

# QUABOAG SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

## Range Rules for Archery, Trap-Skeet, Rifle, Pistol and Muzzle Loading Firearms

**CLUB HOURS ARE MONDAY thru SATURDAY 7:00 A.M. TO SUNSET  
SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. TO SUNSET**

THESE SAFETY RULES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLUB, TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL WHO USE THE FACILITY. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NOT INTENDED TO RESTRICT ANYONE'S USE OR ENJOYMENT OF THE RANGES. HOWEVER, WE MUST ENSURE THAT NO ONE IS EVER INJURED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE SHOOTING SPORTS. COMPLIANCE IS MANDATORY; VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- **All members are required to wear and display their current membership card at all times when on Club property.**
- **The gates surrounding the rifle and pistol range parking lot must be locked and kept locked.** Combination locks are installed on the gates and the combination is changed every January 1<sup>st</sup>. When memberships are renewed and new membership cards are sent out, the new combination will be noted on the membership card.
- **Regular Members** in good standing are allowed to bring guests. QSC members have priority on the firing line over guests at all times. Only one (1) guest of a member may be on the firing line at any one time. Holders of **Associate** and **Junior Memberships** are not allowed to bring guests.
- It shall be the responsibility of the member to provide his/her guest with a Waiver and Hold Harmless agreement prior to using the Club facilities. It is the responsibility of the member sponsoring the guest to assure that this is completed and signed prior to any firearms handling or use on the property of the Quaboag Sportsmen's Club. Waiver and Hold Harmless forms are available at the range and through the Club website, must be completed by all guests and deposited in the Clubhouse door at time of use.
- Any member, or guest, may be asked to leave the Club property by an Officer, Director or Coordinator, if willfully disobeying the Club's By-Laws, Range Rules, Safety Rules or other applicable State, Federal or Local Laws, Ordinances or Rules.
- The range dumpster and trash cans are for Club generated trash ONLY. They are not to be used for household trash.

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### **ARCHERY RANGE RULES**

1. **All general range safety rules will be followed at all times -- use common sense and courtesy.**
2. All members using range facilities must display their membership cards on outer clothing.
3. All ranges subject to closure for maintenance when posted.
4. Shoot only at approved targets. Do not shoot at archery target structure.
5. A combination lock is installed on the archery target and must be locked after use. The combination is the same as the main Club gate and will be changed every January 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. Adult members are responsible for guests or under age children (under age 18) while on club grounds.
7. Shoot from authorized shooting positions only.
8. Use only authorized archery equipment on the range. No firearms or broad heads allowed.
9. When looking for lost arrows, station a shooter or your bow in front of the backstop before proceeding behind it to look.
10. Archery Coordinator will control and enforce safety regulations during organized shoots.
11. Targets must be placed on or directly in front of archery target foam blocks.

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### **TRAP/SKEET RANGE RULES**

1. **All general range safety rules will be followed at all times -- use common sense and courtesy.**
2. All members using range facilities must display their membership cards on outer clothing.
3. All ranges subject to closure for maintenance when posted.
4. Do not put a shell in your gun or close the action until you are at your station and ready to shoot.
5. Put only one shell in your gun at a time except when match rules require otherwise.
6. Do not pick up empties until the end of the squad.
7. Whoever shoots first always shoots first, after the squad changes station.
8. Keep actions open at all times when not on the firing line.
9. Only target loads are allowed. Approved shot sizes are 7 1/2, 8 and 9.
10. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all shooters and spectators in the immediate vicinity of the firing line.
11. If a shooter wishes to do anything different from normal trap etiquette, the shooter must get prior approval from the coordinator.

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### **FIREARMS RANGE RULES**

1. **All general range safety rules will be followed at all times -- use common sense and courtesy.**
2. All members using range facilities must display their membership cards on outer clothing.
3. All ranges subject to closure for maintenance when posted.
4. Do NOT handle any firearm while any person is downrange; step back from the firing line.
5. Do NOT move forward of the firing line while any firearm is being handled: wait until a Cease Fire is called and the range is declared safe.
6. Keep all firearms pointed in a safe direction at all times.
7. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
8. Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot.
9. Eye and ear protection must be worn by all shooters and by all spectators in the immediate vicinity of the firing line.
10. Consumption of alcohol or drugs before or while shooting is strictly prohibited.
11. Know how to use your firearm safely, and ensure that each firearm is safe to use.
12. The use of any glass object as a target is prohibited.
  - A. If other than paper targets are used, you must remove all debris and fragments from the impact area and all litter from the firing line before you leave the range.
  - B. Targets other than clay pigeons must be positioned properly and sufficiently elevated above the ground to allow all bullets to strike the backstop, and not ricochet off the ground.
  - C. If you damage a target holder, you are required to dispose of the wood properly. It will be appreciated if you will also repair or replace the target holder without delay.
  - D. Pistol range target holders may not be used when firing shotguns. The shotgun shooter must bring and remove his/her own target holder.
13. The use of tracer, incendiary or explosive ammunition, or explosive targets, is prohibited, without written authorization from the Board of Directors.
14. After shooting, wash your hands and face before eating or drinking.

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15. Muzzle loading firearms:

- A. No smoking while loading, on the firing line or loading bench area or places where black powder is stored.
- B. Use only the appropriate powder for the firearm. Refer to owners manual.
- C. Do not load your firearm until you have wiped the barrel of excess oil and grease.
- D. Do not overload your firearm.
- E. Do not load your firearm directly from a flask or powder horn.
- F. Do not cap percussion or prime a flintlock until you are on the firing line.
- G. Do not carry a muzzle loading firearm with the hammer at full cock.
- H. Make sure your muzzle loading firearm is safe to shoot. If you have any doubt, take it to a qualified gunsmith.
- I. Seat the load directly on the black powder in the breech of the barrel. Shooting an improperly loaded firearm risks almost certain damage to yourself and others around you, and to your firearm.
- J. Do not prime or cap any muzzle loading firearm until in position on the firing line.
- K. When a Cease Fire is called, a muzzle loading firearm is considered unloaded when the barrel is void of powder and ball.

**For additional rules, descriptions and fees, please reference the Quaboag Sportsmen's Club By-Laws and Dues and Fees Schedule, which are available on-line at [www.quaboagsportsmensclub.com](http://www.quaboagsportsmensclub.com).**

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