

# Syracuse Pistol Club Rules and Regulations

## 1 Introduction

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All members are responsible to know, understand, and comply with all SPC Rules and Regulations and must be familiar with the Bylaws governed by SPC – said bylaws are posted on the website.

All members MUST adhere to all current New York State Laws regarding firearms and firearm accessories.

### 1.1 Contacts

The Executive Range Officer (ERO) is the primary contact for safety rules and regulations. The ERO is:

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## 2 FOUR Basic Rules of Gun Safety

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1. ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE.
2. ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
3. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.
4. ALWAYS KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND.

### 3 Security

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- 1) Members must always have their membership cards on them and must present the same if asked for verification.
- 2) On each visit, members shall use their own entry fob to gain access to the clubhouse and range. Members should not hold door open so others can enter without using their own entry fob.
- 3) Do not loan your entry fob to another person.
- 4) Do not allow unauthorized persons on club property, including media and uninvited guests, without the express approval of the President of the Club.
- 5) Please note cameras are always active and each member is requested to report any safety or security issues to the Executive Range Officer.

### 4 Range Operating Hours

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- 1) Entry fobs will not open entry doors or gates before or after stated hours.
- 2) Scheduled club activities take precedence over informal shooting. Current events are listed on the Club Calendar on the SPC website.

#### 4.1 Clubhouse & Indoor range

- Monday to Saturday – 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- Sundays – 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

#### 4.2 Outdoor range

- Monday to Saturday – 8:00 AM to Sunset
- Sundays – 10:00 AM – to Sunset

### 5 Eye and Ear Protection

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- 1) Proper eye and ear protection is MANDATORY for all persons whether shooting or observing on the indoor and outdoor range.
- 2) Eye and ear protection must be worn PRIOR to entering club ranges and remain on for the duration of shooting until you exit the range, or the range has been declared cold by a Range Officer.

## 6 Guests

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- 1) An individual may be a shooting guest of a member in good standing a maximum of 3 times in any 12-month calendar period.
- 2) A member may bring no more than one guest at any one time.
- 3) The member must ensure their guest is signed-in on the Guest Registration Sheet in the clubhouse and must ensure all requested information is provided.
- 4) The member must ensure their guest reads, understands, and complies with all posted range safety rules.
- 5) The member is responsible for the conduct and safety of their guest and must ensure their guest safely handles firearms while on the range.
- 6) With a guest firing, the member shall stand behind their guest to observe only and NOT SHOOT.
- 7) All guests over the age 21 who will shoot a handgun or revolver, must be in possession of a valid NYS Pistol license as per current NYS laws.
- 8) Non-shooting guests are allowed; however, they shall be accompanied by a member in good standing and must follow all safety rules required at the range.
- 9) Guests under the age of 21 that are accompanied by a member in good standing are not limited to the 3 time visit limitation as mentioned in rule #1; however, all other club rules apply.

## 7 Range Use Restrictions

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### 7.1 Ammunition

- 1) Handguns that fire rifle rounds are not allowed on club ranges, except for .17HMR, .22LR and .22 rimfire ammunition.
- 2) No Magnum Ammo except for 22 Win Mag and .17HMR.
- 3) No Shotgun Ammo (Slug or Shot) or Rifle Ammo (except the Ammo above).

### 7.2 Firearms

- 1) No firearms shall be handled in the classroom unless verified safe & clear by a Range Safety Officer and only for the purpose of an approved event or training.
- 2) All firearms and firearm accessories shall be compliant with NY State Laws.

- 3) No rifles, bullpup guns, fully automatic, select-fire weapons, or shotguns of any kind.
- 4) Exceptions: Small bore rimfire rifles chambered in .17HMR, 22LR, and .22WMR, or allowed pistol caliber carbines (PCCs) in 9mm, .38 Special, .40 S&W or 45ACP or air-propelled .177 pellet or BB guns.

### **7.3 Targets**

Use only SPC approved targets, except as specified below. SPC provides approved paper targets free of charge for members.

#### **7.3.1 Indoor Range**

- 1) Target placement is limited to the posted distances provided on each lane.
- 2) Members must ensure their targets are placed so that all rounds fired impact the backstop, not the ceiling, the floor, or the walls.
- 3) When sighting-in firearms using a sandbag or block, members must ensure the angle and placement of the target is appropriate so that all rounds fired impact the backstop, not the ceiling, the floors, or the walls.
- 4) Reactive, splat-type targets, or adhesive spots are permitted if they are within the SPC target size and must be placed over the provided targets.

#### **7.3.2 Outdoor Range – Bullseye Side**

- 1) SPC provides 24" x 24" backers to attach targets. Ensure your target does not exceed the 24" x 24" backer dimensions.

#### **7.3.3 Outdoor Range - Steel Side**

- 1) Do NOT move steel targets. All steel targets are placed at appropriate distances to minimize the occurrence of steel splatter reaching the firing line.
- 2) Steel targets on the right-hand side of the range are for 22 RIMFIRE ONLY – NOTE SIGN ABOVE THE FIRING BENCH. These targets are smaller and thinner and will be damaged if shot with any larger caliber.

### **7.4 Holsters**

- 1) NO drawing/shooting from a holster of any kind is allowed at SPC, except during Action Pistol League or other BOD approved activity.

## 8 Range Safety

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- 1) All posted signs and notices shall be strictly adhered to.
- 2) Always unload all guns after firing and install chamber flag.
- 3) If you observe an unsafe act, bring it to the person's attention or report the act to the ERO.

### 8.1 Rendering a firearm safe & clear

- 1) Firearms are considered safe & clear when unloaded, chamber is clear, and a chamber flag installed.

### 8.2 Handling firearms

- 1) Do NOT handle firearms behind the firing line. Place bag on shooting bench before removing firearm from case/bag.
- 2) Upon removal from the case/bag, the firearm must be pointed in a safe direction downrange, rendered safe & clear with chamber flag installed.
- 3) Firearms may only be loaded while on the firing line and always with the muzzle pointed down range at the backstop.
- 4) Do NOT remove a loaded gun from the firing line.
- 5) Unloaded firearms only may be handled at the Safety Table in the Ready Room. No ammunition is allowed on the Safety Table.

### 8.3 Firing Line – All Ranges

- 1) Shooting forward of the firing line is prohibited except during Action Pistol League or other BOD approved activity.
- 2) When moving between locations on the firing line, the firearm shall be safe & clear, placed in a bag/case, and then moved to another position.
- 3) No one shall go forward of the firing line to retrieve any dropped items until all firearms are rendered safe & clear and the safety light/buzzer is turned on.
- 4) While shooters are forward of the line, other shooters shall step back from the firing line and not handle any firearms.

### 8.4 Indoor Range

- 1) Targets placement is limited to the posted distances provided on each lane.
- 2) Members must ensure their targets are placed so that all rounds fired impact the backstop, not the ceiling, the floor, or the walls.

## **8.5 Outdoor Range**

- 1) Use extreme caution when going downrange. Ensure safety light/buzzer is activated. All shooters must be in verbal and visual contact with each other during cease fire conditions.
- 2) Ensure all rounds fired are downrange and are contained by the earthen berm.
- 3) Do NOT shoot any animals or wildlife at any time.
- 4) Use only SPC approved targets. No bottles, cans, or other non-approved targets.
- 5) RANGE ETIQUETTE – when entering/leaving the range, please walk behind the red line located on the ground as not to obstruct or distract those firing.

## **9 Children**

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- 1) Children under 12 are not permitted on the firing lines at any time.
- 2) Children over 12 are permitted to shoot rimfire rifles only when accompanied by a member in good standing of SPC.
- 3) Children over the age of 14 up to the age of 21, are permitted to shoot pistols if they are under the direct supervision of an SPC club member in good standing or certified instructor.

## **10 Pets**

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- 1) Pets are not permitted in the clubhouse.

## **11 Refreshments**

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- 1) Neither food nor drink is permitted on the firing lines.

## **12 Intoxicants**

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- 1) Alcohol or other intoxicants shall not be consumed prior to shooting.
- 2) Any person who appears to be impaired for any reason will not be allowed to operate a firearm.

## **13 Personal Conduct**

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- 1) Be polite and respectful of others!
- 2) Members are expected to contact the ERO to report any damage to the range or range equipment that occurred during their visit.
- 3) Members are expected to contact the ERO to report any unsafe condition or behavior that they observe during their visit.

## **14 Surveillance / Monitoring**

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- 1) Cameras are in use 24x7.

## **15 Smoking**

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- 1) No Smoking in the clubhouse or on any range.

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