
INDIAN HILL SHOOTING CLUB

SAFETY RULES

Each member is responsible for knowing and observing the following safety rules. Members are responsible for the behavior of their **guests** and family members relative to safety. In addition, notices are posted about the ranges that require your attention: read them. Violations of safe behavior are considered to be intrinsically dangerous, whether or not harm to persons or property was done, and may result in the removal of the offender from the range.

Rifle Range

Shooters:

The following restrictions apply to persons shooting at the IHSC Rifle & Pistol Range:

- * The member- parent or guardian must accompany dependents of members and guests under the age of 18. Guests are permitted to use the range *only while their sponsoring member is present*.
- * **Children under 14** are limited to **RIFLE SHOOTING ONLY** and must be under the direct and continuous (*no more than arm's length*) supervision of parent or guardian while engaged in firing. A .22LR rifle is strongly suggested.
- * **Juniors (14-16)** shooting pistols must be under the immediate supervision of parent or guardian while engaged in pistol shooting
- * All persons **WILL** wear eye and ear protection at all times when on the ranges.
- * All shooters **WILL** sign in at the beginning of their shooting session prior to going to the firing line.

Guns & Ammunition:

IHSC welcomes shooters of all interests, but for safety reasons the following firearms are not permitted on the range:

- Muzzle- and breechloading arms of .80 caliber or greater.
- Fully automatic- or burst-fire capable weapons.
- Any other ATF Class III firearm or device
- Incendiary, tracer, armor piercing or explosive-projectile ammo are prohibited at IHSC.

Targets:

- IHSC provides standard bull's-eye-style paper targets to members and guests at no charge.
- Shooters wishing to bring their own targets may do so if they are of paper type.
- Shooting at tin cans and other objects not specifically designated as targets is prohibited.
- Metallic silhouette targets will be shot at **only** with .22 LR Guns and Ammo. No .22 magnums, no centerfire weapons or ammo are to be used on Metallic Silhouette targets.
- Each firing station has a numeric or alphabetic designation. Each target has a matching designation. Shooters will place targets on and fire only at the target panel with a designation matching that of their shooting station. No cross-range shooting is permitted. Weapons will remain pointed downrange at all times during firing.
- The rifle and pistol range is a target range, rather than a tactical range. All fire will be **AIMED** fire; No highspeed firing or "blasting" is permitted. Centerfire rifles are limited to 5 rounds in the magazine.

- **SPECIAL SAFETY RULES FOR CENTERFIRE PISTOL**

1. Centerfire Pistol Shooting is restricted to 7- and 25-Yard targets. All shots will be aimed so as to impact in the berms behind the targets. Centerfire pistols will not be used to shoot at objects on the ground. Targets will be hung on the target panels so that all shots will impact into the berm.

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2. Pistol Shooters will be especially aware of the direction in which the muzzle of their pistol is pointed. Keep muzzles pointed downrange at all times.
3. All fire will be **AIMED** fire; No highspeed firing or “blasting” is permitted.
4. Each firing point is marked with a Letter Designation, as is each target panel. You may shoot only at the target panel that matches the designation of the firing point you occupy. Cross firing is not permitted. In other words, fire at the panel marked “C” only from firing point “C”.
5. Pistols will be unloaded, open and placed on the tables provided unless actually firing. No pistol will be carried in a holster while on the range.
6. If you do not understand any of the rules, ask the Rangemaster for clarification before firing

Cease-Fire Procedures:

Shooters will *immediately* obey all commands given by the Rangemaster on duty.

Cease-fires are called in order to make safe any dangerous condition, to periodically repair and replace targets. and for other administrative purposes. Cease-fires are called by **the Rangemaster only**, and may be signaled verbally or with bells and/or flashing lights. During cease-fires, all shooters will:

- *OPEN* and lock all actions, cylinders, bolts or slides.
- *REMOVE* all clips, magazines and ammunition from guns.
- *POINT* all guns upward and to the front (in the down-range direction) in racks or on tables, prior to acknowledging the cease-fire to the Rangemaster
- *ACKNOWLEDGE* the call for cease-fire by raising a hand above the head.
- *NOT TOUCH* any **gun** or **ammunition** in any way during the cease-fire.
- *NOT MOVE DOWNRANGE* until the Rangemaster announces that the range is safe and gives specific permission to do so.
- Shooters wishing to leave the range or clean a gun during a cease-fire do so only under the direct supervision of the Rangemaster.

Pistol shooters are cautioned to be exceptionally careful with regard to keeping the muzzle of the gun pointed downrange when loading and unloading.

Practice *Visible Safety* at all times. This means that your firearms must be visibly safe (bolt, action or slide open, magazines out) at all times you are not in the act of shooting them. If you cannot see that a gun is safe and empty just by looking at it, *it is loaded and ready to fire! Never walk away from a closed gun.* Since concealed firearms cannot be visibly safe, they are not permitted on Club property. No pistols may be worn in holsters openly.

Rifle and pistol shooters are to be **gone** from the range at 11:30 AM on Saturdays and 1:30PM on Sundays to allow for the prompt opening of the shotgun ranges.

Good Sportsmanship is required at all times.

Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clay Range Safety Rules

- * Wear eye and ear protection at all times when on the ranges.
- * Be sure that your ammunition is of the proper gauge before coming to the range.
- * Load only when on the shooting station. Have the gun open and empty before you turn around. Closed guns are **always** presumed to be loaded.
- * Load a maximum of two shells, except on Skeet station 8, where only 1 shell is loaded.

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- * When not on the shooting station, have your gun visibly *Open* and *Empty* for all to see.
- * Do not fire at broken targets; they sometimes fly towards unsafe areas.
- * No firing may be done to the south at the 5-stand range.
- * All guns are to be *Open* and *Empty* while in gun racks (except O/U's).
- * Stay behind the front panel of the shooting cage while shooting 5-Stand Sporting Clays.
 - Stay out of the areas in front of trap house openings. Targets released accidentally can injure you severely.
- * Guests are permitted to use the range *only while their sponsoring member is present*.
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 - Practice ***Visible Safety*** at all times. This means that your firearms must be visibly safe action or slide open) at all times you are not on the shooting station. If you cannot see that a gun is safe and empty just by looking at it, ***it is loaded and ready to fire!***

Thomas Kanis
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Indian Hill Shooting Club
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