how much does it drop at 200 and 300 yards?

5. Demonstrate ability to properly place targets and frames and knowledge of approved target types.
6. Safety procedures particular to the 300 yard range.
7. Firearm security concerns while using the 300 yard range.

## **8.2 300 Yard Range Firing Qualification - Minimum Standards**

The following are the minimum standards established for the shooting portion of the 300 yard range qualification:

Class 1. Ten (10) shots in a six (6) inch circle within 10 minutes.

Class 2. Ten (10) shots in a twelve (12) inch circle within 10 minutes.

Class 3. Ten (10) shots in a six (6) inch circle within 10 minutes.

Class 4. Ten (10) shots in a twelve (12) inch circle within 10 minutes.

Upon successful completion of the qualification procedure to the satisfaction of a TRPC Range Safety Officer, a record of the member's name, address, keycard ID number, date, and class of permit will be submitted to the Chief Range Safety Officer or Club President and the fee will be paid. Once approved by the Executive Board, the successful applicant will be photographed and issued an ID card listing the members approved class. The ID card will be visibly worn while using the range and will be made available upon the request of any Range Safety Officer or Executive Board member. Along with the ID card, approved members will also be issued a key which opens the access gate to the range.

Fees for 300 yard range are as follows:

Photo ID card and gate key.....	\$5.00
Replacement ID.....	\$15.00
Replacement gate key .....	\$5.00

(Fees approved by E Board, 5-21-2000)

## **8.3 Entering and Leaving the 300-Yard Range**

The 300 yard range may only be used when the trap, archery or muzzle loader ranges are not in use. ***There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.***

All other rules in effect for the outdoor ranges also apply to the 300 yard range.

The following steps are to be observed when entering the 300 yard range:

1. Visually inspect the trap, archery and muzzle loader ranges to insure that they are not in use.
2. Open the gate, proceed through and stop.
3. On the range sign holder, flip down the "300 YARD RANGE" sign. Remove the orange "RANGE HOT" flag from the base of the pole and place it in the holder located at the top of the pole.
4. Close and relock the gate before proceeding to the range.
5. Use of the 300 yard range is limited to one hour when there are members waiting to use the trap, archery or muzzle loader range.
5. Park in the designated parking area at the shooting house. Be sure to put on your eye and ear protection before approaching the shooting position if the range is in use. Do not go forward of the yellow safety line that extends from the shooting house to the post. Be sure that all shooters in the shooting house are aware of your presence by entering the house. Do not go forward of the firing line unless you are sure that it is clear and safe. Once the firing line is safe and clear, you may walk or drive to the bullet stop to place your targets.

***FIREARMS MUST NOT BE HANDLED IN ANY MANNER WHILE THERE ARE PEOPLE DOWN RANGE!***

6. Once your targets have been placed at the bullet trap, return to the shooting house and park your vehicle in the designated parking area. Be sure to reattach the yellow safety rope to its post. Once these steps have been followed, you may set up your equipment to begin shooting.
7. Before leaving the range, please make sure that the shooting house is closed and all trash has been picked up and placed in the trash receptacles.
8. If you are the last person to leave the range, please return the orange "RANGE HOT" flag to the bottom of the pole and insure that the gate is closed and locked upon leaving.

***The gate is to remain closed and locked at all time, including while the range is in use.***

## **8.4 300-Yard Range Rules and Regulations**

The following rules must be adhered to when using the 300 yard range:

1. All TRPC General Range Rules and Regulations, special match rules, and the NRA's ***The Three Rules for Safe Gun Handling*** apply when using this range.
2. TRPC outdoor range hours remain unchanged for the 300-yard range.
3. All targets must be placed in front of the Timber and Earth Backstop, against the white background area only. Targets must not be placed more than four feet above or lower than one foot off the ground. All firing from the shooting house must be at 300 yards only.
4. No off hand (Class 2 and 4) firing is allowed if there is any standing water or ice present anywhere on the range.

5. Shotguns and archery are prohibited on the 300 yard range
6. Full automatic firearms are prohibited on the 300-yard range.
7. No shooting of tracer or incendiary ammunition on this or any other TRPC range.
8. Non-club members are not allowed to use this range unless there is a TRPC Range Safety Officer present and in control of the line of fire. Executive Board permission must be obtained prior to any member bringing a non-member out to the 300-yard range.
9. No shooting at the side berms, roadway, or back berms on this range.
10. Driving down range is allowed to setup, check, and retrieve your targets.
11. Firing from a motor vehicle is prohibited.
12. No handling of firearms at the shooting house when people or vehicles are down range.
13. All items brought to the range to be used as targets must be removed when you leave. Please dispose of all used targets in the provided trash receptacles.
14. All shooters are required to make a reasonable attempt to police the area inside and outside of the firing building. All fired cases, ammo boxes, and refuse must be picked up and properly disposed of in the trash barrel provided.
15. Firing at 200 yard targets must take place from the 200 yard bench only. ***Targets must be placed against the bullet trap at all times.*** 200 yard shooting is only allowed if the shooting house is not in use. When shooting from the 200 yard position, the shooting house must be vacant and locked.
16. Handguns designed for short or mid range cartridges, such as 25ACP, 32ACP, 380, 9mm, 38 Special, 40 S&W, 44 Special, 45ACP, and similar chamberings are prohibited on the 300 yard range.
17. Firearms are not to be left in the shooting house unattended. This includes firearms left unattended to go down range. While down range, firearms should be secured in your vehicle or kept on your person. ***Safeguard your firearms at all times!***
18. Generally, only paper and fiber targets may be used on the 300 yard range. Metal targets may be used only if they are approved by the Chief Range Safety Officer or the Executive Board.
19. When using a gun with iron or open sights, the official NRA target for the distance being fired must be utilized.
20. Please have your photo ID visible at all times while on the 300 yard range.

## **8.5 300-Yard Range Violations**

A violation of any of the 300-yard range rules and regulations can result in suspension of privileges on this and other club ranges. Members who violate these rules and regulations will be required to attend a

hearing before the Executive Board to determine the nature of the offense and if suspension, restriction, or other disciplinary action is required.

## **9 Rules Governing Non-Club Members**

Prospective members may only use TRPC ranges and facilities as a guest of a member. Guests shall not use range facilities more than a few times a year.

Permission can be obtained through a written letter or by contacting the club President by email at **president@tauntonrifleandpistol.org**.

The 300 yard range is open to qualified members only. Guests, prospective members and visiting organizations are not allowed.

***Minor guests under 18 years of age brought to the range for instruction or to observe must be under strict and constant, visual, adult supervision at all times.***

Club members must accompany and supervise their guests while on any range. As a member bringing guests to the TRPC ranges and facilities, you are responsible for insuring that they follow all TRPC rules and regulations and comply with all laws and ordinances. When supervising guests brought to the range under your membership, it is imperative that your attention is focused on their activities, especially if they are in the process of shooting. For that reason, while your guest is shooting you should be observing their activities and not also in the act of shooting.

### **9.1 Prospective Members Using the Range**

By vote of the Executive Board, non-club members (prospective members, members of the Boy Scouts and members of other organizations) may use the club's ranges under the following conditions:

Boy Scouts and other non-profit organizations may request to use the TRPC ranges and facilities for instruction and practice. All such requests will be reviewed by the Executive Board who retains the power to grant or deny the request.

Non-club members or organizations requesting to use the ranges must contact the TRPC Executive Board in writing and on organizational letterhead,.

The following information must be included in the written request:

- The dates which the group would like to use the range.
- Intended use of the TRPC ranges (match, instruction, ect.).
- Names and phone numbers of sponsors or organizational senior staff who are in charge of the event.

TRPC Executive Board approval must be received before any event can take place.

All approved non-club member range activities must be conducted under the supervision of a TRPC Range Safety Officer. The RSO will insure that the approved activities do not interfere with any other regularly scheduled TRPC events.

The TRPC requires that all non members or organizations submit proof of insurance before any approval

of an event can take place.

Range fees for approved sessions may be suspended by the TRPC Executive Board.

All other responsible persons may use the ranges only during times when the TRPC holds open house for that purpose. These open houses will only be held under the supervision of a Range Safety Officer.

All range rules and operational hours apply to visiting non-club members or organizations.

## **9.2 Guest Groups Using the Range**

A Temporary Event Range Officer (TERO) must be appointed for all groups using the ranges.

Under circumstances where two groups are using the range at the same time, a Chief Event Range Officer will be appointed by a club officer or team captain. The TERO's are responsible for insuring the safety and control of all persons using the range during the specified event. TERO's are also responsible for enforcing all TRPC rules and regulations as well as *The Three Rules for Safe Gun Handling* during the duration of the event. The safe and orderly operation of the range will be the primary concern of all TERO's at all times.



## APPENDIX A

### APPROVED AND PROHIBITED CALIBERS FOR THE INDOOR RANGES

The calibers listed below are approved for use on both the East and West indoor ranges. This information is provided here as a convenience for our members and is valid as of the printing of this version of the range rules. The Executive Board reserves the right to add or remove calibers from the list at any time. Changes will be posted at the range facilities and on the club website. As a user of the Taunton Rifle & Pistol Club ranges, you are responsible for insuring that the caliber you are using is approved for use. If in doubt, ***DO NOT SHOOT UNTIL YOU CHECK WITH A CLUB OFFICIAL.***

**YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES INCURED BY THE CLUB AS A RESULT OF THE USE OF AN UNAUTHORIZED CALIBER.**

#### APPROVED CALIBERS:

5.7x28mm FN Auto  
.22 Rem Jet Mag  
.221 Rem Fireball  
.22 TCM  
.256 Win Mag  
.25 ACP  
.25 NAA  
.30 Carbine  
.30 Luger  
.30 Mauser  
.30 Tokarev (7.62x23mm)  
7.62x38R Nagant Revolver  
7.65 French Auto  
.32 ACP  
.32 S&W (Short and Long)  
.32 H&R Mag  
.327 Federal Mag  
.32 NAA  
8mm Nambu  
9x18mm Ultra  
9mm Browning Long  
9mm Steyer  
9mm Largo  
9mm Federal  
9mm Bergman  
9mm Mauser  
9mm Makarov  
9mm Parabellum (Luger)  
9x21mm Auto

9x23mm Win Auto  
9x25 Dillon Auto  
9mm Win Mag  
9mm Action Express  
.380 ACP (9mm Kurz)  
.380 British Revolver  
.38 Short & Long Colt  
.38 S&W  
.38 Special  
.356 Tactical S&W Auto  
.357 S&W Mag  
.357 Rem Maximum  
.357 Sig Auto  
.357 Auto Mag  
.360 Dan Wesson  
.38 Colt Auto  
.38 Super Auto  
.38 Casull  
.38-40 Win  
.40 S&W  
.400 Cor Bon  
.41 Short & Long Colt  
.401 Herters Powermag  
10mm Auto  
10mm Mag Auto  
.41 Rem Mag  
.41 Action Express  
.44-40 Win  
.44 Russian  
.44 S&W American  
.44 S&W Special  
.44 Rem Mag  
.44 Auto Mag  
.45 ACP  
.45 Glock Auto Pistol  
.451 Duttonics  
.45 Auto Mag  
.45 Auto Rim  
.45 Colt  
.455 Webley  
.455 Webley Auto  
.45 Schofield  
.480 Ruger

**THE FOLLOWING CALIBERS ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE FIRED FROM A HANDGUN:**

**.454 Casull  
.460 S&W Mag  
.475 Wildey Mag  
.475 Linebaugh  
.500 S&W Mag  
.223 Rem (5.56x45mm NATO)  
7.62x39mm  
5.45x39mm**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES:**

**All shotguns and shot shells (Including those fired from a hand gun).**

**Cartridges which contain more than one projectile.**

**All center fire long guns regardless of caliber.**

# **ATTENTION**

## **Professional Firearm Instructors:**

**Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club policy prohibits the use of all club facilities for the purpose of training clients. This policy is in effect due to liability and insurance issues. Any violation of this policy will result in immediate termination of club membership.**

## **Guests:**

**Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club policy expressly prohibits professional instruction on club property. This includes the use of all club facilities by any professional instructor. Violation of this policy will adversely affect your club membership application. This policy is in effect due to liability and insurance issues.**

Approved and accepted, , Taunton Rifle & Pistol Club Executive Board

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