

# The Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club Range

## Rules and Regulations

Revised December 2024

Members and Non-Members using the Club are required to read and become familiar with these rules and regulations. Failure to do so could result in expulsion from the Club.

### **General Range Rules**

1. Before using any range you must sign in. The sign-in sheet is inside the Clubhouse next to the office door. Classes, departments, and leagues may keep a separate record of their attendees.
2. All federal, state, and local firearms laws must be obeyed.
3. Members may have no more than 3 guests present at the same time; ALL guests must be listed on the sign-in sheet.
4. Guests who are shooting, 18 or older, must pay the range fee — see Dues and Fees Schedule. Deposit fee in Provided Envelope and place in slot at Sign-In area in the Clubhouse.
5. Guests must be accompanied by a Club member who shall be responsible for the guests' conduct.
6. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of an adult member at all times. Any children not shooting must be kept away from all firing lines.
7. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
8. Keep finger off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
9. Keep action open and firearm unloaded until ready to use.
10. Be sure the gun is safe to operate. Firearms in an unsafe or poor condition are not permitted on any range.
11. Be sure the firearm and ammunition are compatible.
12. Be sure of the target and what is beyond. All rounds are to impact the appropriate backstop.
13. Wear eye and ear protection. This applies to both shooters and spectators.
14. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting. Alcohol or drugs are NOT PERMITTED on Club property.
15. Ensure firearms are stored so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
16. Be aware that certain types of guns and shooting activities require additional precautions.

17. Maintain situational awareness of your surroundings.
18. A "safe gun condition" is as described in this section unless otherwise noted or approved.
  - (a) Revolver: Cylinder empty and open
  - (b) Semi-auto handgun or rifle: slide or bolt locked back, magazine removed from gun, chamber empty
  - (c) Rifle: fully unloaded with action open
  - (d) For all firearms: on bench with muzzle pointed down range or in a rack or closed case
  - (e) Shotguns: breeches and actions empty and open
19. Do not handle firearms while others are down range.
20. Refer to Special Rules and Regulations for details on what firearms are allowed on each range.
21. No hunting or shooting of any wildlife while on the shooting ranges.
22. Shooting at buildings, signs, target frames/stanchions, or equipment is prohibited.
23. ONLY targets designed and produced to be used as targets may be used on the ranges.
24. The use of Tannerite or any other type/brand of binary explosives are NOT PERMITTED on any range.
25. All outdoor ranges and grounds shall be considered open every day of the week between the hours of 6:00 AM and 11 PM unless posted CLOSED. The Indoor Range shall be considered open every day, 24 hours. See Club Calendar for availability.
26. Buildings, equipment, and ranges of the Club are to be kept under lock and key when not in use.
27. It shall be the duty of each member using the Club to return the equipment to the proper storage areas and secure such areas.
28. When done using any range, clean up any litter, putting used brass, boxes, old targets, etc. into the refuse containers provided. The Club does not employ anyone to keep the Club in repair and the grounds clean.
29. Other than for servicing the ranges, no one may drive vehicles on the range with the exception of handicapped members who may only transport themselves and their own targets with vehicles approved by the Executive Board.
30. Clay pigeons are only to be used on the Trap Range unless they are secured in an appropriate holder to be used as a target.
31. Shooters must provide their own target frames when using automatic weapons or shotguns; club target frames are not to be used.

## Special Rules and Regulations

1. Any deviations from the Range Rules must be pre-approved by the Executive Board in writing.

## Indoor Range

### 1. Membership & Orientation

- All members must have paid the indoor range fees and complete the required orientation before using the range. Your access card will be activated upon completion of this orientation.

### 2. Permitted Firearms

- **Handguns** up to 45 caliber and **rimfire rifles (.22 caliber only)** are allowed.
- **Prohibited:** Class III weapons, black powder firearms, and magnum ammunition.
- **Allowed with proper documentation:** Suppressors on handguns and rimfire rifles (.22 caliber).

### 3. Ammunition

- **Lead bullets only.** No jacketed or magnum ammunition.
- Ammunition must be single projectile only. **Shot shells, multiple projectile rounds, 17HMR, and 5.7x28 are prohibited.**

### 4. Hours of Operation

- **7:00 AM – 11:00 PM.**

### 5. Safety Equipment

- Eye and ear protection are always required, even for spectators.

### 6. Guests

- Members are responsible for their guests' actions. Any intentional damage caused by you or your guest will result in **immediate expulsion** from the club.
- Guest fee: **\$10 per guest (maximum of 3 guests).**

### 7. Firing Line

- All shooters must use the same firing line. **Cross firing across lanes is prohibited.**

## 8. Targets

- Use only regulation paper targets, positioned behind the yellow line.

## 9. Ventilation

- Exhaust fans must be turned on when shooting.

## 10. Prohibited Activities

- Smoking, food, and drinks are **strictly prohibited**.

## 11. Down Range Safety

- When anyone is down range:
  - Firearms must be in a **safe condition**.
  - **Do not handle firearms, magazines, or ammunition.** Step back from the firing line.

## 12. When Leaving the Range

- Turn off all lights and exhaust fans when leaving.
- Clean up the indoor range better than you found it, this is your club, clean up all brass.

## 13. Shooting Position

- When shooting seated, ensure rounds hit the bullet trap—not the ceiling.

## 14. General Safety

- Always follow all posted safety rules.
- D Lead hand soap is in the bathroom, please wash your hands after shooting.
- **Surveillance Notice YOU ARE ON CAMERA!**  
Disobeying indoor range rules and or tampering with equipment will result in **immediate expulsion from the club**.

## **Trap Range**

1. Only shotguns with shot shells may be used without the supervision of a Range Officer.
2. All shooting must be done from designated shooting positions with appropriate eye and hearing protection.
3. Trap lights and trap houses are available with pre-approval from the Trap Executive.
4. When anyone is down range, all firearms must be in a safe condition, unloaded, and pointed at the ground.

## **Combat Range**

1. Handguns and rimfire rifles are allowed on this range. NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES ALLOWED.
2. All shooters must use the same firing line.
3. All projectiles are to impact the backstop (hillside).
4. When anyone is down range all firearms must be in a safe condition.
5. Hanging targets on barricade posts is prohibited. Use appropriate frames and stands only.
6. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.
7. Clay targets shall not be used on the Combat Range.

## **Shooting Bay 1**

1. All firearms are allowed.
2. All shooters must use the same firing line.
3. When anyone is down range, all firearms must be in a safe condition.
4. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

## **Shooting Bay 2**

1. Handguns, Pistol Caliber Carbines, and Rimfire firearms are allowed.
2. Minimum Distance to shoot Steel is 15 yards.
3. Magnum and Bottleneck cartridges are NOT PERMITTED.
4. All shooters must use the same firing line.
5. When anyone is down range, all firearms must be in a safe condition.
6. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

## **Shooting Bay 3**

1. All firearms are allowed.
2. All shooters must use the same firing line.
3. When anyone is down range, all firearms must be in a safe condition.
4. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

## **Shooting Bay 4 / Training Range**

1. All firearms are allowed on this range.
2. All shooters must use the same firing line.
3. Firearms must be in a safe condition when anyone is down range.
4. This range is open to members, but ONLY when it is not reserved for classes or approved training exercises which have priority. CHECK CLUB CALENDAR for availability.
5. This is the only range available for rental.

## **Shooting Bay 5**

1. All firearms are allowed.
2. All shooters must use the same firing line.
3. When anyone is down range, all firearms must be in a safe condition.
4. Do not handle firearms with anyone down range.

## **Rifle Range**

1. All firearms are allowed on this range.
2. All shooting must be done from the firing line.
3. All projectiles must impact the backstops at 200, 300 or 400 yards.
4. Safety lights must be turned on before going down range.
5. When anyone is down range, all firearms must be in a safe condition.
6. Absolutely NO handling of firearms when someone is down range.
7. No shooting at steel with 50 Caliber or larger.
8. No armor piercing or steel core ammo to be shot at steel.
9. Minimum shooting distance is 25 yards.
10. Use safety lights: on the Rifle range before going down range.
  - a. Any time, for any reason, you want to go down range, you must operate the switch at your shooting position to turn on the safety lights.
  - b. You must use the safety lights even if you are the only person using the range because a shooter may arrive after you are down range and start firing.
  - c. You are solely responsible for the operation of your control switch. No other person is permitted to operate your switch, and you are not permitted to operate any others. It might appear that the lights have been flashing for a long time with no one around, but it takes a good while to walk down to the 400-yard line and back. Don't be tempted to turn off the lights and fire if you don't see a shooter for several minutes!
  - d. Before closing the range, it is common courtesy to let other shooters finish shooting a group.
  - e. When you operate your switch, you are responsible for ensuring other shooters have made their firearms safe before going downrange.
  - f. When you are through and leaving the range, make sure the safety light control switch at your position is turned off.

## **Police, Military, and other Non-Member Organizations**

1. Agencies must contact the Pistol Executive by email or phone to request range reservations. If the Pistol Executive is unavailable, the Club Secretary can be used as an alternate point of contact.

2. Requestors will be notified if their reservation request was or was not granted. If granted, the reservations shall be posted on the website and at the clubhouse at least 5 days prior to the date that the agency will be using the range.
3. All organizations must have a completed Range Reservation Form on file at the Club before their reserved date.
4. Any deviations from the Range Rules must be pre-approved by the Executive Board in writing.
5. All organizations will have a designated range supervisor in attendance and observing the line.
6. Range Rules and Regulations must be followed unless permission for exceptions has been granted in accordance with rule 4.
7. Clubhouse access is not included with range rental.
8. All fees will be paid as stipulated in the current Dues and Fees Schedule
9. Target frames, stands, barrels and barricades are for the use of club members and their guests only. Agencies must provide their own equipment.
10. All trash created during range use must be disposed of. Burnable debris shall be burned in the burn barrels on the training range or bay 3, all other refuse shall be placed in the dumpster, which is located near the Club Entrance, before leaving the range for the day. Used brass must be collected but may be left in a single location on the range. Shotgun hulls shall be disposed of in trash receptacles.

## Emergency Procedure

- **Call an IMMEDIATE “Cease Fire”**
- Ensure that **ALL Firearms are UNLOADED and CLEAR**
- **Call 911 Immediately** if it is determined to be necessary AND  
**BE SURE TO INFORM THEM THAT THIS IS NOT AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION; THAT IT IS AN ACCIDENT AT A RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB AND THERE IS NO ACTIVE THREAT**
- When communicating with 911 Emergency Services, provide:
  - Address            Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
  - 505 Constitution Boulevard
  - Chippewa Township
  - Behind Brady’s Run Walking Area & Emergency Services Building

Your Name

Your Phone Number

Describe number of people injured and their conditions

Describe the medical need(s) including nature of injury(s) if known

Describe any assistance the injured may be receiving and by whom

**Emphasize that “the scene is safe”** in describing the situation

Stay on the line with Emergency Services until you are told to hang up

- **Send someone out to man the gate** if possible
- **Send someone to Route 51 to direct EMS to the range and the injured** if possible
- **Render aid** if you are capable; Trauma kits are in Clubhouse and on Ranges
- **DO NOT MOVE THE INJURED PARTY(S)** unless in a Life Threatening Situation
- Gather any relevant info from injured party(s) for Emergency Responders, including:
  - Contacts
  - Medical History
  - Allergies
- NEVER dispense any medication
- **SECURE** injured party(s) firearm(s) and any equipment if possible
- **CONTACT** a club officer from the call list posted in the Clubhouse
- **MAINTAIN full cease fire on all ranges**
- **COLLECT** any information from WITNESSES regarding the incident: Take notes
  - Take statements from witnesses
- Prepare an **INCIDENT REPORT** to submit to a club officer