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**CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS – REVISED SEPT. 27, 2019\***

\*LATEST REVISION WILL BE POSTED AT THE CLUB AND ONLINE.

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**\* IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS INCLUDED\***

NOTE: ALL SHOOTING AT THE CLUB WILL BE DONE WITH THE MAIN GATE BEING OPEN. ANY MEMBER ENTERING ON TO CLUB PROPERTY MUST MAKE SURE THE MAIN GATE (AT CLUB ENTRANCE) IS OPEN. THIS INDICATES TO ANY OTHER CLUB MEMBER (ENTERING DRIVEWAY) AND OUR NEIGHBOURS THAT THE RANGE IS OPEN. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY BE CAUSE FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS TO CALL POLICE AND WARN OF TRESSPASSERS.

KEEP FIREARM SAFETY A TOP PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES. FOLLOW ‘**ACTS**’ AND ‘**PROVE**’

## **ACTS**

**A**SSUME EVERY FIREARM IS LOADED.

**C**ONTROL THE MUZZLE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES.

**T**RIGGER FINGER MUST BE KEPT OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD.

**S**EE THAT THE FIREARM IS UNLOADED.

## **PROVE IT SAFE**

**P**POINT THE FIREARM IN THE SAFEST AVAILABLE DIRECTION.

**R**EMOVE ALL CARTRIDGES.

**O**BSERVE THE CHAMBER.

**V**ERIFY THE FEEDING PATH

**E**XAMINE THE BORE FOR OBSTRUCTIONS

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MAPLE LEAF MARKSMEN RIFLE AND REVOLVER CLUB

1. TO BECOME AND REMAIN A MEMBER OF MAPLE LEAF MARKSMEN, YOU MUST SIGN OUR WAIVER "RELEASE AND USER OBLIGATION". PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING.
2. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A VERBAL/PRACTICAL RANGE SAFETY TEST ADMINISTERED BY A CLUB-APPOINTED SAFETY OFFICER BEFORE BECOMING A MEMBER.
3. FIRST ONE ENTERING MUST CHANGE SIGN AT TOP OF HILL TO "CAUTION RANGE OPEN". LAST ONE LEAVING MUST CHANGE SIGN TO "RANGE CLOSED" AND LOCK GATE ON WAY OUT.

ALL MEMBERS MUST "SIGN IN" WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE CLUB! SIGN IN SHEETS ON CLIP BOARD WILL BE KEPT IN CLUB HOUSE ON CENTRE POST. PRINT DATE, TIME IN, FIRST NAME AND BADGE # ON SHEET. WE MUST KEEP RECORDS.

4. ALL MEMBERS MUST WEAR THEIR MEMBERSHIP BADGES WHEN ON CLUB PROPERTY.
5. NEW MEMBERS WILL HAVE THEIR MEMBER NUMBER PREFIXED WITH "P" (PROBATIONARY) FOR 1 YEAR. DURING THAT TIME, PROBATIONARY MEMBERS MAY NOT SUPERVISE GUEST SHOOTERS. YOU MAY BRING GUESTS BUT THEY MUST BE SUPERVISED BY FULL MEMBERS.
6. "RANGE OFFICER" (INDIVIDUAL WHO OVERSEES THE SHOOTING ACTIVITIES AT THE FIRING LINE) A BLACKBOARD HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RANGE. IF TWO OR MORE MEMBERS ARE SHOOTING, ONE MUST BE DESIGNATED "RANGE OFFICER" AND PRINT NAME ON BLACKBOARD. IF THAT PERSON LEAVES, ANOTHER IS DESIGNATED "RANGE OFFICER" AND PUTS THEIR NAME ON THE BLACKBOARD. THE "RANGE OFFICER" OVERSEES SHOOTING ACTIVITIES ON THE FIRING LINE (1-INDOOR & 1-OUTDOOR) AND MAKES SURE ALL CLUB SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE BEING FOLLOWED!
7. COMING TO AND FROM FIRING LINE, FIREARMS ARE TO BE UNLOADED AND COMPLETELY CLEAR OF ALL AMMUNITION. FIREARMS SHOULD NOT BE HANDLED OR PREPARED FOR FIRING EXCEPT AT THE FIRING LINE.
8. ANY FIREARMS REQUIRING MAINTENANCE SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE FIRING LINE TO A DESIGNATED SAFE AREA. SAFE AREAS ARE MARKED WITH SIGNS ON OUTDOOR RANGE AND INDOOR RANGE.
9. SHOOT ONLY TARGETS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOD/EXECUTIVE. AT NO TIME SHALL ANY MEMBER OR GUEST DISCHARGE HIS/HER FIREARM AT TARGET STANDS OR FRAMES, METAL CANS, GLASS BOTTLES, OR ANY SUCH MATERIAL THAT MAY PRODUCE DANGEROUS DEBRIS OR BULLET RICOCHETS.
10. ALL SHOTS FIRED MUST BE AIMED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO CAUSE PROJECTILE TO HIT BACKSTOP! TARGETS ARE TO BE POSTED ON THE FIXED TARGET STANDS ONLY. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER! UNTIL THE SIGHTS ARE ALIGNED ON THE TARGET.

- 11. AT NO TIME WILL MUZZLE OF LOADED FIREARM BE POINTED HIGHER THAN BACKSTOP SO AS TO CAUSE PROJECTILE TO LEAVE RANGE.**
- 12. NO SHOOTING AT WILDLIFE OR ANIMALS ON CLUB PROPERTY.**
- 13. NO SHOOTING OF BINARY OR EXPLOSIVE TARGETS ON CLUB PROPERTY.**
- 14. BEFORE ANYONE GOES DOWN RANGE ALL FIREARMS ARE TO BE LAID ON BENCH, MUZZLE FORWARD, ACTION OPEN AND EMPTY WITH MAGAZINES REMOVED. PROVE THE FIREARM SAFE.**
- 15. EACH MEMBER WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ONE ORANGE CHAMBER FLAG FOR FURTHER VISUAL INDICATION THE FIREARM IS SAFE. CHAMBER FLAG REQUIREMENT WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RANGE OFFICER RUNNING THE LINE. ADDITIONAL CHAMBER FLAGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE @\$1.00 EA**
- 16. NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS WHEN PEOPLE ARE DOWNRANGE! STAY BEHIND YELLOW LINE!**
- 17. NO SHOOTING FROM AHEAD OF FIRING LINE. EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL PRE-APPROVED CLUB EVENTS.**
- 18. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT EYE AND EAR PROTECTION BE WORN BY ALL SHOOTERS AND SPECTATORS IN REASONABLE PROXIMITY OF THE SHOOTING LINE.**
- 19. IN THE EVENT OF A MISFIRE, THE SHOOTER SHALL KEEP THE MUZZLE OF THE FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE FOR A PERIOD OF 60 SECONDS PRIOR TO CLEARING THE FIREARM. "ACTS AND PROVE".**
- 20. ALWAYS CHECK BARREL FOR OBSTRUCTION BEFORE YOU SHOOT FIREARM (ACTS AND PROVE). IF, WHEN FIRED, REPORT DOES NOT SOUND RIGHT, ACTS AND PROVE BEFORE YOU CONTINUE SHOOTING.**
- 21. WHEN SHOOTING, MAGAZINE OR CYLINDER LIMITS AS DEFINED IN THE FIREARMS ACT MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**
- 22. NO PERSON SHALL ATTEND OUR CLUB OR DISCHARGE ANY FIREARM ON CLUB PROPERTY WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS CAUSING IMPAIRMENT.**
- 23. ANY SHOOTER ON THE FIRING LINE MUST CALL A CEASE-FIRE ANY TIME THAT HE/SHE OBSERVES AN UNSAFE CONDITION.**
- 24. NO SHOOTING OUTDOORS BEFORE 9:00 AM OR AFTER SUNSET!**
- 25. ONLY .22LR, .22 SHORT, .22 LONG RIMFIRE AMMUNITION IS PERMITTED OUTDOORS ON SUNDAYS.**
- 26. ONLY PROHIBITED FIREARMS AUTHORIZED BY LEGISLATION AND CFO ARE PERMITTED AT THE RANGE.**

27. NO WEARING OF HOLSTERS. THIS CLUB IS DESIGNED FOR BULLS-EYE TYPE TARGET SHOOTING, RANGE IS NOT APPROVED FOR IPSC SHOOTING.
28. NO SHOTGUN SHOOTING OR SHOTGUN SHELLS ARE TO BE FIRED IN INDOOR RANGE
29. "TARGET LOADS" ONLY IN INDOOR RANGE (MEANING LEAD BULLETS) ARE TO BE USED / NO JACKETED AMMO. A RANGE OFFICER MAY DEEM A LOAD INAPPROPRIATE FOR INDOOR RANGE USE.
30. INDOOR RANGE & OUTDOOR RANGE HAVE SAFETY LIGHTS--**GREEN LIGHT**-INDICATES LINE IS SAFE (NO SHOOTING) FIREARMS HAVE BEEN MADE SAFE ("ACTS AND PROVE") AND IT IS SAFE TO GO DOWN RANGE--**RED LIGHT**-INDICATES A LIVE FIRE SITUATION (RANGE IS ACTIVE AND SHOOTING IN PROGRESS) DO NOT GO DOWN RANGE. SAFETY RANGE LIGHTS MUST BE USED AT ALL TIMES.
31. INDOOR RANGE ALSO HAS A SIGN AS YOU ENTER. FIRST PERSON IN TURNS SIGN TO "CAUTION RANGE OPEN". MAIN DOOR TO THE INDOOR RANGE IS TO REMAIN OPEN WHILE SHOOTING IS IN PROGRESS. LAST PERSON OUT TURNS OFF POWER, CHANGES SIGN TO "RANGE CLOSED" AND ENSURES MAIN DOOR IS LATCHED AND LOCKED.
32. OUTDOOR SHOTGUN SHOOTING MUST BE DONE USING COMMON SENSE. WHEN SHOOTING CLAY BIRDS THEY ARE TO BE FIRED FROM THE COVERED STAND TOWARD THE 70 METER CROSS RANGE POSITION IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ALL PELLETS ARE KEPT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE OUTDOOR RANGE. SHOTGUNS MAY BE FIRED AT ALL THE 50 METER RANGE POSITIONS PROVIDED YOU ARE SHOOTING LEAD ONLY. IF YOU ARE SHOOTING STEEL SHOT, IT CAN BE FIRED FROM POSITIONS 1 TO 9 - 50 METER RANGE. BEFORE SHOOTING ANY SHOTGUN, TARGET STANDS OR OTHER OBJECTS MUST BE MOVED FROM THE PATH OF THE SHOT. WHEN SHOOTING CLAY BIRDS, THE SHOT SIZE MUST NOT BE LARGER THAN #7 ½ AND THE POWDER CHARGE MUST NOT BE MORE THAN 3 ¼ DRAMS.
33. LEAD ONLY HANDGUN CALIBRE AMMUNITION, BLACKPOWDER AND 22LR IS PERMITTED ON ALL OUTDOOR POSITIONS. JACKETED HANDGUN CALIBRE AMMUNITION IS PERMITTED ON POSITIONS 1-9 AND CROSS RANGE POSITION ONLY ON THE OUTDOOR RANGE
34. HANDGUNS: AFTER BECOMING A CLUB MEMBER, RPAL HOLDERS WHO CHOOSE TO SHOOT HANDGUNS AT THE CLUB ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A HANDGUN SAFETY TRAINING COURSE ADMINISTERED BY A CLUB-APPOINTED HANDGUN SAFETY INSTRUCTOR.
35. YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE HANDGUN SAFETY TRAINING COURSE BEFORE BRINGING A HANDGUN TO THE CLUB.
36. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE HANDGUN SAFETY COURSE, HANDGUN SHOOTERS ARE ON PROBATION FOR 1 YEAR AND CAN ONLY SHOOT HANDGUNS INDOORS BY THEMSELVES AS INDICATED BY A "P" AFFIXED TO THEIR GREEN AUTHORIZTION CARD.

37. ALL GUESTS OR PROBATIONARY HANDGUN MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE LEVEL, MAY ONLY SHOOT HANDGUNS **INDOORS**. THEY MAY ONLY SHOOT HANDGUNS **OUTDOORS** WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A FULL (NON-PROBATIONARY) MEMBER WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE CLUB LEVEL HANDGUN SAFETY COURSE.
38. ALL CENTERFIRE RIFLE AMMUNITION MUST BE FIRED FROM THE 70 YD CROSS RANGE SEATED BENCH POSITION OR STANDING FROM POSITION 30 AND INTO THE CROSS-RANGE BACKSTOP ONLY.
39. PLEASE TIDY UP AND LEAVE THE RANGE AND CLUBHOUSE CLEANER THAN WHEN YOU ARRIVED.
40. ALL NEW BLACKPOWDER SHOOTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOOT SIX TIMES WITH AN EXPERIENCED BLACK POWDER MEMBER TO PROVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH BLACK POWDER SHOOTING.
41. ONLY 22LR AMMUNITION IS PERMITTED TO BE FIRED INTO THE TWO METALLIC SILHOUETTE BUNKERS.

**WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE AS CLUB MEMBERS TO ENFORCE SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING!**

ANY PERSON WHO DELIBERATELY FAILS TO HANDLE AND/OR DISCHARGE FIREARMS IN A SAFE MANNER OR WHO VIOLATES CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS OR WHO POSES A HAZARD TO THE CLUB OR ANY MEMBER/S AND/OR ITS SAFE OPERATION SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLUB PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY.

THE CLUB EXECUTIVE, DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY AND FREQUENCY OF THE VIOLATION(S) MAY ISSUE AT THEIR DISCRETION VERBAL WARNINGS, WRITTEN WARNINGS, A SUSPENSION OF RANGE PRIVILEGES OR TERMINATION OF THE OFFENDER'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

IF THE ACTIONS OF THE MEMBER ARE REPORTABLE TO THE POLICE OR CHIEF FIREARMS OFFICE, SUCH REPORT WILL BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE MEMBER.

ANY MEMBER DISCIPLINED BY THE CLUB EXECUTIVE MAY CHOOSE TO APPEAL THE DECISION AT A MEETING OF THE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE RESULT OF THIS APPEAL SHALL THEN STAND AS A FINAL DECISION.

**IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF AND ABIDE BY ALL CURRENT FIREARM LAWS AS IT APPLIES TO THEM AND/OR THE CLUB**

**IMPORTANT-LIABILITY INSURANCE**

AS A MEMBER OF MAPLE LEAF MARKSMEN, MEMBERSHIP IN THE "CANADIAN SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION" IS MANDATORY. YOUR CSSA MEMBERSHIP MUST COVER THE FULL MLM MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

**CANADIAN SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**

<http://www.cdnshootingsports.org>

**PLEASE CHECK THE MAPLE LEAF MARKSMEN RIFLE AND REVOLVER CLUB WEBSITE  
FOR THE CLUB CALENDARS AND IMPORTANT CLUB NEWS**

[www.mapleleafmarksmen.ca](http://www.mapleleafmarksmen.ca)

**PERSONAL INJURY REPORT**

A PERSONAL INJURY REPORT (form in club house) MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY OCCURRING AT OUR CLUB THAT IS CAUSED BY THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM.

IT MUST BE REPORTED TO LOCAL POLICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WITHIN 30 DAYS OF INJURY ALSO REPORTED TO THE CHIEF FIREARMS OFFICER.

REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- DATE, TIME AND LOCATION.
- NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED.
- NAME OF THE RANGE OFFICER ON DUTY AT THAT TIME.
- WAS MEDICAL ATTENTION NEEDED?
- GENERAL DISCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT, INCLUDING CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PERSONAL INJURY OCCURRED-IF KNOWN.

\*CONTACT A CLUB EXECUTIVE ON THE ATTACHED LIST A.S.A.P.

\*THIS IS PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LAW.

**IMPORTANT: POSSESSION & ACQUISITION LICENCE NUMBERS \***

IT IS EVERY CLUB MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE CLUB SECRETARY EACH TIME YOUR POSSESSION AND ACQUISITION LICENCE NUMBER OR EXPIRY DATE CHANGES.

\* THE CLUB IS REQUIRED TO KEEP RECORDS OF THESE NUMBERS FOR EACH MEMBER.

**CLUB MEMBER "GUESTS"**

**CLUB MEMBERS:** YOU MAY BRING A GUEST TO OUR CLUB UP TO 3 TIMES. AT THAT POINT, THE GUEST MUST TAKE A CLUB LEVEL SAFETY COURSE AND FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE THEN JOIN OUR CLUB.

IF YOU BRING A GUEST TO THE CLUB, YOU ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE TO EXPLAIN/TRAIN THAT GUEST IN ALL ASPECTS OF HANDGUN AND/OR RIFLE SAFETY AND CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS! THIS MUST BE DONE ON A ONE ON ONE BASIS. THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU HAVE 2 GUESTS, YOU HAVE ONLY ONE GUN OUT AND YOU STAY WITH THAT PERSON AT ALL TIMES.

\*IF GUEST IS SHOOTING-YOU ARE WATCHING.

\*IF YOU ARE SHOOTING-GUEST IS WATCHING.

ALL GUESTS ARE LIMITED TO ONE SHOT AT A TIME (I.E., SINGLE CARTRIDGE IN MAGAZINE OR CYLINDER) UNTIL THE SPONSORING MEMBER VERIFIES THAT THE GUEST CAN CORRECTLY HANDLE THE FIREARM AND HIT THE TARGET.

### **GUEST "SIGN-IN" FORM**

ALL GUESTS MUST FILL IN THE "SIGN-IN" FORM WITH CLUB MEMBER SIGNING FORM AND NOTING BADGE #. THIS INCLUDES NON-MEMBERS SHOOTING MATCHES - WE MUST KEEP RECORDS! GUESTS MUST ALSO WEAR GUEST BADGES WHILE ON CLUB PROPERTY.

GUESTS MUST SIGN OUR WAIVER "RELEASE AND USER OBLIGATION". FOR REPEAT GUESTS, ONLY ONE WAIVER NEEDS TO BE SIGNED.

THE MAPLE LEAF MARKSMEN RIFLE AND REVOLVER CLUB IS ONE OF THE BEST CLUBS IN ONTARIO. TARGET SHOOTING IS A GREAT SPORT! GET YOUR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN INVOLVED IN TARGET SHOOTING. WITH PROPER SAFETY TRAINING AND OUR MEMBERS USING COMMON SENSE, YOUR CLUB WILL BE ACTIVE FOR YEARS TO COME.

### **SHOOTING TIMES:**

MONDAYS ---NIGHTS-.22 PISTOL

TUESDAYS-BLACK POWDER-9:00AM---NIGHTS-.22 RIFLE

THURSDAYS-BLACK POWDER-9:00AM—NIGHTS- HANDGUN

SUNDAYS-INDOOR-AM-&-PM HANDGUN-&-RIFLE---OUTDOOR-BOTH (.22 CALIBER)

SATURDAYS-CLUB USUALLY OPEN ALL DAY-RIFLE-HANDGUN-BLACKPOWDER.

WEEKDAYS-CLUB OPEN FOR OUTDOOR SHOOTING.

INDOOR RANGE: SEE CLUB CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND TIMES

IF A RANGE IS BOOKED FOR A MATCH, IT MAY BE CLOSED TO ALL OTHER SHOOTING DISCIPLINES PLEASE CHECK WITH PERSON RUNNING THE EVENT.

DURING OPEN SHOOTING TIMES SHARE THE FACILITIES EQUALLY AND RESPECTFULLY WITH OTHER MEMBERS

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES**

SEE CLUB WEBSITE [www.mapleleafmarksmen.ca](http://www.mapleleafmarksmen.ca) OR CLUBHOUSE FOR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES – (PRINTABLE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM NOW ON WEBSITE)

\* DUE BY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. A LATE FEE OF \$25 WILL APPLY FOR RENEWALS MADE AFTER DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

THE MEMBERSHIP PERIOD FOR ALL MEMBERS BEGINS ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND ENDS ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOT PRO-RATED AND MUST BE PAID UNTIL YEAR END.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING BETWEEN JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> MUST PAY 100% OF THAT YEAR'S DUES. NEW MEMBERS JOINING BETWEEN JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE CHARGED 50% OF FULL MEMBER DUES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM UNTIL YEAR END.

AFTER THE FIRST YEAR, ALL DUES MUST BE PAID FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THERE ARE NO MONTHLY OR 6 MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AT MAPLE LEAF MARKSMEN.

EACH YEAR YOU MUST FILL OUT A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM WITH ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED INCLUDING P.A.L. NUMBER AND FULL EXPIRY DATE.

## **CLUB SANCTIONED EVENTS**

**VARIATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE CLUB RULES MAY BE ALLOWED FOR EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**ANY VARIATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS MUST ENSURE THAT PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF ANY PARTICIPANT IN THE EVENT OR ACTIVITY IS NOT AFFECTED AND THEY MUST COMPLY WITH THE FIREARMS ACT.**