

ROCHESTER BROOKS RANGE SAFETY CERTIFICATION

In order to educate our members and ensure safety on the ranges, this certification will help you to know the rules and guidelines of the club.



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

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.

GENERAL CLUB RULES

General rules apply to all disciplines

1. Your membership badge should be visible when on RB property. If you see someone without a badge, politely ask them to see theirs. If they do not have one, they must either check in at the clubhouse or leave RB property. Badges must be shown upon request.
2. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on any **bay, field, shooting station or course of fire** on RB property. Any person deemed under the influence of any drug, alcohol, or any other substance will not be permitted to use the RB facility.
3. All persons using RB ranges must be fully compliant under NY State laws. Do not assume anything — know what the laws are.
4. All firearms brought to RB ranges must be fully legal for you or someone with you to possess in NY State.

5. You are responsible for any guests you bring to RB. Guests must register at the clubhouse and sign the same liability waiver as members. You must make sure that your guests are familiar with RB rules and safety. Student members are only allowed one guest. Regular members are allowed 2 guests. Larger groups may be coordinated through the club manager.

6. Eye and ear protection is required for anyone on RB ranges — no exceptions. This includes spectators, score keepers etc.



7. Members are expected to leave the ranges cleaner than when they arrived. Pick up all empty boxes, used targets, shotgun hulls or cases, and any other debris found on the range.
8. Display of a loaded firearm is prohibited in the clubhouse.

9. Club is closed on the following days:
Xmas, T-Giving, Easter
10. Please drive on the roadways. 10 MPH speed limit. Park on the grass near your range only.
11. All pets must be leashed when near the ranges. No pets are allowed in the clubhouse.
12. NY State law prohibits those under 12 to discharge a firearm. Youths 12 to 14 must have a Hunter Safety Certification AND be supervised by an adult with the same credentials or those recognized by the NRA, ATA, NSSA, or USA Shooting.

GENERAL PISTOL AND RIFLE RANGE RULES

Safety rules apply to **ALL** ranges {Signs are posted in many locations on all pistol and Rifle bays}

1. Members and guests are required to follow all safety rules when handling firearms.

a. **ALWAYS** keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed in a safe direction

The only safe direction on RB ranges is the backstop. NEVER point the muzzle up or above the backstop. Exceptions would be for revolver unloads, blackpowder guns, and tube fed rifles.

b. **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire

DO NOT put your finger in the trigger guard unless your sights are oriented at your target and you have decided that it is safe to fire. Remember this: ON target, ON trigger. OFF target, OFF trigger.

c. **ALWAYS** keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.

All firearms must be brought to the range unloaded and cased. Only load them when you are on the range and ready to fire.

d. **ALWAYS** treat every firearm as if it is loaded

2. Before approaching any range on RB, LOOK to see if anyone is using it or is downrange. DO NOT set up, uncage a firearm, or do anything until you have made sure it is safe.
3. NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS WHEN SOMEONE IS DOWNRANGE. All firearms must be unloaded and benched or holstered before anyone goes forward of the firing line. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Always bring your muzzle UP to the target, not down. No muzzle of any firearm will be pointed above the top of any berm.
5. Any firearm not under your direct

control must be unloaded; ANY firearm placed on a bench must be unloaded and have the action open with the muzzle pointed downrange.

6. All targets must be placed so that your rounds will impact the berm. No shooting at targets placed on the ground.
7. Do not shoot at the target holders or any props or other fixture on any range.
8. No glass, ceramic, concrete, appliances, electronic components, or any object that may cause a ricochet or fragment or leaves debris may be used on RB ranges.
9. Willful destruction of any RB property will result in revocation of your membership.
10. No fully automatic firearms are allowed on RB ranges
11. Incendiary or explosive ammunition is prohibited.
12. Do not throw dud rounds in the trash. Any dud or damaged ammunition must be removed from RB property and disposed of properly.
13. Dry firing and sighting exercises must be conducted under the same

conditions as actual firing.

14. Your rate of fire should ensure that every round you shoot hits your intended target.
16. No individual shall use the Rochester Brooks Gun Club name or facilities for their personal gain without the approval of the Rochester Brooks Board of Directors. This includes but is not limited to teaching, training and advertisements.
17. No reclamation or mining of lead is allowed on any RB range.

PISTOL BAY SPECIFIC RULES

(Read the signs posted on every bay)

1. All shooting on the pistol bays must be done within the confines of the berms.
2. All targets must be placed up to the forward berm and within two to six feet in elevation to ensure proper round impact. No shooting is to be done at the dividing berms except during sanctioned matches or organized supervised shoots.
3. Shooters may shoot at any reasonable distance within the pistol bay.
4. Items under the pavilion and in the

storage shed are for use in Rochester Brooks Practical Shooters competitions only.

5. Approved steel targets may be used in the Pistol Bays at a minimum of 12 yards and for handgun or rimfire (.22LR) ONLY.

RIFLE RANGE SPECIFIC RULES

(Read the signs posted on pavilion)

1. Members with guests may use only one position (bench) when other members are waiting.
2. No vehicles are to be driven on the rifle range forward of the shooting benches.
3. Firearms may be loaded only when the range is clear and the shooter is positioned on the firing line and prepared to shoot. Communicate with others on the line. No shooting is allowed forward of the shooting benches. (Exceptions may be permitted during sanctioned matches)
4. Targets must be placed on the backboards permanently located in front of the berms at each distance.
5. Paper and cardboard targets ONLY.



CLAY TARGET VENUE RULES



1. All guests must sign the liability waiver in the clubhouse.
2. Shotguns are to be used. Rifles and handguns are not permitted. Maximum load of 1 1/8 oz.
3. The maximum shot size permitted is 7 1/2. The use of slugs, buckshot or single round ball ammunition is prohibited.
4. Firearms must be unloaded and the actions open when uncased anywhere on Rochester Brooks property except when actually shooting. Break action shotguns may be closed when in gun racks.
5. 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.

6. Firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times. Particular attention must be paid when loading or unloading and especially when dealing with malfunctions.
7. Shooters must never load more than two shells at any time. Trap shooters may load only one shell except when shooting doubles.
8. Individuals must use caution and follow station order on the Sporting Clays course in order to stay in safe areas. Do not take short cuts through the course.
9. Individuals must not go forward of the skeet houses or trap houses.
10. Individuals must not attempt to service, adjust or load any clay target machine. Any problems with equipment should be reported to club management as soon as possible.