

North Leominster Rod and Gun Club

Rules & Policies

In accordance with existing club bylaws, the Board of Directors has established the following rules and policies for club operations. These provisions apply equally to members and guests whenever they are on club property.

NLRGC has a zero tolerance policy for confrontations on all our ranges and club property. Anyone observed violating the rules and policies of this club shall be referred to the Board of Directors for appropriate disciplinary action. Members are encouraged to note the vehicle type and license number of anyone seen violating club rules and to report them to a club officer or director as soon as possible.

The Board of Directors may authorize exceptions to these rules and policies for organized club events, training classes, RSO-supervised instruction, and sanctioned shoots.

A. Grounds and Buildings:

- (1) **OFF-ROAD VEHICLES** (trail bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.) **AND HORSES** are not permitted on club property, except when used in club events.
- (2) **No Littering.** This includes the leaving of trash next to, or piling on top of any full trash container. If a container is full, please take your trash to the dumpster or discard it in some other manner. Members are encouraged to empty full containers into the dumpster. Dumping of personal household or business trash on club property is prohibited.
- (3) Club grounds, buildings, and ranges are not available for private functions, or for use by outside groups or for commercial instruction, unless approved in advance by the Board of Directors. The Board may set conditions on any such approval, including proof of insurance, fees, supervision, and cleanup.
- (4) **Children under the age of 13** must be accompanied by and under the direct supervision of an adult, at all times, when on club property.
- (5) **EYE AND EAR PROTECTION** is required on all ranges, except Archery, at all times when shooting is taking place. That includes those individuals who may be scoring or pulling targets.
- (6) Shooters and spectators must obey Range Safety Officers at all times. All persons using club facilities do so at their own risk and peril. As such, the North Leominster Rod and Gun Club, Inc. assumes no liability for the deliberate or accidental acts of those using their facilities.
- (7) The maximum **SPEED LIMIT ON CLUB PROPERTY is 15 MPH.**
- (8) **NO SMOKING OR VAPING** of any substance is allowed in any club buildings at any time.
- (9) **PETS** are allowed in the main clubhouse provided they remain under their owner's control at all times, but are not permitted in the kitchen. All pets on the club grounds must be accompanied by their owner and kept under control. The Board of Directors may require the owner of any disruptive pet to remove it. Service dogs are always allowed.
- (10) **LOADED FIREARMS** are not allowed away from the firing line on club property, except for firearms worn for personal protection, which must remain holstered, and except as provided in the Hunting section.
- (11) **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or MARIJUANA** are allowed on any of the club ranges at any time. No one may use any range or handle firearms while impaired by, or after having consumed any amount of, alcohol, marijuana, or any other drug — including legally prescribed medication that impairs judgment or coordination.
- (12) The **ENTRANCE ROAD GATE** must be down and locked at all times, except when the club is open for business with the public (skeet/trap hours, firearms training classes, meetings, etc.). If you enter/exit club property by using your gate code please lock the gate behind you. If you are the last person to leave, close the gate as you exit.
- (13) **Members must carry their club membership card** while on club property and produce it upon request by a club officer or Range Safety Officer. Cards are issued electronically by email; a card displayed on a phone satisfies this requirement. Printed cards are available on request.
- (14) Check the club calendar on the club website for scheduled training, events, and range closures before coming to shoot.
- (15) **HUNTING:**
 - a. Hunting on club property is open to members and must comply with all Massachusetts hunting laws, including seasons, licensing, and legal methods.

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- b. Hunting must not interfere with normal club operations.
- c. Board-approved hunts, such as the club's stocked pheasant hunts, are an exception. Ranges or areas of the property may be closed for them, with notice posted on the club calendar.
- d. Guests may hunt only during board-approved hunts.
- e. Loaded firearms may be carried while actively engaged in hunting. Firearms must be unloaded while traveling to and from the hunting area.

B. Archery:

- (1) Only club members and their guests are permitted to use the Archery Range.
- (2) The Archery Range is open from 8:00 a.m. to one half hour before sunset daily.
- (3) **ABSOLUTELY NO FIREARMS or BROADHEAD ARROWS** are allowed on the Archery Range.
- (4) Crossbows are allowed on the archery range only if field tips are used.

C. Rifle, Pistol, and Training Ranges:

- (1) The **hours of operation** of the rifle, pistol, and training ranges are **8:00 a.m. until one half hour before sunset** daily.
- (2) **Only club members may use the Rifle, Pistol, and Training Ranges**, except that a member may bring guests at any time. The member must remain with their guest(s) at all times and is fully responsible for them. When other members are shooting, the member and their guests may occupy only one shooting bench or lane.
- (3) **The red overhead lights must be turned on** to indicate a cold range before going downrange.
- (4) **ALL FIREARMS AT THE FIRING LINE MUST BE EMPTY AND CLEARED**, with actions open and magazines removed, before anyone goes down range or off the firing line.
- (5) **Whenever anyone is down range, all shooters must stand away from the firing line** and no one may handle any firearm, firearm part or accessory, magazine, or ammunition.
- (6) **You are to only load a single firearm** when you are using it at the firing line. All other guns must be unloaded and either (a) cased or (b) with their actions open and visible.
- (7) Rifles and rifle-caliber pistols must be pointed at the backstop before a round is chambered, in any shooting position, to prevent an accidental discharge.
- (8) **NRA Safety Rules:**
 - a. *Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.*
 - b. *Always keep your finger off the trigger till ready to shoot.*
 - c. *Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.*
- (9) **GLASS, CANS and TRASH** may not be used as targets on the rifle or pistol ranges (cans and plastic jugs are permitted on the Training Range only, per its rules). Steel targets are permitted only as allowed by the range-specific rules below, and may not be engaged any closer than 30 feet. Remove and dispose of your targets after use.
- (10) **Fully Automatic Firearms** are not permitted.
- (11) All projectiles **MUST COME TO REST IN THE BACKSTOP**.
 - a. You must fire at targets that are directly in front of an earth berm.
 - b. Do not fire at low targets / targets placed on the ground where projectiles will glance off the ground and fly over the backstop.
 - c. Don't fire into the woods.
 - d. Do not fire over the backstop.
 - e. Rapid fire (firing faster than you can control) is prohibited.
 - f. Any member who fires rounds that do not come to rest in the backstop — including from uncontrolled or excessively rapid fire — will be referred to the Board of Directors and may face suspension or termination of membership.
- (12) **Tracer and incendiary ammunition are not permitted.** Exploding targets — including Tannerite, similar binary compounds, and any target designed to explode or ignite on impact — are not permitted anywhere on club property.

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(13) PISTOL RANGE Specific Rules

- A. Pistol Range Paper Targets:
 - i. You **may** shoot at paper with
 - 1. Pistols and revolvers of all pistol calibers
 - 2. .22LR Rimfire rifles
 - 3. Pistol caliber carbines (PCCs), such as 9mm or .45 ACP
 - ii. You **may not** shoot at paper with
 - 1. Any centerfire rifle
 - 2. Any rimfire rifle with a higher velocity than .22LR
 - 3. Any black powder rifles
 - 4. Any shotguns
- B. Pistol Range Steel Targets
 - i. You **may** shoot steel with
 - 1. Pistols and revolvers of all pistol calibers on gong and silhouette targets
 - 2. Pistol caliber carbines (PCCs) on gong and silhouette targets
 - 3. Pistols and revolvers of 9mm and .45 ACP and smaller on plate racks
 - 4. .22LR Rimfire rifles
 - 5. Shotguns, at the large shotgun gong only (slugs or any size shot)
 - ii. You **may not** shoot steel targets with
 - 1. Any magnum pistols or revolvers on the plate racks, as they damage them.
 - 2. Any shotguns, except at the large shotgun gong
 - 3. Any centerfire rifles
 - 4. Any pistol caliber carbines (PCCs) on the plate racks, as they damage them.
- C. Steel plates may be limited by design to specific calibers. Refer to firing line placards for individual steel plate rack limitations.
- D. **Shotguns are not permitted on the pistol range except to engage the large shotgun gong**, which may be shot with slugs or any size shot. Shotguns may not be fired at paper targets or at any other steel on this range.

(14) RIFLE RANGE Specific Rules

- A. **No shotguns of any kind are permitted on the rifle range.** (Per Board vote of June 2, 2026, following repeated damage to target stands.)
- B. **.50 BMG RIFLES**
 - i. Rifles chambered in .50 BMG may be fired only on the rifle range, and only by a member holding current .50 BMG approval from the Board of Directors. Guests may not fire .50 BMG. It may not be fired on the pistol range or the Training Range.
 - ii. To obtain approval, a member must demonstrate safe handling and proficiency with the rifle to a Chief Range Safety Officer or an NRA Training Counselor. The Rifle and Pistol Committee then makes its recommendation to the Board of Directors, which grants or denies approval.
 - iii. Approval is specific to the member, is recorded in club records, and may be revoked by the Board of Directors at any time.
 - iv. A certified Range Safety Officer, other than the shooter, must be present on the firing line and acting solely in that capacity whenever .50 BMG is being fired.
 - v. .50 BMG may be fired on weekdays only, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and not during any other scheduled class or event. The Board of Directors may approve .50 BMG firing at other times as part of a club event or sanctioned shoot.
 - vi. Only ball or match ammunition may be used. Armor-piercing, steel-core, incendiary, tracer, and explosive projectiles are prohibited.
- C. Shoot at the berm directly in front of your shooting position. Avoid shooting across the downrange area.

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- D. When sighting in, start at the 50-yard berm and work your way up. Do not shoot 200 yards if you cannot stay on the paper at 50 or 100 yards.

(15) TRAINING RANGE Specific Rules

- A. The Training Range is a dedicated action bay on the north end of the pistol range (75 feet wide by 50 yards deep, no covered firing line), built for structured live-fire instruction and action / IDPA-style shooting, including movement, drawing from a holster, and firing positions at 7, 10, 15, 25, 35, and 50 yards.
- B. **Access and scheduling:**
- The Training Range is reserved first for scheduled club training, instructor classes, and law-enforcement training. Check the club calendar before coming to shoot.
 - When no training is scheduled, the range is open to members under the same hours as the rifle and pistol ranges (8:00 a.m. until one half hour before sunset).
 - During any scheduled class or event, the range is under the control of the Range Safety Officer (RSO) or instructor in charge. Members may not use the Training Range while a class is in session, and the instructor's commands govern.
- C. **Firearms and calibers:**
- You MAY use:** pistols and revolvers of all handgun calibers; pistol caliber carbines (PCCs); rimfire rifles and handguns; centerfire rifles up to a .30-caliber ceiling (for example, .308 or .30-06); and shotguns firing birdshot, buckshot, or slugs.
 - You MAY NOT use:** fully automatic firearms; .50 BMG or any rifle cartridge larger than .30 caliber; or magnum rifle cartridges.
- D. **Targets and safe direction:**
- Every projectile must come to rest in an approved earthen berm — the back berm or the left (north) side berm.
 - Primary fire is directed downrange into the back berm. The left (north) side berm is earthen and full-length; targets may be engaged square (90°) into it only at close range, from the 7-, 10-, and 15-yard lines. Beyond 15 yards, fire only into the back berm.
 - The right (south) side is a bare mafia-block wall and is never a backstop. No target may be placed where the wall would stop rounds.
 - No live fire within 7 yards of any berm face.
 - You must supply your own targets and target stands.
 - Paper and cardboard targets are permitted for all firearms allowed above. Members may use steel targets that they supply themselves. Any steel must be set up and engaged in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines for that target, including minimum distance, permitted calibers and velocities, mounting, and angle. All steel must be removed from the range when you are finished.
 - Plinking-style targets such as cans and plastic jugs are permitted on the Training Range only; no glass. All targets and trash must be removed when you are finished.
 - Targets must be placed at least knee-high and no higher than head-high. **Do not fire at targets on the ground.**

D. Trap and Skeet Ranges:

- Except for registered sanctioned shoots, every shooter is responsible for picking up their expended hulls. Suspension from the club may be imposed for repeated violations.
- The Trap and Skeet Ranges are open to members and non-members on the days and times posted on the club's website. These ranges are only open to members outside of those posted operating hours. Shooters must supply their own equipment and must assume all liability when using the ranges. Only biodegradable clay targets may be used.
- The following **SAFETY RULES** apply at all times:
 - ACTIONS MUST REMAIN OPENED WHEN GUNS ARE IN GUN RACKS**, except for break open guns.

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- B. Guns must be left in gun racks or gun cases when not in use.
- C. Carried guns must be kept pointed in a down range direction.
- D. Guns must be carried with their ACTIONS OPEN.
- E. **Do not change position or stations** with a shell in the gun.
- F. Do not load your gun unless in position to shoot. Keep the action open until it is your turn and you are ready to shoot.

(4) SHOTGUN Range Specific Rules

- A. **Only shotguns** are allowed on all trap and skeet ranges.
- B. Rifle/pistol shooting is restricted to ranges specifically designated for that type of target shooting.
- C. **TARGET LOADS ONLY, 7 ½ SHOT OR SMALLER, ON ALL TRAP AND SKEET RANGES — NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Per Order of the NLRGC Board of Directors