

Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association

Rules, Regulations and Policies

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Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility

Following the rule book, you will find a list of important club contacts and pictures. These documents are not part of the rule book and may be revised from time to time by the club Safety Committee without further Board approval.

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Definitions

List of abbreviations and terms with their meaning as used in this manual:

BOD	Board of Directors
Cold Range	No firearms are to be loaded or handled except when instructed by the Range Master
COF	Course of Fire
CRSO	Chief Range Safety Officer, chairperson of the RSO's (see the RSO SOP for more information)
Event	See "Shooting Event"
Event Director	The person that is running a CCFSA event
Firing Line,	The line of positions from which fire is directed at a target
Juvenile Guests	A person under the age of 18
Match Director	The person that is running a CCFSA match who may or may not report to an event Director
NRA	National Rifle Association
ODNR	Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife
Priority Use	A scheduled shooting event takes priority
Rifle/Pistol Bay	The area beginning at the firing line for that specific bay (25-yard firing line on the 25-yard bay, 50yard firing line on the 50-yard bay, etc.) extending to the backstop mound and from the left side berm to the right-side berm for that specific bay. This area could include spectator and shooter safety areas as needed for a specific shooting event.
Rifle/Pistol Ranges	Includes all the Rifle/Pistol Bays, buildings, and driveways on the southwest side of Batson Road.
Range Committee Chair	A person that has been appointed by the BOD to manage a range.
Range Master	<u>First person using the bay or range.</u> This authority can be relinquished to another club member. In the case of a shooting event, it would be the Event Director.
RSO	Range Safety Officer
RSO SOP	RSO Standard Operating Procedure Guidelines
Scheduled Event	See Shooting Event
Shooting Event,	A match, competition shoot, or training course that is being held by CCFSA or sponsored by CCFSA (See the Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association Operation and Policy Manual for more information)
Sunset	The period of time when all parts of the sun drop below the horizon.

Administrative Rules

Introduction

The purpose of the Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association is to conserve, restore, and manage game, fish, and other wildlife and wildlife habitat in Clinton County and its environs; to procure a better environment for hunters and fishermen; to promote harmony between landowners and sportsmen; to promote sportsmanship through the observance of game laws and conservation; to spread wildlife awareness among the residents of Clinton County; to support the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and Ohio State Constitution regarding the "Right to Keep and Bear Arms"; to promote the safe use of firearms; and the shooting sports.

The Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association is a non-profit organization. We try to maintain enough finances to operate the Association and maintain its facilities. The labor comes primarily from volunteers, members are responsible for routine maintenance and improvement of the facilities. If you have a particular expertise, make it known and become a volunteer.

The CCFSA facilities include clubhouse, trap ranges, skeet ranges, rifle/pistol range, archery range, walking trails, campground, ponds, and forest.

Membership

Any citizen of the United States, of suitable character and interest, after his application has been received by the Association, may be voted into membership by a majority of the active members of the Association present at any general membership meeting. The cost of a membership is determined by the CCFSA Board of Directors. CCFSA has the following types of memberships:

- **Active members** are those members who have been voted into membership and whose dues and fees are current. All active members may vote in the regular monthly meetings.
 - To be eligible to vote for members of the Board of Directors, an individual must have been an active member for not less than twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the election.

An active membership is for 12 calendar months starting when membership is approved by the Board of Directors, with renewal due within 60 days of renewal notice or no more than 30 days after your renewal date listed on membership card. After that period, your membership is considered dropped and you will be required to re-apply.

- **Charter members** are those who were present at the founding of this Association and have maintained their membership status.
- **Family Membership:** Shall consist of two adult partners residing under one roof. Only the primary member will have voting privileges.
- **Junior members** are those interested parties under the age of eighteen (18) years and whose dues are current. Junior members must have the written approval of at least one (1) parent or guardian. Junior members have no voting rights and cannot hold office in the Association. Junior members may only use the facility when accompanied by an active member.
- **Honorary Life Member** - nominated by the Board of Directors and supported by a majority vote of the active members present at the time of induction; no dues or fees shall be required. Honorary Life Members have no voting rights and cannot hold office in the Association.

- ***Distinguished Life Member*** - nominated by the Board of Directors and supported by a majority vote of the active members present at the time of induction; no dues or fees shall be required. Distinguished Life Members have voting rights and may hold office in the Association.
- ***Paid Life Member*** - may be purchased by an active member for an amount determined by the Board of Directors. Paid Life Members have voting rights and may hold office in the Association.

For more information, please see the CCFSA Bylaws.

Club Orientation

- The Orientation **is not** intended to replace the member responsibility to read and understand the rule book.
- All club members must attend Orientation to use club facilities.
- Membership cards may be available at the time of Orientation or mailed to you after Orientation has been completed. In the event of a lost membership card, a fee may be charged for replacement card at the discretion of the membership chairman.
- Use of club facilities is limited to members possessing a current Membership Card.
- Orientation will be given by a member of the Board of Directors, Range Safety Officers, or others as approved by the BOD.

Guest Policy

Members may bring guests when they use the Association's facilities. Guest privileges are not unlimited. The Association expects members to adhere to the CCFSA rules when they use the facilities for private activities. The guest policies do not apply to open shoots such as shooting matches and shooting events or other activities open to the public.

GUESTS: A member may bring two guests to the Association's facilities at any given time. An individual guest may only use the facilities THREE (3) times in one (1) year.

A current member must always remain with guest; you are responsible for your guest and their actions at all times.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY: Spouse and children who live with a member are welcome to use the facilities as often as the member wishes during a year, and a member may bring more than two at a time. Immediate family members do not have voting rights. Members must be present when the member's family members use the facilities.

Children from a previous marriage that do not live with the member are considered to be immediate family. They are welcome to use the facilities as often as a member wishes during a year, and a member may bring more than two at a time. Again, members must be present when family members use the facilities.

Children less than 18 years of age do not count toward the limit on the number of guests, provided they are accompanied by a member. Anyone under the age of 18 on the property must be in the presence of and in active oversight/control of a responsible adult in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

When you bring a guest, remember, YOU are responsible for your guest's actions and for making sure your guest is aware of and follows the Association's Safety Rules and Policies!

A MEMBER MUST ACCOMPANY ALL GUESTS WHENEVER THEY USE THE ASSOCIATION'S FACILITIES. There are two exceptions to this policy:

1. Family members or non-association members that are volunteering their time to help the association.
2. Family members camping at the campgrounds. There are many circumstances when the association member may need to leave his family (e.g., to shoot in an event, run to the store, obtain needed tools).

Due to the limited amount of acreage that the Association owns, only Association members will be allowed to hunt on the property. Please review “Hunting on Association Property” section.

Release of Liability

Family members and guests must sign a Release of Liability Form before using the Association facilities. The Release of Liability Form can be found in the box on the Rifle/Pistol Range building and in the clubhouse. The signed Release of Liability Form must be placed in the locked drop box located on the Rifle/Pistol Range building or by the back door of the clubhouse.

Hours of Operation

- All ranges are closed during Association meetings.
- When maintenance is being performed, the range on which maintenance work is being performed will be closed; other ranges may be closed as safety requires.
- Rifle/Pistol Range hours are from 9:00am until sunset (The period of time when all parts of the sun drop below the horizon). The hours may be extended for organized events, but no later than 9pm.
- Shotgun Range hours are from 9:00am until sunset. The hours may be extended for organized events, but no later than 9pm. If the range will not be used during the times/day listed, it will be noted as open on the calendar.
- Archery Range hours are from sunrise until sunset.
- Walking Trails hours are restricted use. Please see Range Specific Rules for Walking Trails.
- Lakes/Ponds are restricted use. Please see Range Specific Rules for Lake/Ponds.
- Campgrounds have no limit to the hours of operation or use.
- Hunting is restricted use. Please see Range Specific Rules for Hunting

Please check the calendar at CCFSA website or other member communications for scheduled shoot dates, special events dates, and times.

Parking Policies

Designated Parking

Please Park only on graveled surfaces.

Do not drive or park on the gravel walkways located on the Rifle/Pistol range. These walkways start at the firing line extending to the targets stands.

Overflow Parking

Will be designated by the Range Committee Chair or the Event Director if the Range Committee Chair is absent.

Scheduled Activities

There are scheduled events that take place on the shooting ranges throughout the year. There are also special events that take place in the clubhouse several times a year, such as dinners, raffles, and hunter safety courses. The Range Committees will organize all events. However, the Board of Directors has final approval of any event that is held.

Guests or non-members of CCFSA are welcome to participate in CCFSA scheduled shooting events.

The schedule for all recurring events will be presented to the membership with as much notice as possible. Additions and cancellations may be made to this schedule through the established procedures. Any schedule additions

requiring the cancellation of an event already on the calendar will require the approval of the committee chair, the event director, or the board of directors. The member can reference CCFSA Scheduling Procedures and Guidelines.

ATVs

- The use of ATVs is limited to work projects only, no joy riding.
- Operators of ATVs must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license and a release of liability form signed and on file.
- Handicapped shooters may request permission to use an ATV from the appropriate committee chair or an event director if shooting in an event.

Please see the Operations and Policy Manual for clarification of the policy.

Alcohol

- The consuming of alcohol is prohibited on any CCFSA property
- Never use alcohol, any drug or substance that causes mental and or physical impairment before or while using CCFSA facilities.

Loaded Carry on CCFSA Grounds

Pistols may be carried either openly or concealed but must remain holstered at all times while not on the firing line.

If there is a need to display or present your firearm to others, you must unload and clear the firearm at a safe location such as the Rifle/Pistol Range or a clearing barrel, if available. This will help to contain a bullet should there be a negligent discharge.

When there is a shooting event, the bays used for the event may be operated as "Cold Ranges". That means no firearms are to be loaded except when instructed by the Range Officer. Please unload your firearm or leave the firearm properly secured in your vehicle before entry to the ranges. After the event is over you may re-arm yourself.

CCFSA's Board of Directors and/or Event Director has the authority to declare an event and/or meeting as a no loaded firearms allowed zone. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We also ask that you leave your firearm properly secured in your vehicle for the classroom portion of firearms training courses and during ODNR Hunter Education Courses. This is a requirement by ODNR and the NRA.

Responsibilities of Members

- The club needs volunteers to help.
 - The Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association is a non-profit organization. We try to maintain enough finances to operate the Association and maintain its facilities. In an effort to keep membership and shooting event fees low we primarily use volunteer labor to maintain the facilities. The Club president, all of the BOD, the Event Directors, the person mowing the grass and emptying the trash are all volunteer workers. They are association members that are volunteering their time helping your club. We need plumbers, carpenters, electricians, small engine mechanics, and much more. It takes a lot of help to keep the club open and in good condition.
 - If you donate sixteen (16) hours of work annually you will be eligible to hunt on CCFSA property. Please see "Hunting on Association Property".
 - Please consider calling a CCFSA committee or member and volunteer some of your time to your club.
- Pay dues on time to prevent lapse in membership.

- A lapse in membership of more than 30 days will require a re-Orientation and is treated as a new membership.
- Follow the Range Rules when using the ranges.
- Treat others in the club with respect and courtesy.
- Help new members in learning and understanding about the club operations and activities.
- When a member has a question, take time to help them out. If you don't know the answer, try to refer them to someone who does.
- If a member is using CCFSA materials or equipment, that member is responsible for returning the equipment to the proper storage location and in usable condition. Materials or equipment **must** also be returned in a clean, undamaged condition. If damage occurs, please report it to the appropriate person.
- Set the example for other members to follow.

General Information

- A copy of our bylaws will be made available to any member upon request.
- During scheduled Law Enforcement use of any bays or club house those facilities and activities are completely off limits to club membership (check CCFSA calendar for availability)
- Any Training, seminars, or other use of the CCFSA facilities not defined by the rule book must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Emergency Contact Information

Should a medical emergency exist, and you need emergency help do the following:

1. Call 911
 - a. Address is: 301 Batson Road, Wilmington Ohio 45177
 - b. Closest Intersecting Road is: Berlin Road.
2. Remain calm and assist as you feel comfortable.
3. Send someone to the Clubhouse to direct emergency vehicles/personnel.

For all Non-Medical Emergencies/Incidents you will find emergency contact numbers posted on the ranges and in the clubhouse. If a Range Safety Office (RSO) is available, please allow the RSO to take charge.

General Association Rules

The following rules/policies apply to all the Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association land and facilities. Members are expected to enforce these rules/policies on themselves and each other.

Please be sure to have your current membership card with you whenever you use the facilities. If another member asks to see it, please don't take offense. Thank him for helping keep our facilities free of trespassers.

Conduct

Abusive, obnoxious, or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Conduct yourself in a safe and courteous manner, respecting the rights of members and neighbors.

Fundamental Rules for Safe Gun Handling

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot or until the command "commence firing" is given.

Rules for Using or Storing a Gun

- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- Always treat a firearm as if it were loaded, and never leave a loaded firearm unattended.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Always wear eye and ear protection unless otherwise stated.
- Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting activities. No open container of an alcoholic beverage is allowed on or in clubhouse, parking lot, or shooting ranges during shooting activities. Any person who has consumed, or is believed to have consumed, an alcoholic beverage will not be allowed to shoot. We will not argue with anyone under the influence. Violators will be evicted by the Sheriff's Department.
- Unattended and racked firearms shall be unloaded.
- Firearms being handled away from the firing line shall be unloaded. Pistols may be carried in a holster.
- A holstered pistol will be considered a safe firearm. Please read "Loaded Carry on CCFSA Grounds".
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons
- Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

General Safety Rules

- Know and obey all range rules.
- No illegal activities are allowed on the property.
- Know where others are located all times.
- Shoot only at authorized targets.

- Stop shooting immediately upon hearing the command “Cease Firing.”
- Do not shoot at hard surfaces, the range surface, at water, or target stands.
- Beware of fatigue – it can cause a person to become careless, clumsy, or inattentive.
- Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, applying makeup, or placing your hands in proximity to your mouth or nose while on the range or cleaning a gun to minimize exposure to airborne particulate lead, solvent, lead from air gun projectiles, and cleaning product residues.
- Special concerns: Pregnant women, children under seven years of age, and others who may have concerns should consult a physician before shooting or visiting a shooting range.
- Do not drive a motor vehicle on the ranges. This may cause ruts on the range. Motor vehicles may be used on the ranges during range maintenance and shooting events as a prop at the discretion of the Range Committee Chair.
- Do not share your membership card with other members or non-members.

Special Consideration for Event Shoots

Refer to Event Directors guides for rules governing organized events.

A list of safety rules could never address all situations. Association members are expected to be safety conscious and responsible at all times. Remember, most shooting range accidents are caused by ignorance and/or carelessness. Always be aware of what is going on around you on the range.

Area Specific Rules

Rifle/Pistol Range

Introduction

The following rules are in addition to the General Association Rules. All Association rules apply. These rules are specific to the Rifle/Pistol Range:

Range Policies

- Use of the Range is limited to members who have received an Orientation and have received their membership card.
- Membership card must be displayed.
- Do not share your membership card with other members or non-members.
- Do not share the combination to the range gate with non-members.
- All authorized members and guests must sign-in and out at the range building, noting name or orientation number, date, and time of use.
- Absent specific rules, shooters will follow generally accepted firearm safety standards and use good common sense.
- The first person on the bay is the Range Master, unless relinquished.
- When entering or exiting the primary gate (automatic gate) verify it has opened and close property.
- When entering or exiting the event gate (manual gate) to the range, close and lock the gate behind you.
- During scheduled Law Enforcement use of any bays, they are completely off limits to club membership (check CCFSA calendar for availability)

Range Restrictions

- CCFSA does allow automatic (Class III) firearms to be fired as long as they are fired in semi-automatic mode (one round is fired for one pull of the trigger.) No two, three, or more rounds burst for one pull of the trigger may be fired. CCFSA doesn't allow any device, method or modification that allows one to simulate 'automatic fire', including, but not limited to; 'bump fire', 'slide fire', etc."
- No tracer, incendiary, or high explosive ammunition.
- No aerial targets
- Only paper targets attached to target frames or stationary polymer targets may be used. Attach paper targets with staples or by other non-destructive means.
 - During organized sanctioned events other types of targets may be used.
- Personal steel targets are not permitted to be used except for organized sanctioned events held by CCFSA.
 - Only lead bullets may be used when shooting at steel targets unless the target has a protective cover that will prevent a ricochet/catch the bullet or the range has been designed for the use of metal targets.
 - Other organizations or groups wishing to use steel targets must obtain written approved from the Rifle/Pistol Range Committee Chair. A copy of the written approval will be placed in the Pistol Range file Rifle/binder with the Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association Operation and Policy Manual.

- Target and target frames will be placed as close as possible to the backstop mounds.
- Do not shoot toward or in a manner that would allow your fired bullet to impact the side berms on the range.
- Shooters shall leave no trash other than in supplied containers.
- No live ammunition is to be left at the range whatsoever. Remember we have houses nearby with curious children.
- **Do not shoot at target supports. Violators will be charged for repair of the supports.**
- **There are some that wish to pattern their shotguns on the rifle/pistol ranges. Only use the target stands that are constructed using the orange snow fence. Do not shoot the target frames, target supports or insulation boards with a shotgun or any firearm that shoots a shot shell, you may provide your own target such as a cardboard box for this purpose.**
- **All members using the range must display their membership card in plain sight on their person.**

Safety

- All firearms will be kept unloaded, and detachable magazines removed, until the shooter is on the firing line or shooting station. Your action must be kept open and/or chamber flags must be in place. Unattended and racked firearms shall be unloaded. Firearms being handled away from the firing line shall be unloaded. Pistols loaded or unloaded may be carried in a holster.
- Firearms on the firing line will be pointed directly down range at all times or they may be placed in the gun stands with the muzzle pointed upward and the action open. Pistols may be holstered.
- Cease-fires are called by the Range Master or, in his/her absence, by mutual consent of the shooters on the line. When a cease-fire is called, all firearms must immediately be unloaded, magazines removed, and actions locked open.
- Firearms may not be handled, nor may any shooter approach the firing line during a cease-fire.
- Only after a cease-fire has been called and all shooters have acknowledged the safety status of their firearms may shooters proceed downrange to check and change their targets.
- The Range Master or shooter who has called the cease-fire is responsible for safely ending the cease-fire by ensuring that all shooters have returned to the cease-fire line and that the range is clear again.
- Each firing position on the firing line has a corresponding target frame directly downrange. Each shooter must shoot only at a paper target properly attached to that target frame. Do not shoot diagonally across the range.
- Anyone approaching the firing line or on the firing line must be wearing eye and ear protection. Some organizations using CCFSA ranges may have slightly different or more stringent standards for their shooters. Please check with their shoot director or the Rifle/Pistol Range Committee Chair for more information if you have any questions.
- Black powder shooters must keep powder containers closed and secure and may not smoke within ten feet of any powder or store the powder containers within ten feet of the firing line.
- Pistol or rifle shooters that do not wish to shoot the full length of a range may physically move up to their targets to shoot at a shorter distance. Remember, target and target frames will be placed as close as possible to the backstop mounds. Please take the requirements of other shooters on the range into consideration.

A list of safety rules could never address all situations. Association members are expected to be safety conscious and responsible at all times. Remember, most shooting range accidents are caused by ignorance and/or carelessness. Always be aware of what is going on around you on the range.

Shotgun Range

Introduction

The following rules are in addition to the General Association Rules. All General Association rules apply.

These rules and policies are specific to Shotgun Range use:

Range Restrictions

- Only lead shot, size 7.5 to 9, is allowed on the Shotgun Range.
- Other shot sizes and shot made of steel or other materials, are prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Shotgun Committee Chairperson for a specific event
- 3-inch shotshells and larger are prohibited on the Shotgun Range.
- 10-gauge and larger shotshells are prohibited on the Shotgun Range
- Only shotguns with a full stock and 18-inch barrel length or longer are permitted on the Shotgun Range, unless authorized by an Event Director for a specific event.

Range Scheduling and Use

- During scheduled times, the Shotgun Range has Priority Use over woodland, pond, and other activities that cannot be performed when the Shotgun Range is in use. Scheduled times can be found on the CCFSA Calendar. These times are routinely scheduled on Wednesdays and Sundays, and at other days/times as needed. Please refer to the CCFSA Calendar to verify the scheduled times for Shotgun Range Priority Use. Only the Shotgun Committee Chairperson can modify the scheduled times.
- During times of Priority Use, members and guests using a portion of club property that conflicts with the use of the Shotgun Range must, in a timely manner, make arrangements to allow use of the Shotgun Range.
- During non-scheduled times, use of the Shotgun Range is on a first come, first-served basis relative to woodland, pond, and other activities that cannot be performed when the Shotgun Range is in use.

Skeet/Trap Machines

- The clay target machines located on the Shotgun Range may only be operated by CCFSA members who are designated as Authorized Users by the Shotgun Committee. The Shotgun Committee can grant permission for Authorized Users to operate certain portions of the Shotgun Range.
- Authorized Users must perform all setup and close-down of the clay target machines. Following use, de-cock and power off all target machines, and secure the Shotgun Range buildings before leaving.
- Adjustment or repairs to CCFSA clay target machines shall only be made by Shotgun Committee personnel or a person specifically designated by the Shotgun Committee, as needed.

Hand Throwers and Portable Traps

- CCFSA Members may use their own hand throwers and portable traps on the Shotgun Range when the clay target machines are not available for use. Only clay targets designed for shotgun shooting may be used on the Shotgun Range. Paper and cardboard targets may be used for patterning.
- All other General Association and Shotgun Range rules apply when using hand throwers and portable traps.

Safety

- Firearm muzzles shall be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- When not on a firing line or station, all guns shall be handled with actions open and chambers empty.
- When not on a firing line or station, detachable magazines shall be removed and fixed magazines empty.
- Unattended and racked firearms shall be unloaded.
- No gun shall be loaded until the shooter is on the shooting station or firing line and the range is designated clear to fire (hot). Loaded is considered as having any part of any shell in any gun.
- Never load more than two shotshells into any firearm when using the Shotgun Range, unless authorized by an Event Director for a specific event.
- Eye and ear protection are required to be worn by all shooters, and any others on the range.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Shoot only from designated shooting stations, unless authorized by an Event Director for a specific event.
- Before moving off the shooting station or firing line, unload your gun and keep the action open.
- Any loaded gun shall be kept pointed in a direction that will not endanger other shooters, range personnel, or spectators. In general, loaded guns should always be pointed down-range.
- When a cease-fire is called, all firearms shall immediately be unloaded, and actions opened.
- In the event of a misfire or malfunction, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, carefully open the action, unload the gun, and check barrels for obstructions.
- Never load targets into or otherwise handle a clay target machine unless it is de-cocked and powered off.
- Do not walk directly in front of a target machine unless it is de-cocked and powered off.

Other Policies

- When using the Shotgun Range outside of scheduled events, all members and guests must sign-in and sign-out at the Clubhouse. When signing in, verify that there are no pre-existing users in areas that conflict with the use of the Shotgun Range.
- Before shooting, Shotgun Range users must conduct safety checks of the surrounding area, verify that the "Shotgun Range Closed" sign is not deployed, and then raise the "Shotgun Range In Use" flag. The flag should be lowered and stowed at the conclusion of shooting.
- Safety checks before using the Shotgun Range include an inspection for any evidence of people in an area that is unsafe during use of the Shotgun Range. Unsafe areas include the front pond, back pond, and woodlands. An open gate at the edge of the woodlands indicates a person may be in an unsafe area.
- Always follow the rules and regulations published by a recognized organization for the discipline you are shooting (National Skeet Shooting Association, Amateur Trapshooting Association, etc.).
- Shooters shall place all trash items in the appropriate containers.
- No live ammunition is to be left on the range whatsoever.
- Shooters will pick up their empty shells and dispose of them properly (or take them home).

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Archery Area

Introduction

The following rules are in addition to the General Association Rules. All Association rules apply. These rules are specific to the Archery Area:

Please check the CCFSA Calendar for times that shotgun or archery may be scheduled to be active.

Range Policies

- All authorized members and guests must sign-in at the clubhouse building, noting name or orientation number, date, and time of use. If your activity puts you in the shotgun range fall zone you must verify that the “Shotgun Range In Use flag” is not raised on the flagpole. Users must then deploy the “Shotgun Range Closed” sign.
- When you are finished you must sign out at the club house and close the “Shotgun Range Closed” sign to indicate that the Shotgun Range is no longer closed.
- If you are planning on using the indoor range, please contact the archery committee chair for approval. If you so desire the committee chair will contact the scheduling committee to reserve your time slot.
- All trash will be picked up and disposed of properly (or taken home).
 - When shooting archery follow the sanctioned event rules for the type of archery that you’re shooting.

Safety

1. When shooting Field Archery Course, you must start and finish at the campgrounds.
2. Shoot only at a designated target in an appropriate shooting area.
3. All archers shoot from and straddle a common shooting line.
4. Arrows are to be nocked and crossbows are to be cocked only after the shooting area is cleared and shooters are on the common line.
5. Don't draw the bow with a nocked arrow unless you are going to release the arrow.
6. Arrows are considered shot (spent) if they fall from the bow and cannot be reached with the aid of the bow while standing astride the shooting line.
7. After shooting your designated number of arrows, step back from the shooting line until the signal to retrieve is given.
8. Retrieve arrows only on the appropriate signal.
9. Never shoot an arrow up in the air.
10. Prior to each shooting session, the archers should carefully check bows and arrows to make sure both are in a proper state of repair.
11. Never shoot (release) your bow or crossbow without an arrow or bolt in it (DRY FIRE).
12. Avoid wearing bulky clothes or jewelry that might interfere with shooting.
13. Make certain arrows are the proper length for your reach.
14. Always be conscious of the possible dangers of bows and arrows.
15. The first person on the range is the Range Safety Person/ Range Master, unless relinquished.

A list of safety rules could never address all situations. Association members are expected to be safety

conscious and responsible at all times. Remember, most shooting range accidents are caused by ignorance and/or carelessness. Always be aware of what is going on around you on the range.

Walking Trails

Introduction

The following rules are in addition to the General Association Rules. All Association rules apply. These rules are specific to the Walking Trails:

Please refer to the “CCFSA Property Aerial Photograph” to view location and names of the walking trails.

Hours

You must be aware that due to the location of these trails their use is restricted!

- Anytime a shotgun range or archery range is active, the walking trails are closed.

Please check the CCFSA Calendar for times that shotgun or archery may be scheduled to shoot.

Policies

- All authorized members and guests must sign-in at the clubhouse building, noting name or orientation number, date, and time of use. You must verify that the “Shotgun Range In Use” flag is not raised on the flagpole. Users must then deploy the “Shotgun Range Closed” sign.
- Swimming in the ponds or creek is strictly prohibited.
- All trash will be picked up and disposed of properly (or taken home).
- Pets are welcome, but we ask that they're kept under control or always leashed.
- When you are finished you must sign out at the club house and close the “Shotgun Range Closed” sign to indicate that the Shotgun Range is no longer closed.

Lakes/Ponds

Introduction

The following rules are in addition to the General Association Rules. All Association rules apply. These rules are specific to the Lakes/Ponds:

The CCFSA has two ponds which members are welcome to use. Please refer to the “CCFSA Property Aerial Photograph” to view location of the ponds.

Hours

You must be aware that due to the location of these ponds their use is restricted!

- Anytime a shotgun or archery range is active the ponds are closed.

Please check the CCFSA Calendar for times that shotgun or archery may be scheduled to shoot.

Policies

- All authorized members and guests must sign-in at the clubhouse building, noting name or orientation number, date, and time of use. You must verify that the “Shotgun Range In Use” flag is not raised on the flagpole. Users must then deploy the “Shotgun Range Closed” sign.
- You may drive to the back pond. However, do not drive across the shotgun ranges. An access road is available for use. See “CCFSA Property Aerial Photograph”.
- When using the back pond, the gate is to remain open, indicating that someone is at the pond.
- When leaving the back pond, close the gate, indicating that no one is at the pond.
- Anyone fishing in the ponds must comply with state fishing laws. (No Fishing License Required)
- The ponds will be catch and release only. Special harvest only at the direction of the committee chair. Do not leave fish on the grounds, and please do not put them in the trash. Do not clean fish on club property.
- Swimming is strictly prohibited.

Campgrounds

Introduction

The following rules are in addition to the General Association Rules. All Association rules apply. These rules are specific to the Campgrounds:

Policies

- Use is limited to Association members and their families. An Association member must be present when using the Campgrounds, unless used by the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts. Out of town guests who are participating in Association events may use the Campgrounds. Other groups may use the Campgrounds with Board approval.
- All authorized members and guests must sign-in at the clubhouse building, noting name or orientation number, date, and time of use.
- Members must schedule the use of the campgrounds with the Committee Chairperson.
- We ask for a donation for the use of electricity. The donation is based on the honor system. Please place the donation in the Release of Liability Form (ROLF) box behind clubhouse.

Restrictions

- No trees will be cut, removed, or impacted in any way without specific written permission from the Committee Chairperson.
- Open fires will be allowed, but they must be contained within a fire ring and have a flame height of no more than 4 feet.
- All trash will be picked up and disposed of properly (or taken home).
- Persons under age 18 cannot camp overnight unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- PETS - we welcome pets, but we ask that they're kept under control or always leashed.
- The consuming of alcohol is prohibited on CCFSA property.

Safety

- When using the Campgrounds, please review the “Specific Rules” for walking trails and lakes/ponds. Please pay special attention to the “Hours of Operation” and the CCFSA Calendar of Events on the web site.

Hunting on Association Property

Introduction

The following rules are in addition to the General Association Rules. All Association rules apply. These rules are specific to hunting on association property:

Hours

Hours are from sunrise until sunset only. No hunting is allowed during association meetings, maintenance, anytime a shotgun range or archery range are active.

Please check the CCFSA's Calendar for other times that shotgun or archery may be scheduled to

Guest Policy

Due to the limited amount of acreage that the Association owns, only Association members will be allowed to hunt on the property.

Restrictions

- All authorized members must sign-in at the clubhouse building, noting name or orientation number, date, and time of use. You must verify that the "Shotgun Range In Use" flag is not raised on the flagpole. Users must then deploy the "Shotgun Range Closed" sign.
- You must be aware that due to the many possible hunting locations, hunting is restricted!
- **Members must have written permission to hunt or trap on Association property** by the Lake/Hunting/Camping Conservation Committee Chairperson or Association President. A maximum of four (4) hunters will be allowed to hunt on CCFSA Property at any time. Only members who have donated a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of work annually to CCFSA will be given permission to hunt.
- Archery hunting only will be allowed. No slug guns, rifles, black powder guns, or pistols. Hunting on any of the shooting ranges is not permitted
- Hunters must have a valid State Hunting License, Permit, or Stamp.
- When you are finished hunting you must sign out at the club house and close the "Shotgun Range Closed" sign to indicate that the Shotgun Range is no longer closed.

Enforcement of Range Rules

Range Safety Officers (RSO's)

The Range Safety Officer (RSO) is a volunteer CCFSA member that meets the following training requirements.

- Taken the National Rifle Association RSO course and received a completion certificate. The NRA RSO credentials are not required.
- Pass a written examination given by the Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) on the Clinton County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association Rules, Regulations and Policies booklet and the CCFSA Standard Operating Procedures for RSO Guidelines for reporting and acting upon all safety violations and injuries (including firearms-related safety violation reports), and injury reports and their disposition.

The RSO must remain active within the club and maintain his/her CCFSA membership.

The RSOs have the responsibility of maintaining the safety and security of the individual disciplines and ranges as defined by this manual, and the protection of CCFSA club property from acts of irresponsible or dangerous firearms use. This is done by education of the membership and notifying individual shooters if they observe a behavior or use of club property that is unsafe or contrary to the rules within this manual and the RSO SOP.

The RSO is the final authority on range safety, his ruling on range safety is the final word above all other range personnel to include an event director.

An RSO has the authority to:

- Give the CCFSA Orientation to members
- Enforce all shooting range rules and policies of CCFSA
- Exert jurisdiction over non-firearms infractions
- Educate range users on CCFSA Policies and Rules
- Remove violators from the range should he/she deem it necessary to protect CCFSA from damage or prevent injuries.

An RSO shall exhibit the RSO sticker on his range badge.

Should an RSO wish to speak to you about a range violation or offer you some help, please be courteous and polite, he is only trying to help you and the club.

Please contact the Chief Range Safety Officer for more information or if you wish to be a CCFSA Range Safety Officer or see the RSO Standard Operating Procedures manual for more information.

Violations

Any shooter who has been observed violating these rules or any other firearm safety rule may, at the discretion of the Range Master, Range Committee member, a Board of Directors member, or Range Safety Officer, be ejected from the Range.

A written report by the individual who observed the violation will be given to the Chief Range Safety Officer or Association President and placed in the RSO filing cabinet. An electronic copy of the report will also be filed with the club Secretary for records purpose. The Board of Directors will judge the seriousness of the violation and determine the appropriate penalty. Shooters who endanger safety will be subject to suspension.

Association members who observe safety or range use violations without taking immediate action may be subject to suspension. Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility.

CCFSA Disciplinary Code

There are two degrees of seriousness for violations.

- Minor Violations
- Major Violations

Some examples of Minor violations are, but are not limited to:

- No eye and/or ear protection while on the firing line or in an immediate area where shooting is taking place.
- To include, but not limited to violations of “General Association Rules”.
- Not reporting rule violations as observed to the appropriate committee chairman, Board of Directors member(s), or Association President.

Some examples of Major violations are, but not limited to:

- To include but not limited to violations of “Conduct” as set forth in the General Associations Rules.
- Any action or conduct that is negligent in nature or that could reasonably cause serious harm/ death to another person or damage to property.
- Blatantly unsafe action or conduct by any club member.
- Repeated Minor violations.
- Infractions of the Association’s alcohol consumption policy as set forth in the General Associations Rules.

Penalties for rules violations generally should be, but are not limited to, of a progressive nature. Some examples of penalties for a Minor rules violation are, but not limited to:

- Verbal reprimand by the observing party.
- Summons to appear, by certified or express mail, before the Board of Directors for a verbal reprimand.
- Written reprimand by the Board of Directors. In this case, a copy of the written reprimand will go to the Association President, Secretary, and Membership Committee Chairman to be noted in the offender’s membership history.
- Restitution.

Some examples of penalties for Major rules violations are, but are not limited to:

- Written reprimand by the Board of Directors (copy of which will be placed in the offending member’s “membership history” file).
- Period of suspension from all Association activities, and property for a length of time to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Written reprimand (copy of which will be placed in the offending member’s “membership history” file) and suspension from the Association by the Board of Directors.
- Restitution.
- Expulsion from the Association, which at the discretion of the Board of Directors may be permanent.

- Legal action of either civil or criminal nature.

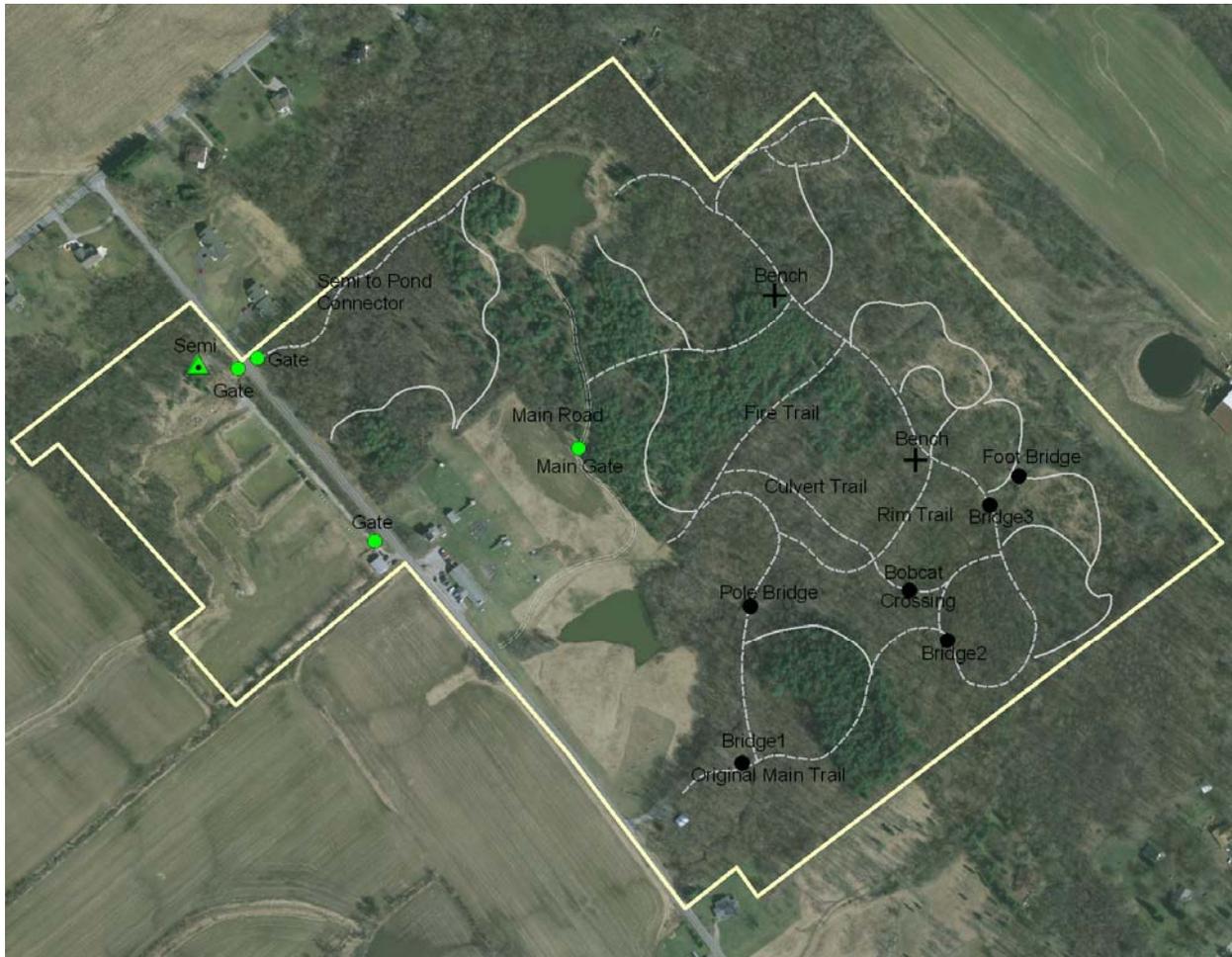
Repeated Minor violations, 2 or more, will result in any subsequent violations being upgraded to a Major violation at the Board of Directors discretion.

If, the Association's Board of Directors deems that a disciplinary hearing is necessary, the offending member will be notified of such by certified or express mail. Also, any member who has been reprimanded for a disciplinary code violation will have the right to request a hearing before the Board of Directors of the Association to present their perception of the incident in question.

If after a disciplinary hearing has taken place and the Associations Board of Directors have deemed that a member is to be expelled from the Association, there will be no refund of the member's dues.

All penalties for disciplinary code infractions are at the discretion of the Association's Board of Directors.

CCFSA property aerial photograph of the areas that are usable by the membership.

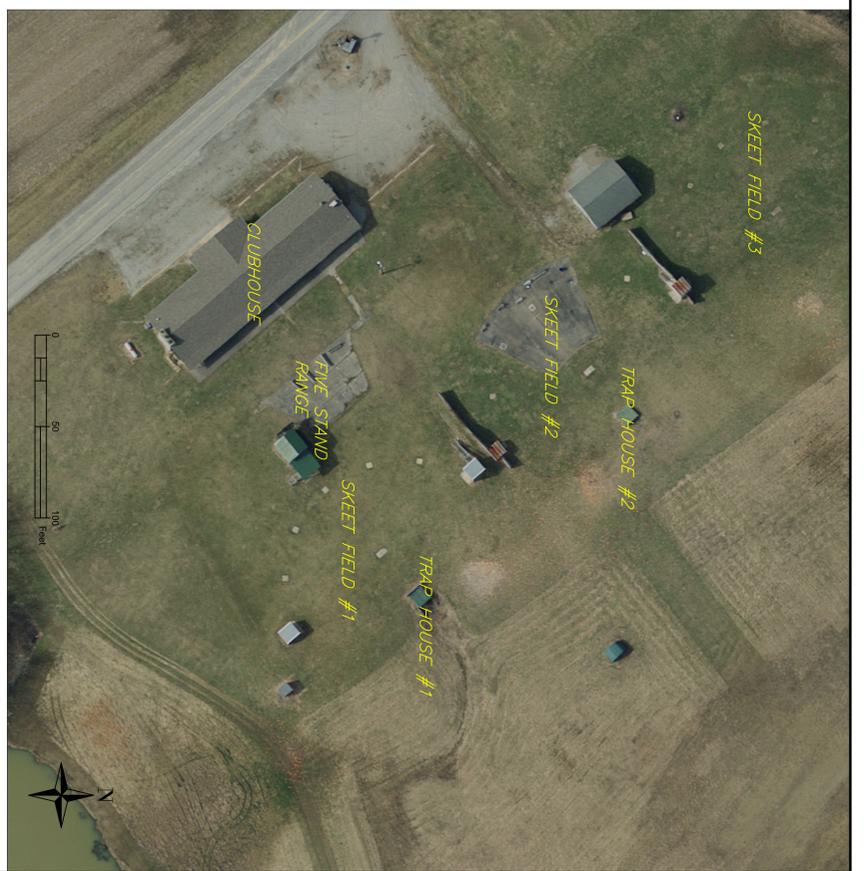


Club Layout, Property Lines and Walking Trails

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SHOTGUN RANGE BOUNDARY





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