

# ROCHESTER BROOKS GUN CLUB GENERALSAFETY AND OPERATING RULES

SAFETY IS OUR FOREMOST CONCERN. UNSAFE HANDLING, MISUSE OF FIREARMS, OR NOT FOLLOWING RULES IS CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM MEMBERSHIP AND BARRING FROM USE OF ROCHESTER BROOKS FACILITIES

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHO USE THE CLUB ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THESE SAFETY AND OPERATING RULES

EVERY CLUB MEMBER SHARES THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES.

**\*\*\*\*\*IT IS YOUR CLUB; HELP MAKE IT SAFE\*\*\*\*\***

1. Members must carry and display membership card or pin at all times. It is your right as members to ask for and see any member's badge. Badges must be shown upon request
2. Safe gun handling is required at all times. It is the shooter's responsibility to be familiar with the safe operation of any firearm he/she handles or uses.
3. Firearms must be unloaded and the actions open when uncased anywhere on Rochester Brooks property except when actually shooting. Break open firearms may have actions closed when in gun racks.
4. Eye and ear protection are mandatory for all individuals on all firearms venues. This includes shooters, spectators and range personnel.
5. Any individual bringing a firearm onto Rochester Brooks property must be in legal possession of it under New York State and federal law
6. Members are responsible for insuring that their guests are familiar with the safe operation of any firearm or equipment they may use and that they understand and comply with these rules. **Student members are limited to one (1) guest,**
7. Individuals using the facilities of Rochester Brooks are expected to leave them clean and to place all trash in containers. All cartridge cases and shotgun hulls not picked up by the shooter become the property of Rochester Brooks.
8. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on any shooting venue. Individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs are not permitted on any venue in any capacity.
9. Rifle, pistol and archery range hours are from 9:00 a.m. to sunset. Scheduled hours for trap, skeet, 5 stand and sporting clays are posted in the clubhouse.
10. All guests must sign the guest register in the clubhouse before using any firearm or archery venue.
11. No person under 12 years of age may discharge a firearm. Persons 12 through 16 years of age must be supervised by a parent or an instructor recognized by the ATA, NRA, NSCA, NSSA, NYS DEC or USAShooting.
12. Dry firing and sighting exercises must be conducted under the same conditions as actual firing.
13. No loaded firearms are permitted in the clubhouse.
14. Drivers on Rochester Brooks property must remain on the roadways except to park.
15. Pets must be leashed when on or near any active shooting venue. Health department regulations prohibit pets in the clubhouse.
16. No individual shall use the Rochester Brooks Gun Club name for their personal gain without the approval of the Rochester Brooks Board of Directors.

No individual shall use the facilities of Rochester Brooks for any teaching or training for which they are compensated without the permission of the Rochester Brooks Board of Directors.

The management of Rochester Brooks reserves the right to refuse the use of any club facility to any individual who in their sole opinion poses a risk to themselves or others.

## RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE RULES

**ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ROCHESTER BROOKS RANGE SAFETY CLASS BEFORE USING THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES. GUESTS MUST BE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A MEMBER WHO HAS TAKEN THE RANGE SAFETY CLASS.**

1. All muzzles must be pointed down range unless holstered or cased.
2. Muzzles must never be pointed at or over the top of the berms. Shooters must bring firearms up to the target - not down to it.
3. Firearms must not be handled when anyone is downrange. All firearms must be either holstered or unloaded and benched with actions open and magazines removed before anyone moves forward of the firing line. At no time may a loaded firearm be left unattended.
4. Firearms may be loaded only when the range is clear, and the shooter is positioned on the firing line and is prepared to shoot.
5. All shooting on the pistol bays must be done within the confines of the berms. On the rifle range, no shooting is allowed forward of the shooting benches. (Exceptions may be permitted during sanctioned matches)
6. In the pistol bays, all targets must be placed beyond and below the tops of the red markers located at the sides of each range. Targets must be placed in such a manner that all rounds will impact the backstop. Shooting at targets placed on the ground is prohibited. On the rifle range, targets must be placed on the backboards provided. (Exceptions may be permitted during sanctioned matches)
7. Shooters must use safe and proper targets only. The use of glass, ceramics, concrete blocks, appliances, electronic components or objects likely to cause safety risks or maintenance problems is prohibited. Properly constructed steel targets for pistol or rimfire must be placed a minimum of 12 yards from the shooter.
8. Range fixtures, benches, tables, chairs, etc. are not to be used as targets or target stands. Items under the pavilion and in the storage shed are for use in Rochester Brooks Practical Shooters competitions only. Willful destruction of any range fixtures or equipment is grounds for dismissal.
9. Fully automatic firearms are not permitted. The use of incendiary or explosive ammunition is prohibited.
10. Shooters are responsible for policing the range after use. Old targets, spent cases and hulls, empty ammunition boxes, etc. must be placed in the trash receptacles or removed by the shooter. Dud rounds and damaged ammunition must be retained by the shooter and removed from Rochester Brooks property; and should not be disposed of in trash containers.
11. Members with guests may use only one position (bench) when other members are waiting.
12. No vehicles are to be driven on the rifle range forward of the shooting benches except for range maintenance.
13. The mining of lead is prohibited.

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**CLAY TARGET VENUES**

All guests must sign the liability waiver in the clubhouse.

Shotguns of 12 gauge or smaller may be used. Rifles and handguns are not permitted.

**The maximum shot size permitted is 7 ½.** The use of slugs, buckshot or single round ball ammunition is prohibited.

Eye and ear protection are mandatory for all individuals on all firearms venues. This includes shooters, spectators and range personnel. **Pellets often ricochet off targets, skeet houses, and trees. Please protect your irreplaceable eyes !**

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Firearms may be loaded and targets attempted only from the legal shooting stations specified for the course being fired. **Do not load the gun before entering the shooting station.**

Firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times. **Particular attention must be paid when loading and especially when dealing with malfunctions.**

**Shooters must not load more than two shells at any time.** Trap shooters must load only one shell except when shooting doubles.

Misfires and damaged ammunition must be retained by the shooter and removed from Rochester Brooks property. **Do not dispose of live ammunition in trash containers.**

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Individuals must not go forward of the skeet houses before ensuring that it is safe to do so. Individuals must not go forward of the trap houses when any shotgun field is in use.

Individuals must not load clay target machines unless properly educated by the club manager, director or a member of the appropriate discipline committee.

Individuals must exercise caution when entering or exiting skeet and trap houses when adjacent fields are in use.

Individuals must not attempt to service or adjust any clay target machine. Any problems with equipment should be reported to club management.