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Club and Range Rules

Note: Reference throughout these Rules
to either "ASC" or the "Club" mean Andover Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

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GENERAL GUN SAFETY RULES

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the action open and gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. Know how the gun operates.
5. Be sure your gun and ammunition are compatible.
6. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
7. Wear eye and ear protection.
8. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting.
9. Be aware that circumstances may require additional rules unique to a particular situation.

SPECIFIC RULES

- 1.00 **SAFETY.** Safety is of the utmost importance. It is expected that all members who observe anyone using poor judgment or committing an act that is in violation of the ASC Rules, remind that person of proper safety procedures. If need be, the Range Director is to be notified either in person or by filing a "Safety Violation/Accidental Discharge Form", to be deposited in the office, indicating the nature of the violation and the badge number or the name of the individual committing the violation. If neither the badge number nor the name of the violator is, known, then the vehicle make and registration number should be included as the identifying information.
- 1.01 **SAFE CONDITIONS.** The use of unsafe firearms or unsafe ammunition is prohibited. It shall be at the discretion of a Range Officer whether a condition is safe.
- 1.02 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR MEDICATION.** The consumption of alcoholic beverages, either prior to or while using any range facility, is prohibited. The use or consumption of any drugs or medication which impairs ones vision or coordination, either prior to or while using any range facility, is prohibited. No alcohol or drugs allowed at all on the ranges. Smoking is not permitted in the Clubhouse or in the Indoor Range.
- 1.03 **GUEST POLICY.** The fundamental rule of our guest policy is that the member is fully responsible for the actions of his/her guest and will be responsible to compensate the club for damage to club property for damage caused by his/her guests
- Range use by Guests.** A member may bring his/her immediate family members, defined as his/her spouse, minor children or stepchildren, brothers, sisters, and parents who are non-members as his/her guests to the club to use the range facilities an unlimited number of times.
- A member may bring other non-members as guests to use the range facilities as well. However, he/she may only bring the same non-member three times in the same calendar year. This restriction does not apply in the case whereby said non-members participate in events open to the public, e.g. Trap, Beginners Archery Training, Basic Pistol Training, Archery Shoots, and Boy Scouts.
- A member may bring a maximum of three guests at a time. While on the Indoor Range or on the Outdoor Range, the member and guests are allowed to use only one firing port.
- Each range has specific rules for supervising guests, please be sure to read and understand them.
- 1.04 **HOURS OF OPERATION.** No discharge of firearms is to occur on any outdoor range prior to 9:00 a.m. No discharge of firearms is to occur on any outdoor range after sunset except where proper lighting has been provided by the Club. The indoor range is open 24 hours a day.
- 1.05 **FIRING LINE.** Shooting on all ranges must be from the designated firing lines and must be in line with the shooter's own target. No shooting ahead of the line is allowed in any of the ASC ranges except during special events.

SPECIFIC RULES CONTINUED ...

- 1.06 **LOADING AND UNLOADING.** All loading and unloading of firearms must be done at the firing line after observing the safe range condition. All firearms must be unloaded, and the actions of all rifles, shotguns, and pistols, cylinders of all revolvers, and single action loading gates must be open with magazines and/or clips removed, except when on the firing line and "ready to fire". This rule does not apply to firearms that are either cased or holstered. The actions of firearms may be closed if the firearm is holstered or cased.
- 1.07 **MISFIRES AND DEFECTIVE AMMUNITION.** Should any cartridge fail to fire during shooting, the shooter shall bench the firearm, keeping the muzzle pointed down range and wait 60 seconds before removing the cartridge and placing it in the "dud bucket". Defective or unsafe ammunition shall be placed in the "dud bucket". Ammunition placed in the "dud bucket" is deemed unacceptable for use on any range and any attempt to reuse it shall not be made.
- 1.08 **PROHIBITED AMMUNITION.** No tracer rounds or armor piercing and steel core ammunition are permitted on Club property.
- 1.09 **CONTROLLED FIRE.** Sustained fire is acceptable only when ones ability allows that all shots are on paper at the speed they are shooting.
- 1.10 **TARGETS.** Only paper targets mounted on Club supplied frames may be fired at with rifles and handguns, except for shooting at Club provided steel targets at the Outdoor Range. Only paper targets or clay pigeons may be fired at with shotguns. Plinking (shooting at cans, rocks, glass bottles, etc.) is strictly prohibited. The use of explosive targets is prohibited, except when used in a special Club event. Silhouette targets, i.e. any target that looks like a person or a silhouette of a person or part of a silhouette of a person is prohibited and is a violation of Massachusetts law.
- 1.11 **SHOOTING DISTANCES.** All shooting must be from prescribed distances, and only at those range areas with backstops, with the exception of the Trap and Archery Range.
- 1.12 **RANGE ALTERATION.** No range may be altered without the permission of the Range Director.
- 1.13 **QUICK DRAW.** Quick draw practice or hip shooting is prohibited other than by a "Special Use Permit" obtained from the Club Security Officer.
- 1.14 **POLICING.** Members are responsible for policing any range area that they or their guest(s) use. All refuse including paper, cardboard, wood, and non-reclaimable spent shell casings must be deposited in proper receptacles.
- 1.15 **NO HUNTING.** There is to be absolutely no hunting or intentional firing at any animals or birds on Club property.

SPECIFIC RULES CONTINUED ...

- 1.16 **CONDITIONS.** It shall be at the discretion of a Range Officer whether a condition is safe or unsafe. It is the host member's responsibility to make certain that their guests are not in violation of any Club Bylaw or Range Rule.
- 1.17 **INJURY.** Anyone who sustains any kind of bodily injury, shall notify the Club Security Officer and if he is not present, then either a member of the Board of Directors or a Range Officer.
- 1.18 **REQUEST FOR VARIANCE.** Any procedures, special requests or variation of these Range Rules, which may or may not be covered, must be approved by the Board of Directors
- 1.19 **BADGES.** Badges must be visible at all times while on Club property. Refusal to identify one's self or one's guest will be cause for any person to be asked to vacate Club property.
- 1.20 **VIOLATIONS.** Penalties for violations of any of these Range Rules shall vary from a warning, to suspension and may include expulsion.
- 1.21 **PROTECTION.** Eye and Ear Protection must be worn on Indoor, Outdoor and Trap Ranges.

ARCHERY RANGE

Firearms:Holstered Hand Guns only are allowed. (Not to be used)

Bow Type:.....This range is for all types of bows.

- 2.00 No shooting from inside the shelter.
- 2.01 Only practice or target arrows are to be used on the targets.
- 2.02 Broad heads to be used in the broad head target only.
- 2.03 Use extreme caution when shooting from the tree stand.
- 2.04 You must proceed one way only on 3-D Archery Course. Follow all stations in numerical order. (FOLLOW THE TRAIL)
- 2.05 Broken arrows or any other discarded paraphernalia is not to be left on the Archery Range. PLEASE DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY.
- 2.06 If licensed, you may only use a crossbow on the practice range.
- 2.07 PROHIBITED Walking with an arrow on your bow.
- 2.08 PROHIBITED Moving any archery target from its location.
- 2.09 CAUTION When looking for a lost arrow behind the targets, always hang bow or something visible on the front of the target or have someone stand in front of the target.

TRAP RANGE

Caliber	.410, .28, .20, .16, .12 gauges
Maximum Load	3 dram
Firearm type	Shotgun only
Maximum capacity	1 Round or 2 depending on course of fire

- 3.00 Amateur Trapshooting Association rules shall prevail in the absence of an ASC Rule.
- 3.01 No shot larger than 7 1/2 may be used.
- 3.02 Single load only at your turn. Two shells allowed when shooting double.
- 3.03 All actions open and chamber empty before or while changing stations.
- 3.04 No shooting at the trap house.
- 3.05 Clay targets only allowed on the Trap Range.
- 3.06 All launching machines are permitted only on the dirt, not on the concrete unless being placed on a fully vibration resistant pad approved in advance by the Trap Range Director.
- 3.07 The minimum age on the range is 15 years old unless that person has successfully completed the ASC Youth Trap Training class.
- 3.08 No one may go downrange during Trap operations without an approved operator.
- 3.09 Shooters are required to pick up and dispose of their trash before leaving the range.

INDOOR RANGE

Caliber	Air gun lead pellets, any handgun up to .45 caliber - The use of magnum ammunition of any kind is strictly prohibited.
Maximum Load	Standard and High velocity (except Magnum)
Firearm types	Air guns, handguns and only rifles shooting .22LR, .22Short, .22CB, or .22 BB caps are allowed.
Maximum capacity	5 rounds

- 4.00 The air handling system must be on when shooting.
- 4.01 Firearms will not be pointed higher than parallel to the floor while you are in the act of shooting at your target. For example, you, may not begin your shooting routine by pointing your firearm skywards and then pointing it down to the target. Firearms may only be fired from a position above the bench.
- 4.02 Shooters may fire at only paper targets that are mounted on the target carriers.
- 4.03 Whenever a person on the firing line is handling a firearm, that firearm must always be pointed down range. Elevating a firearm in such a way to cause the trajectory of a bullet from that firearm to be above the target area is prohibited. Extreme care must be exercised to keep all shots in the backstop area and to avoid hitting the floor, walls and ceiling.
- 4.04 No Shotguns are to be fired on the Indoor Range.
- 4.05 Use the "DUD" box for disposal of unfired cartridges.
- 4.06 PROHIBITED The following ammunition: magnum any caliber, armor piercing, tracer, incendiary cartridge, shot loads or steel BB.
- 4.07 PROHIBITED Discharge of Black Powder Firearms.
- 4.08 PROHIBITED Fully Automatic Firearms
- 4.09 Food and drinks are NOT allowed on the shooting range.

OUTDOOR RANGE

Hours of Operation	9:00 AM to Dusk
Calibers	. No limit with the exception of 50 Caliber Browning Machine Gun or more powerful
Firearm Type & Maximum Capacity	Rifles and Shotguns - 10 rounds only
Firearm Type & Maximum Capacity	Handguns - 5 rounds only

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- 5.00 Firearms will not be pointed higher than parallel to the ground while you are in the act of shooting at your target.
 - 5.01 No shooting is allowed when the yellow safety gate is open, audible alarm must remain on. The gate must remain open when anyone is down range, audible alarm must remain on. Shooters must close yellow gate and verify the "safe condition" has ended before firing commences.
 - 5.02 All shooting must be conducted from the firing line.
 - 5.03 Eye and ear protection is required of all persons on the range.
 - 5.04 Only one paper target may be centered on a club supplied frame. The maximum size of the target shall be 18" x 18" (see sample targets in range building). Target frames must be returned to the target storage areas when shooting is completed. Ground targets are prohibited. Only club supplied target frames can be used.
 - 5.05 Deer slugs and buckshot are allowed on standard club target frame, 100 yard side of range only.
 - 5.06 Shotgun patterning is allowed on the 40 yard patterning target frame and stand only, located on the extreme left side of range building. Only bird-shot is allowed.
 - 5.07 Shotguns are prohibited on the 25 yard range
 - 5.08 Steel targets at 100 yards. No magnum rifle or armor piercing ammunition is allowed. The use of .22 caliber magnum and magnum handgun ammunition is allowed.
 - 5.09 Steel targets at 25 yards. Handgun ammunition ONLY, including magnum ammunition, is allowed.
 - 5.10 Plastic bottles are allowed when suspended from the club supplied target frame. One bottle at a time, centered in frame, is allowed.

- 5.11 No smoking when loading black powder firearms. (muzzle loaders)
- 5.12 **Minimum Ages.** No one under the age of 12 is allowed on the range. Persons under the age of 15 can only shoot non semi-automatic .22 caliber rifles. The minimum age for handgun shooters is 16 years of age with a Massachusetts licensed person.
- 5.13 **Members with guests on firing line.** Members must stay within arm's reach of their guest at all times when the guest is on the firing line. If the member can not stay within arm's reach of the guest, while the guest is on the firing line, the guest must move behind the safe line. When the member goes down range the guest must either go down range with the member or the guest must leave the range. Only one shooting bench or shooting position can be used. Only one person can be shooting at a time. The member is responsible for his or her guest to obey all the rules. The maximum number of persons including member, family and guest is limited to four (4).
- 5.14 No shooting is allowed when the Yellow Safety Gate is open and the audible alarm is on. The gate **MUST** remain open and the audible alarm on when anyone is down range. Shooters must close the gate and verify the safe condition has ended before firing may commence.
- 5.15 **Requesting a "CLEAR" to go down range.** Before going forward of any firing line, a shooter shall request a "**Clear**". Other shooters should reply "**I Am Clear**". Once the line is "clear" a safe condition will then exist. That means all actions are open, all magazines are removed and all shooters are at least three feet behind the firing line. No loaded firearm shall be carried forward of the firing line. The touching or handling of firearms, ammunition or magazines while a "safe condition" exists is strictly prohibited. No firearms may be handled or loaded until after all people are behind the firing line and the "safe condition" is removed. Safe Condition removed by the last shooter off the range or the Range Safety Officer saying "The range is hot" or "It is safe to fire" etc. (do not use the word "clear" for this)
- 5.16 **Fully Automatic Firearms (machine guns and submachine guns).** The following rules only apply to firearms capable of full automatic fire. They do not apply to semiautomatic versions of these guns. Fully automatic firearms may be fired on the Outdoor Range only and only if the following requirements are met.
- A. The owner of the firearm must be a club member in good standing, must present their Massachusetts License to Possess a Machine Gun, a copy of the Federal form 4 for the gun indicating his ownership and their club badge to the Range Safety Officer (RSO) who will supervise the firing prior to shooting. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that an RSO, who can solely be devoted to supervising the owner and his party, is available.
- B. The licensed owner must warrant to the RSO that all persons, including himself, that are to fire are competent to do so and will take full and sole responsibility for their actions and for their safety during the shooting session. The warrant form can be found on the desk in the clubhouse next to the computer or can be printed on the computer by clicking on the Full Auto icon on the desktop. The owner must sign and date the form and list all the persons in his/her party who will be shooting. The owner must then brief the RSO on

the operation of the firearm and its safeties, if any, prior to the shooting session. If the RSO decides that the owner is not adequately familiar with the operation of the firearm he will terminate the shooting session.

- C. Persons other than the licensed owner must present the following to the RSO before they are allowed to shoot: proof that they are over twenty one years of age and possess a valid firearms license or proof that they are on active military duty by means of a current active military identification card.

The RSO will observe the firing of the gun by all individuals in the party. He/she will ensure that the firearm is handled in accordance with the NRA's Three Fundamental Rules of Gun Safety and will pay particular attention to the shooters ability to the control muzzle rise common to these firearms. If, in the sole judgment of the RSO, the shooter is not handling the firearm safely, cannot control the muzzle rise, or cannot manage the burst fire described below, the RSO will terminate the session for all the shooters.

The firearm will only be shot in bursts of approximately five rounds. After five such bursts there will be a pause of at least ten seconds before firing is resumed.

Because some full automatic firearms will not function properly unless their magazines are fully loaded, because of their high rate of fire, and because of the safety issue present when a semiautomatic firearm malfunctions and unexpectedly goes full auto doesn't exist here, magazines for these firearms may be loaded to full capacity or fed by belt. As indicated elsewhere in the Outdoor Range rules, but repeated here, .50 caliber BMG, tracer or armor piercing ammunition is not allowed.

Full Automatic Firearms Declaration

In accordance with the Andover Sportsmen's Club Range Rules for the use of full automatic firearms I make the following declaration.

I have read and understand the Range Rules for the operation of full automatic firearms and will abide by them. In addition I am familiar with and competent to operate the following full automatic firearm

Make:

Model:

Serial number

In addition I warrant that the following people who will also shoot the firearm are over 21 years of age and are familiar with and competent to operate the firearm in full automatic mode. (Print)

I acknowledge that I hereby take full responsibility for the actions of myself and the above named persons during the operation of this firearm.

Member Name (print)

Badge Number

Member signature

Witnessing Range Safety Officer (RSO) Name

Witnessing RSO Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

SAFETY VIOLATION INCLUDING AN IMPROPER DISCHARGE

Any improper use of an archery bow or violation of the Club's rules, including an improper discharge of a firearm, must be immediately reported in writing, (incident report) by either the responsible member or any person having observed the event to the Club Security Officer. (See below: "**Safety Violation/Improper Discharge Form**".)

The Security Officer will investigate the circumstances surrounding the event and provide a written report to the President within fifteen (15) days after receiving the incident report. If the Security Officer's report states that in his or her opinion a serious event did not occur no further action will be pursued. However, if the Security Officer's report confirms that a serious event has occurred the President will then be required to make a written recommendation to, and convene a meeting of, the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) days of receiving the Security Officer's report. The responsible member will be requested to attend that meeting and will be given an opportunity to make a statement to the Board of Directors on his or her personal behalf. Should the responsible member not attend that will have no effect on the Board of Directors rendering a formal decision.

Upon a negative report being submitted by the Security Officer, the responsible member will be notified of such and will be automatically suspended from discharging any firearm and/or use of an archery bow on Club premises until the Board of Directors has been convened and a hearing held on reported the violation and a decision rendered. Upon submission of a negative report, the Security Officer shall take whatever actions are necessary to prevent the Responsible Member from discharging a firearm and/or archery bow until the matter has been resolved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may levy any penalty including that of the responsible member's membership being permanently revoked. The Board of Directors may also determine if further action is appropriate such as, but not limited to, reporting the incident to the appropriate law enforcement or other regulatory authorities.

Safety Violation/Improper Discharge Form

Violator's Name:

Violator's Badge Number:

Age:

Date:

Time of Day:

Type of Firearm:

Make:

Model:

Type of Action:

Range (if applicable):

Describe what happened:

Why did this happen:

Recommended action to be taken:

Investigation team members:

Reported by: _____ Badge No: _____