




MAPLE LEAF MARKSMEN

Rifle & Revolver Club

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CLUB RULES

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These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Club Policies of Maple Leaf Marksmen Rifle and Revolver Club.

Keep firearm safety a top priority at all time. Follow “**Acts and Prove**”

ACTS - **Assume** every firearm is loaded; **Control** the muzzle direction at all times; **Trigger** finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard; **See** that the firearm is unloaded

PROVE IT SAFE - **Point** the firearm in the safest available direction; **Remove** all cartridges; **Observe** the chamber; **Verify** the feeding path; **Examine** the bore for obstructions

In these Rules, “member” includes Probationary members.

These rules apply to guests of members and probationary members.

1. All shooting at the Club will be done with the main gate being open.
2. Any member entering on to Club property must ensure that the main gate is open.
3. You can keep your own fired spent brass or dispose it in the designated containers along the indoor and outdoor range. Once the brass is in the container it becomes MLM property and is not to be taken.
4. All members and guests of members must “sign in”. Print date, time in, first name and badge # on the sheets in the Club House.
5. Members must wear their membership badges when on club property. Guests must wear “Guest” badges.
6. The first member entering the Indoor or the Outdoor Range must turn on the safety (GREEN and RED) lights and turn on any other lights as might be required.
7. **Range Safety Officer (“RSO”)**
 - a) a RSO is the individual who is responsible for and oversees the shooting activities at the firing line (in both the Indoor and the Outdoor Ranges) and the archery range.

- b) The RSO ensures that all firearm and club safety rules are being followed.
- c) The RSO's name is to be printed on the blackboard in the range where shooting is taking place. If two or more members are shooting on the same range, one must be designated as the RSO. If that person leaves, another is designated as the RSO and prints his or her name on the blackboard.

8. **Entering a "cold range":**

If you are alone you are the designated RSO.

The RSO will ensure no one is down range, turn the safety light switch on and turn the light to RED which means that the range is Hot.

9. **RED LIGHT CONDITION - The Range is Active (HOT):**

- a) The RSO is to ensure no one is down range before changing the light from green to RED and making the range Active.
- b) Shooting is to only take place from behind the benches and shooting ports and forward of the yellow line.
- c) No one is to go down range.
- d) Guns may be placed, uncased and handled on the bench (ACTS and PROVE).
- e) Range procedures – Opening ports:

i) Outdoor Range:

The door near shooting positions # 1 and #21 are the primary entrances to the range.

Opening of ports is to be completed under the RED LIGHT CONDITION.

Removed benches are to be stored under the back benches.

ii) Indoor Range:

Position # 1 is the primary entrance to the target area of the Indoor Range.

The shooting bench is to be cleared and raised **ONLY** during a RED LIGHT CONDITION.

The ventilation baffle is to be removed **ONLY** under the GREEN LIGHT CONDITION from the "down range side" of the firing ports. Benches and baffles should only be removed when prone or kneeling position firing is being conducted.

Upon completion of prone or kneeling position shooting, all baffles and benches shall be returned to their proper positions.

Baffles are to be stored against the wall near shooting position #10 when not in use.

f) The RSO declares that shooting may commence.

10. **GREEN LIGHT CONDITION – The Range is no longer Active (HOT)**

a) Before changing the light from red to green, the RSO will verbally request a SAFE line.

b) All shooting will cease.

c) Firearms will be PROVED safe - unloaded, magazine removed, action open, placed on the bench with the muzzles pointing down range and, at the discretion of the RSO, chamber flags inserted in the breach.

d) SHOOTERS WILL STEP AWAY FROM AND STAY BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE.

e) The RSO or their designate(s) will inspect all shooting positions.

f) After ensuring all firearms have been made SAFE, the RSO will call a SAFE line and change the light to GREEN.

g) Persons not going down range shall remain behind the yellow line at all times while the line is SAFE.

h) Persons going down range shall not HANDLE FIREARMS or touch any items on the shooting bench from either side of the yellow line.

[NOTE: Rules 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 apply to the Indoor and the Outdoor Ranges]

11. Coming to and from firing line, firearms are to be unloaded and completely clear of all ammunition.

12. Any firearms requiring maintenance shall be removed from the firing line to a designated safe area which is marked with signs on both the Outdoor Range and Indoor Range.

13. **Guests (which term means one or more guests)**

a) Members may bring a guest on to Club property to shoot but that member is fully responsible to explain all aspects of handgun and/or rifle safety to the guest.

b) All guests must sign the Club's Release and User Obligations form.

- c) All guests and full members must sign the designated sign in form. Guests of probationary members who intend to shoot can only be “signed in” and supervised by a full Club member.
- d) All guests must wear a Guest badge and wear it at all times while on Club property.
- e) A person may only attend at Club property to shoot on three separate occasions. If such guests wish to attend to shoot on Club property after three times, the guest must apply to become a Club member.
- f) All shooting done with a guest must be on a “one on one” basis meaning that when the guest is shooting, the member is watching. If the member is shooting, the guest is watching.
- g) If more than one guest is brought to the Club to shoot, only one firearm may be in use at any time.
- h) Guests may only shoot one shot at a time until the member bringing the guest can verify that the guest can properly handle the firearm being used and hit the target being aimed at.
- i) All guests can only shoot handguns in the Indoor Range when signed in and supervised by a full Club member who has successfully passed the Club level handgun safety course.

14. **Ammunition**

- a) Only .22LR, .22 SHORT, .22 long rim fire ammunition is permitted outdoors on Sundays.
- b) Target loads only (meaning lead or polymer bullets) are permitted in the Indoor Range.
- c) No jacketed ammunition is permitted in the Indoor Range. d) The RSO may deem a load inappropriate for Indoor Range use.
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- e) No shotgun shooting or shotgun shells are allowed in the Indoor Range.
- f) Lead only handgun calibre ammunition, black powder and .22LR is permitted on all outdoor positions.
- g) Jacketed handgun calibre ammunition is permitted on positions 1 to 9 and the cross range position on the Outdoor Range.
- h) All centrefire rifle (with jacketed) ammunition must be fired from the 70 yd. cross range seated bench position or standing from position 30 and into the cross range backstop.

- i) Only .22LR ammunition is permitted to be fired into the metallic silhouette bunkers.
- j) When shooting, magazine or cylinder limits as defined in the Firearms Act must be strictly adhered to.
- k) Steel core (green tip) is prohibited.
- l) Centrefire rifle shooting is prohibited in the Indoor Range. Centrefire pistol calibre (lead only) is permitted in the Indoor Range.
- m) Copper plated washed handgun ammunition is permitted in the Indoor Range provided that the coating can be easily scrapped off with a finger nail (e.g. .22 LR).

15. **Targets**

- a) Only targets approved by the BOD/Executive may be used.
- b) 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.
- c) All targets are to be posted on fixed target stands only unless approved by the Board of Directors.
- d) There is to be no shooting of binary or explosive targets.
- e) There are to be no human shaped targets (including zombies) used as targets.

16. There is to be no shooting at wildlife or animals on club property.

17. **Handguns**

- a) Members who are holders of a RPAL must complete a handgun safety training course administered by a club-appointed handgun safety instructor. Until this course has been completed, such members may not bring a handgun to the club, unless they are instructed by their instructor to do so.
- b) Handgun shooters, after successfully completing the handgun safety course, are on probation for 1 year and are permitted to shoot handguns in the Indoor Range or the Outdoor Range if supervised by a full member who has taken the Club handgun safety course.
- c) All guests of full Club members and probationary handgun members may only shoot handguns in the Indoor Range. 18. Holsters shall not be worn. The range is not approved for IPSC shooting.

19. **Shotgun Shooting**

- a) When the raised shotgun stand is in use, shooting positions 21 to 31 must be closed to any other use.
 - b) Before shooting any shotgun from any position, target stands or other objects must be moved from the path of the shot.
 - c) 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.
 - d) The raised shotgun stand must only be used for clay bird shooting and the shot size must not be larger than #7 ½ and the powder charge must not be more than 3 ¼ drams.
 - e) Shotguns may be fired at positions 2 to 29 of the 50 meter range and at positions 30 and 31 of the 70 meter range provided that lead only is being used.
 - f) If steel shot is being fired, such shot must be fired from positions 2 to 7 of the 50 meter range.
 - g) The portable shotgun patterning stand must only be used between positions 2 and 7 of the Outdoor Range.
20. At no time will the muzzle of any loaded firearm be pointed higher than the backstop. All shots fired from any firearm must be aimed in such a manner as to cause the projectile to hit the backstop.
21. 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.
22. Any shooter on the firing line must call a cease fire any time that an unsafe condition is observed.
23. No person shall attend the Club or discharge any firearm on Club property while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs causing impairment.
24. Only prohibited firearms authorized by legislation and CFO are permitted at the range. 25. All new black powder shooters will be required to shoot six times with an experienced black powder member.
25. After completing shooting:
- a) pick up brass and shell casings and dispose of them in the designated containers; and,
 - b) pick up and dispose of any garbage in the designated containers.

26. **Archery**

- a) an outdoor single Archery target bunker is located outside the door adjacent to shooting position No. 1.
- b) Archery shooting must be from behind the firing line.
- c) The procedures in Rules 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 must be followed.
- d) If firearms are being used on the Outdoor Range, the archer and the RSO must inform each other of the use of the archery target range.
- e) Only field or target points are to be used. Arrows are to be aimed into the archery bunker.

27. The last person leaving must:

- a) ensure that all appliances in the kitchen are turned off and that the kitchen door is locked;
- b) turn off all Club House and range lights (both Outdoor and Indoor);
- c) lock the Club House door and the Indoor Range;
- d) close and lock the main gate.

28. In the event of a personal injury that is caused by the discharge of a firearm, a personal injury report must be completed. (See Club policies)

29. **Black Powder**

The following rules apply specifically to muzzle loading black powder firearms which differ in design and function from cartridge using firearms.

- a) No open powder containers on the firing line or loading benches. Powder must be poured into the firearm from a powder measure, not from a container.
- b) Charging the firearm (powder, patch, projectile) to be done at the loading bench, (located directly behind the firing line). Then move the firearm to the firing line with the muzzle pointing up before adding the ignition source, (capped or primed) with the muzzle pointing down range. Unloaded muzzle loaders will be left at the loading bench with a loading rod, ball starter, chamber flag or other approved device inserted in the barrel to indicate that the firearm has not been loaded.
- c) No blowing down the barrel for any reason that would place the shooters head in front of the barrel.

- d) No firearm is to be removed from the firing line before firing the projectile or removing the source of ignition.
- e) The RSO must ASK the individual shooters if there are any hot (charged/loaded) guns before calling for a safe line, (since there is no way to PROVE it safe visually). The safest way is to fire/discharge all guns, then remove them to the loading bench empty/discharged.
- f) In an emergency (cease fire) remove the ignition source (if possible) or insert an approved device to prevent the hammer from making contact with the ignition source. (popsicle stick/tongue depressor or other approved device) step away from the firearm. Never touch the firearm while people are down range.
- g) Never handle a black powder firearm without the owners permission (since there is no way to visually PROVE it safe).
- h) In the event that you need assistance notify the Range Safety Officer (RSO) and as needed ask one of the experienced black powder shooters for help.

SHOOTING TIMES

The Club's Indoor Range is open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00p.m. for Pistol, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Air Gun, Pistol Calibre Rifle and Black Powder Pistol. Ammunition for such firearms is restricted to lead and target loads only.

The Club's Outdoor Range is open six days a week (Monday through Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. until sunset for Archery, Pistol, Black Powder, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Shotgun and Centrefire Rifle.

The Club's Outdoor Range is open Sundays from 9:00 a.m. until sunset for .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Air Gun and Archery only.

See the Club's 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 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.