MIAMI RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
CINCINNATI, OHIO

SAFETY PROCEDURES and RANGE REGULATIONS 11/02/2026

THIS SAFETY PLAN HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THOSE WHO USE THE FACILITIES OF THE MIAMI RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE CLUB RULES MAY NOT COVER ALL POSSIBLE SAFETY SITUATIONS. COMMON SENSE MUST BE USED AT ALL TIMES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ASK A BOARD MEMBER OR MATCH DIRECTOR. DO NOT JUST GUESS AT SAFETY.

SECTION I: NRA SAFE GUN HANDLING RULES

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into an outer area.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until on target and ready to fire. Keep the firearm unloaded and the action open until the range has been cleared for live firing.
3. Make sure the gun is safe to operate and know how to use the gun safely.
4. Make sure the firearm and ammunition are compatible. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
5. Know your target, and what is beyond/around it.
6. Wear eye and ear protection.
7. Never use alcohol or drugs before or during shooting. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is permitted only after shooting is completed for the day, and firearms are put away.
8. No use of marijuana on club grounds at any time.

SECTION II: GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. Know and obey all range commands (see Section V).
2. Know where others are on the range at all times.
3. Shooting is only permitted from permanent firing lines or approved temporary firing points defined by Match Director or Board. Bullets must strike the impact area for that firing line. Temporary firing points and temporary impact areas may only be designated by a match director or board member, and only for the duration of a specific match or event.
4. Legal fully automatic firearms, binary triggers, slide fire and forced reset triggers (FRT) may be fired in BAY 1 ONLY on the MULTI PURPOSE RANGE.5. Shoot only at paper targets, unless an alternate target is specifically approved by the range rules, match director, or board member.
6. Place all targets at a sufficient height, such that the bullet will go through the target and impact in the designated backstop.
7. All shots must be fired in an aimed and controlled manner so that the bullets strike in the backstop. Rifles must be shouldered. FIRING FROM THE HIP IS FORBIDDEN.
8. The entire club is a cold range. Concealed carry is not permitted anywhere on club property, even if you have a permit. Firearms are to be loaded at designated firing points only.
9. When more than one shooter is present, designate a range safety officer if none is present or assigned.
10. When a cease fire is declared, immediately unload, open the action, remove magazine, insert empty chamber indicator, and ground or bench all firearms. Do not handle a firearm during a cease fire.
11. During a cease fire, Do Not handle any firearm while others are downrange.
12. The following are PROHIBITED and MAY NOT be fired on club property: Armor Piercing or Tracer ammunition of any caliber, Calibers of .50BMG, 14.5mm anti-tank rounds, 20mm or larger, cannon, rockets, mortars, grenades, explosives, and similar firearms
13. Hunting on Club property is prohibited.
14. Grounds maintenance, scheduled clinics and matches will take precedence over recreational use of the range.
15. Any exception to these range rules may be authorized by the Board for Match or Clinic use and only for the duration of a specific match or event.

SECTION III: SPECIFIC RANGE RULES

BULLSEYE PISTOL RANGE INCLUDING ALL PISTOL PITS

1. Authorized Targets:

1a. Bullseye Pistol Range – Only paper targets mounted in the provided target frames, or paper targets mounted in their own target holder but MUST comply with General Range Rule 5.

1b. Pistol Pits - Paper targets mounted in their own target holder, steel targets, clay shotgun target (clay pigeon).

2. Authorized Ammunition: Pistol Caliber Ammunition only. - Having a Maximum Velocity of 1800 FPS - Having a bullet diameter of .50 or smaller, No bottle neck rifle cartridges allowed, even in pistols. Bottle neck pistol cartridges in pistols are allowed. such as: 44/40, 32/20, .357 Sig

3. Authorized Firearms:

3a. Rifles chambered in .22LR or straight wall pistol cartridges are permitted.

3b. Shotguns may be fired on Pistol Range with paper targets in their own target holder fired from the designated firing points. Shotguns may be fired in any pistol pit but NOT at any club provided target holder.

3c. Muzzle Loaders are permitted on pistol range.

4. Pistol pit # 7 is reserved for match use only.

5. Parking of vehicles is not permitted in any pistol pit.

6. In pistol pits all shots must be fired from a forward position between the side berms of the pits.

7. Loaded firearms may NOT be carried in the pit access area.

8. Do not shoot at side berms except during match use.

9. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.

HIGH POWER RIFLE RANGE

1. Authorized Targets: Paper targets mounted on target carriers only. Exceptions by board approval or Match Director for match use only.

2. Recreational shooting from the 500/600 yd. line may only be done by members who hold a MRPC 500/600 YD certification as indicated on their MRPC membership badge.

2. Only rifles capable of remaining supersonic at 600 yards are permitted from the 500/600-yard lines.

3. Black Powder long guns are permitted to 600 yards.

4. Firing from the 500/600-yard lines may not exceed 30 minutes in a match, or 15 minutes in practice, and must use the flashing lights, barrier arm, and stop sign to block traffic on the road.

5. At 500/600, if you are not on paper in 3 shots, you may be asked to leave the line.

6. No modern caliber larger than .35 caliber is permitted.

7. No vehicles are permitted at the 200 yd line, except with Match Director permission.

8. Practice from the 500/600 yd line is not permitted before or during New Member orientation.

9. A raised or partially raised target in the Target Pit area indicates the range is “Hot” with live fire. A “Cold” non-firing condition is only when all targets are non-visible and fully down in the Target Pits.

10. During a “Cold” range condition rifles are required to have an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) inserted in the rifle and may be carried to or from their stowed location (range cart, rifle case/bag, car, etc.) but otherwise may not be handled. Handling a rifle is only permitted during a “Hot” range condition.

SMALL BORE RANGE

1. Authorized Targets: Club provided steel targets, Paper targets mounted in target holders or paper targets mounted in their own target holder but MUST comply with General Range Rule 5. Exceptions by board approval or Match Director for match use only. You may ONLY shoot steel targets from positions 1 -10.

2. RIMFIRE RIFLES ONLY (NO PISTOLS), in calibers .22WRM, or smaller. CENTERFIRE OF ANY KIND IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

3. All firing is to be done from the concrete firing points. Alternate firing points may only be approved by the board or a Match Director.

4. Archery practice is permitted on the Small Bore Range as long as it does not interfere with shooters. Bring and take home your own targets. Firearms practice and Match use has priority.

BOWLING PIN RANGE

1. Range is for match use only.

2. Tables #1 and #2 are reserved for rimfire and shotgun only.

3. When the bowling pin range is in use, the pistol range and access road are closed.

4. Firearms may not be handled behind the firing line.

MULTI PURPOSE RANGE
BAY 1: IS FARTHEST FROM CLUBHOUSE

1. All firearms and calibers allowed, except rifle calibers larger than .35 cal.

2. Legal fully automatic firearms, binary triggers, slide fire (Bump Stock) and forced rest triggers (FRT) may be fired in BAY 1 ONLY.

3. TARGETS Paper targets mounted in their own target holder and clay pigeons tossed onto the berm (see rule 11 below). All other types of targets are forbidden.

4. TARGET PLACEMENT: Ensure placement of target holders and shooter position does not result in shots passing through the target and impacting the wall

5. Shotguns may not be fired at club provided targets or stands.

6. No shooter provided steel targets.

7. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.

8. Firearms may be discharged only from the firing line. Firing in front of the firing line between the firing line and targets is prohibited.

9. Cease fire must be requested and granted for target placement and cleanup.

10. Yellow chain should remain in place except during cease fire.

11. Never proceed beyond marked target line.

MULTI PURPOSE RANGE: BAY 2: IS THE MIDDLE BAY

1. Pistol or pistol calibers only. No bottleneck cartridges allowed.

2. Maximum magnum cartridge is .40 caliber.

3. Maximum cartridge size is .45 cal.

4. Maximum bullet weight is 230 grains.

5. Armor piercing rounds of any type are prohibited.

6. Shotguns and shotshell are prohibited.

7. Plinking is prohibited. The club provided steel targets only. No plastic bottles, fruit, glass, electronics, batteries, cans, pressure vessels, explosive targets, no clay targets.

8. Only Club provided steel targets, No shooter provided steel targets.

9. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.

10. Moving or relocating steel targets is prohibited. Steel targets must remain at marked target line.

11. Firearms may be discharged only from the firing line.

12. Ceasefire must be requested and granted for cleanup.

13. Yellow chain should remain in place except during cease fire.

14. Never proceed beyond marked target line.

MULTI PURPOSE RANGE: BAY 3: IS CLOSEST TO CLUBHOUSE

1. Pistol or pistol calibers only. No bottleneck cartridges allowed.

2. Shotguns and shotshell are prohibited.

3. Plinking is prohibited. No plastic bottles, fruit, glass, electronics, batteries, cans, pressure vessels, explosive targets, no clays.

4. Club provided steel targets are for .22 LR ONLY, pistol or rifle. Only Club provided steel targets, No shooter provided steel.

5. Clean up after yourself. Police and discard all unwanted brass casings, steel casings, shot targets and any other trash.

6. Moving or relocating steel targets is prohibited.

7. Paper target holders may be moved up/down range, but not in front of .22 LR steel targets.

8. Firearms may be discharged only from the firing line.

9. Ceasefire must be requested and granted for cleanup.

10. Yellow chain should remain in place except during cease fire.

11. Never proceed beyond marked target line.

BENCH REST RANGE

1. Upon first entering the range, immediately verify that no one is downrange prior to handling firearms.

2. Authorized Targets: Club provided steel targets; paper targets mounted on club provided plywood backer boards so that all rounds go into the designated backstop. Targets are to be mounted so rounds DO NOT GO THROUGH the frame supports. You may also place your own .22lr minimum rated steel targets at the 100-yard line and beyond to be shot with .22lr firearms ONLY. Targets are not required to be against a backstop (exception to Section 2-6), and you must remove your steel targets before you leave the range. Exceptions by Board approval or Match Director for match use only.

3. No parking in handicap slot, unless you have a tag, or are loading/unloading only.

4. Limited to one bench per shooter.

5. Ceasefire must be requested and granted for target placement and cleanup.

6. When a cease fire is declared, immediately unload, open the action, remove the magazine, insert empty chamber indicator, bench all firearms and step behind the yellow line, handling of any firearms during a cease fire is prohibited.

7. Before going down range place safety cone on your bench and remove it when you return.

8. Never proceed downrange unless all ceasefire conditions are met.

9. Armor piercing or tracer ammunition is prohibited.

10. Shotguns firing sabots or slugs are permitted.

SECTION IV: OPERATING REGULATIONS

1. Range Hours are 9:00am until sunset on Sundays, and 8:00am until sunset on other days. Part or all of the range may be closed on any day. Official Sunset time is determined from http://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/usa/cincinnati

2. Guests are welcome to visit the club with a member in good standing. Members are limited to four (4) guests per visit. All guests must sign a liability release every time they visit. Blank liability releases are kept in the clubhouse and must be returned to the designated tray when completed. Guests must wear the printed Guest Label while on club property. The member is responsible for the actions of their guests and the member must always accompany the guest while on club property. Members have priority for firing positions before guests, including family. Exceptions would be match participation.

3. Board authorized personnel have the authority to close any range for maintenance. Maintenance will be scheduled around range use. Extended closures will be announced on the website; however, this is not always possible. In these cases, the maintenance activity supersedes all other activities.

4. A current MEMBERSHIP BADGE with the member's name MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES (match & safety exceptions) while on club premises.

5. Overnight camping on club property is permitted. All camping must have Board approval.

6. Children (minors) must **AT ALL TIMES** be under the direct supervision of a parent or the responsible adult while on club property.

7. Destroying or defacing club property is forbidden. Members are requested to report all instances of destructive or unsafe behavior to the Board of Directors.

8. Members and guests must comply with all federal, state, and local laws at all times. In addition, the MRPC will hold members responsible for themselves and their guests.

9. Members and Guests are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsman-like manner at all times. Any person who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner may be asked to leave the property at the direction of a Board Member or Match Director. There will be no refund of match fees for this violation. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include:

Cheating: intentionally altering a target prior to the target being scored to gain advantage or avoid a penalty or altering or falsifying score sheets.

Abusive behavior: threatening or assaulting behavior towards other persons; the use of obscene, vulgar, or offensive language; disruptive behavior likely to disturb, distract or coach other participants while they are shooting.

Negligence: willfully disregarding the instructions of any official as it pertains to the safe conduct or peaceful atmosphere of the event.

10. A member is prohibited from using the club property, organization name, or website for commercial gain. (Example: A member may not use the range for CCW qualification testing.)

SECTION V: RANGE COMMANDS

The following is an abbreviated set of range commands to be used for informal shooting activities:

1. CEASE FIRING: Immediately discontinue shooting. Open action, remove all cartridges, magazines, and percussion caps. Place firearm on bench, ground, in a rack, or holster. If a cease fire is called for an emergency, the cease fire condition shall apply to all ranges at MRPC until the emergency is resolved.

2. THE LINE IS SAFE: This command should be given only after it is certain that it is safe to go forward of the firing line.

3. ALL CLEAR: This command should be given after it is certain that everyone is behind the firing line.

4. COMMENCE FIRING: Resume shooting activities. Firearms may now be handled, loaded, and fired.

SECTION VI: PENALTIES

The penalties for failure to comply with the club rules and regulations are in accordance with the bylaws and include action up to and including suspension and expulsion from the club.

SECTION VII: FIRST AID & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. Scene Safety and Ceasefire: ensure area is safe for the victim and the rescuer.

2. Assess the Situation: Assess what is wrong to determine the need for additional help and appropriate course of treatment.

3. Contact 911 if necessary: Once assessment has determined the need for help call 911 as soon as possible.

3a. Club Street Address: 5462 Stonelick-Williams Corner

3b. Club Phone Number: 513-498-6311

3c. Club GPS Coordinates: N39°8.83416, W084°10.70826

3d. Send a runner to front gate to open and wait to guide first responders.

4. Provide Treatment as needed and as possible: Utilize Match Director First Aid Kit.

5. Delegate others to help, if needed and if possible:

5a. Have one person call 911

5b. One person treats the victim.

5c. One person informs **all** ranges to ceasefire until emergency is over.

5d. If club match is in progress almost all Match Directors have received First Aid Training and have First Aid Kits.

5e. Contact someone on the board of directors and inform them of the situation. |

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SAFETY FIRST ASK IF YOU DON'T KNOW