



Country Pond Fish and Game Club, Inc.

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A National Rifle Association Affiliated Organization

Standing Rules

We, the Members of Country Pond Fish and Game Club, Inc., insist on a safe environment for our Club activities. We, therefore, endorse the following rules as a minimum effort to ensure our members' and guests' well being.

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1. Range Rules

- A. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- B. Keep the action open and firearm unloaded until ready to use. On a firing range this means the shooters are in position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live firing.
- C. Know how the firearm operates.
- D. Be sure the firearm and ammunition are compatible.
- E. Carry only one gauge/caliber of ammunition when shooting. When at a shooting range with more than one firearm, use one at a time and, when complete, secure that firearm and its ammunition before using the next one.
- F. Be sure of the target and what is beyond. When on shooting ranges, be mindful also of adjacent areas and act accordingly to insure safety.
- G. Wear ear and eye protection while on the range.
- H. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting activities.
- I. Be aware that certain circumstances may require additional rules to insure safety.
- J. Member's Club badges must be displayed on the member's person when using any range, other than at Club sanctioned events.

2. General Range Rules

- A. Obey all range commands.
- B. Know where others are at all times for safety reasons.
- C. Only shoot at authorized targets.
- D. Ground level targets are not authorized without a proper backstop. Maintain the proper target height to ensure that the fired projectile, after passing through the target, hits the desired portion of the backstop.

- E. Designate a Range Officer when none is present or assigned. The first person to arrive on the range shall act as Range Officer until a designated Range Officer is present.
- F. Unload, open the action, remove the magazine, and ground or bench all firearms during cease fire.
- G. Do not handle any firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are down range.
- H. Always keep the muzzle pointed at the backstop. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into an outer area.

3. *Specific CPF&G Rules*

- A. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on any range at any time while firearms are in use.
- B. No fully automatic weapons (machine guns) are allowed on any club ranges at any time.

4. *Indoor Pistol Range*

- A. While using the indoor pistol range no rifles are allowed other than .22 caliber rimfire. No rifle or shotgun ammunition, even though fired from a handgun, is allowed. Exception: Black powder muzzle loading firearms may be used. | 7 Aug 08
- B. No armor piercing ammunition is allowed.
- C. The indoor pistol range is limited to paper targets only that will fit between the target holders and the splatter board directly below the target holders.
- D. The exhaust system is to be turned on before any shooting has commenced. | 5 Jun 03
- E. All shooting shall be done from the approved 50 foot firing line.
- F. The only exceptions of targets used on the indoor range shall be for special sanctioned events with a Club Range Officer present.
- G. Firearms will not be taken down range unless carried in a holster designed for that firearm. At no time will a loaded firearm be carried down range.
- H. During use of the indoor pistol range the door to the outside must be kept closed.
- I. The maximum strength of pistol ammunition allowed on the indoor range is .44 Magnum. More powerful cartridges - for example, but not limited to, 454 Casull, 460 S&W, 480 Ruger, 500 S&W - are not allowed. Updates to disallowed ammunition may be posted on the range by the BOD. | 7 May 09

5. *Outdoor Range*

- A. Club provided 4 ½ foot target frames must be used on the outdoor firearm range. Target frames will be made available to all shooters. Multiple paper targets may be used provided they are contained within the frame boundary. | 7 Aug 08
- B. No firing shall take place from anywhere other than the rifle/pistol firing line.

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| C. The outdoor range will be closed during scheduled trap shoots if so indicated in the Club Newsletter. | 7 Aug 08 |
| D. No human appearance or human silhouette targets whatsoever shall be used on any outdoor range, without the permission of the Board of Directors. | 6 May 10 |
| E. The outdoor range shall be used only between the hours of 9:00 am and ½ hour after sunset, except for sanctioned club events. | |

6. Trap Range

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| A. All firearms must be unloaded and racked when not in use. | |
| B. All firearms must be carried to and from the firing line with actions open. | |
| C. The Line Captain shall be the first shooter in line. The Captain shall ask, "Is the line ready"? "Is the scorer ready"? "Is the puller ready"? If all are ready, the Captain will ask "May we see a bird please." The shooters, in turn, shall call their own bird (PULL). The scorer shall call "Change Stations" after each 5 rounds. | |
| D. No firing shall take place from anywhere other than the trap shooting positions. | |
| E. The trap range shall be used only between the hours of 9:00 am and ½ hour after sunset, except for sanctioned club events. | 2 Apr 09 |

7. Archery Range

- A. When at the line you are at the line to shoot.
- B. Step back from the line for any other purpose (adjustments, etc.)
- C. When finished shooting step back and wait for other shooters to finish.
- D. When "Clear" is given you may retrieve arrows, change targets, etc.
- E. Any arrow shot or dropped that cannot be retrieved from the line will be left until "Clear" is given.
- F. No broadheads will be used on target range except at designated foam backstops. (available at range)
- G. No firearms will be shot on archery range.
- H. Junior members must be accompanied by an adult member to shoot (18 or older).
- I. Absolutely no alcohol on range.

8. Range Log

A Range log shall be maintained on the indoor range for members. This log shall list the member's name, badge number, the time logged in, the range used, the time logged out, and the date and day of the week. All members shall log into the Range Log before shooting on any range.

9. Guests of a Member

If a member brings a guest to the Club, the member shall enter the name of the guest under the member's and the guest's town of residence under the badge number line. The word "Guest" is unsatisfactory in the log without the guest's name and town of residence as well. Guests must be accompanied by the host member when shooting on any range. Members may have more than one guest, but must yield range positions occupied by guests to provide access for members. Guests may only be a guest three times. The Club has open membership. Former members are not eligible to be guests.

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10. Exceptions to Signing the Log

Scheduled activities such as Pistol League, Archery League, Trap League, black powder shoots, and other scheduled events, are to be found in the Club's Newsletter and members shall not log into the Range Log for these events. Range badges are not required for these events.

11. Authority

Range Officers have final authority about the use of all ranges, indoor or outdoor.

12. Memberships and Contributions

From time to time it may be appropriate for Country Pond Fish and Game Club to make contributions to charitable groups, individuals, and other organizations. Similarly, CPF&G may wish to join certain other organizations and associations. All requests for CPF&G to make contributions and to join other organizations shall be presented to the Board of Directors (BOD) by a sponsor for its determination. In most cases the decision of the BOD will be final and acted upon accordingly.

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The exceptions are:

- (1) If the membership fee or requested contribution exceeds \$600, the matter must be presented to the membership at a General Meeting for their approval; and
- (2) If the sponsor wishes to appeal the BOD's decision to the General Membership. In the latter case, a notice of the request, the BOD's decision, the rationale for the BOD's decision, and the substance of the appeal will appear in the next issue of the Club's Newsletter and the membership will vote on the matter at the following General Meeting.

13. Advertising in Newsletter

Business advertising is allowed in the Newsletter at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Advertising rates shall be as posted in the Club Newsletter.

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14. Use of Clubhouse Hall

It is a general policy that hall rentals which require closing the indoor range will be limited to one weekend event per month, and that such rentals shall be arranged with sufficient lead time to be posted in the monthly newsletter.

15. Awarding Contracts

CPF&G members will be given priority consideration when the Club contracts for products and services, such as our annual snow plowing contract.

16. FFL

Only current club members are allowed to make any purchases through the Club's FFL. Any purchases made through the Club's FFL may not be resold or transferred within one year of purchase. There will be a fee charged on all FFL orders. See the Person in charge of ordering for more details.

4 Dec 08

17. Club Activity Funds

All Club Leagues (e.g. Pistol League, Archery League, Trap League) and other regularly scheduled activities (e.g. CMP, Cowboy Action Shooting, Plate Shoots) must report their financial transactions on a monthly basis using the club's established format. All funds must be turned into the Club's general fund at the conclusion of their season. No League or ongoing activity shall at any time carry a balance of funds in excess of \$500 without permission from the Board of Directors.

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18. Trash

No personal trash or refuse is to be placed in the Club's dumpster.

19. New Members

Any new member joining the Club in October, November, or December will be entitled to membership for the balance of the current year and the entire following year for one year's dues (e.g. a member joining in October will have a fifteen month membership for the annual price).

20. League Activities and Range Closures

Any League activity that will result in any range closures must be presented to, and approved by, the Board of Directors. (See Rule 22 below regarding Club Activities)

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21. Hall Rentals - Sufficient Notice

Requests for hall rentals should be received in sufficient time to be posted in the Newsletter for the month in which the rental will occur. As a rule of thumb, 45 days advanced notice should be provided. The Board of Directors may consider requests which are not made within this time frame. However, suitable opportunity to notify the membership of any range closures should be an important consideration.

22. Club Activity Information Form

Prior to initiating any CPF&G organized activity, representatives of the proposed activity must submit a Club Activity Information Form to the Board of Directors for approval. The Activity Information Form may be obtained from the CPF&G Secretary. The Activity Information Form will contain all relevant information concerning the activity and will enable the BOD to assess the value and impact of the activity upon the Club and ensure that it is in the best interest of the Club.

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23. Range Officers

Badges, patches, and any other insignia indicating that a person is a Country Pond Fish & Game Club Range Officer shall be distributed exclusively to all Executive Officers, Directors, and such persons as the Chief Range Officer shall designate.

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24. Signs

No one shall post any sign or notice pertaining to Club information, rules, customs, instructions, warnings, or prohibitions on Club property without prior approval of the Board of Directors. All signs or notices shall have "Per order of the Board of Directors" displayed across the bottom of the sign or notice. This rule shall not apply to "For Sale" or "Services Offered" postings, obituaries, or other notices of a personal nature that may be posted on Club bulletin boards.

7 May 09

25. Law Enforcement Range Use

The President and Vice President may offer an annual Range Use Agreement to NH based law enforcement agencies. Said agreement would allow each member of the agency to use Club ranges to promote and maintain safe and proficient firearms handling. The cost of such an agreement shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall not be less than the annual rate for a Family Membership. Any such agreement must be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

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26. Newton Police

In keeping with the objectives of the Club, as outlined in Article II of the Club Constitution to provide community service, the President and Vice President may offer a membership to the Newton Police Department, subject to contractual parameters. Said membership would allow each member of the Newton PD to use any and all Club ranges to promote and maintain safe and proficient firearms handling. No other club rights or privileges are included in this membership. The cost of the membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors. This membership must be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

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