

Otisco Lake Rod & Gun Club Range Rules

Safety Rules

1. Shooting from inside any building is prohibited. Shoot from designated ranges only.
2. Alcohol and firearms do not mix. No consumption of alcoholic beverages on or before going to the firing line.
3. Shooters under the age of 18 shall be directly supervised by an adult member of the club.
4. Before shooting make sure range and area around range is clear and safe for shooting.
5. Follow all general safety rules as outlined by NYS Hunter Education Safety courses.

General Range Rules

1. All shooters are expected to keep the premises and building clean. Dispose of used targets, spent shells, ammo boxes, beverage containers and any other litter.
2. No live ammo or misfires are to be placed in the normal trash. Place all duds in water bucket provided.
3. Eye and ear protection shall be used while on ranges. It is the responsibility of each person to have and use eye and ear protection while on a range in use.
4. No shooting before 8:00 am and after 9:30 pm.

Rifle/Pistol Range

1. Post membership card on board.
2. When 2 or more shooters are at the range, they will designate one of them to act as Range Officer. The Range Officer will open and close the range as (s)he deems necessary.
3. When the range is closed, firearms are to be stacked vertically in an unloaded condition, no handling, loading or cleaning allowed. Handguns are to be unloaded and holstered. No one is to proceed down range until given the command by the Range Officer.
4. The use of glass bottle or cans as targets is prohibited. Do not shoot at an object on the ground near the covered range. No targets depicting a person's body or face.
5. Do not shoot over clay bank at any time.
6. Post paper targets on frames using tacks, staples, tape, etc. Return target frames neatly to storage.
7. Do not pattern shotguns with birdshot on rifle/pistol target frames. Use a target constructed specifically for patterning shotguns.

Trap Range

1. The trap machines are for scheduled authorized use only.
2. There shall be a club member present, knowledgeable in the safe use of the traps, whenever the range is in use. The traps shall be left "uncocked" and with the power turned off after use.
3. Do not throw targets by hand at more than a 45° angle into the air.
4. Use of portable (hand or foot release) trap throwers are restricted to upper trap field; targets must be launched in a northerly or westerly direction.
5. Actions open or guns broken when not on the firing line.
6. Use Trap loads only, no game loads.

All club members and invited guests are expected to read, understand and abide by the range rules. These rules are for everyone's safety. Any person failing to comply or is deemed unfit to be on the range by the Range Officer or any club member will be told to leave the range and possibly the premises. Failure to do so may result in legal prosecution and permanent expulsion from the club grounds.