

MINNETONKA GAME AND FISH CLUB

and

MINNEAPOLIS RIFLE CLUB, INC.

RANGE RULES

Privileges and Responsibilities of membership
May 1, 2018

**Knowing and obeying the rules is the responsibility of
each member of both clubs.**

**Helping to enforce the rules is also the responsibility of
each member of both clubs.**

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The St. Francis Shooting Facility is private: The club property consists of 220 acres located approximately 5 miles West of Highway 47 in the City of St. Francis. The members of either club may use all the ranges. The club layout includes 7 ranges and a clubhouse. Public events are sponsored by both clubs.

Minnetonka Game and Fish Club is an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota in 1921. It has been in operation in various places and on the current property since 1970. It is a shooting club with conservation as a secondary goal. Activities include trap, skeet, silhouette, bullseye pistol, action pistol, cast bullet, bench rest, public deer rifle sight in and others. The Club encourages family, youth and guest participation in shooting sports and safety programs. Currently meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month for both Board of Directors (7:00 p.m.) and General Membership (8:00 p.m.). All meetings are open to the entire membership.

Membership is open to citizens 18 or older. Dues are set annually by the membership with an initiation fee equal to yearly dues. NRA membership is not required but strongly recommended.

Minneapolis Rifle Club, Inc. is an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota in 1915. MRC joined MGFC on the St Francis location in 1993 after closing their range in Andover. It is a shooting club with a focus on international style target rifle shooting. The club has distinguished past and present history of International and domestic rifle shooting ranging from local matches all the way through the Olympic games. NRA membership is not required but strongly recommended. Membership is open to all citizens 18 or older and to Junior shooters involved with international shooting competition. Dues structure is identical to those of MGFC with the exception that those seeking membership in the Minneapolis Rifle Club must demonstrate their interest or involvement in international style rifle or pistol shooting competition.

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MINNEAPOLIS RIFLE CLUB
RANGE RULES & GUIDELINES

May 1, 2018

The key word is always **SAFETY!**

The purpose of these rules is to make guide our operation and to make the shooting experience and that of others enjoyable and SAFE.

Minnetonka Game and Fish Club and Minneapolis Rifle Club, together, have developed an excellent facility for the enjoyment of many shooting sports. Please keep it safe and respect others.

Administrative exceptions may be made to these guidelines through the Board of Directors, in an effort of maintaining the ranges and operating matches.

Members and their guests, will be held accountable for following these rules. Each member is responsible to understand these rules and guidelines. If you are unsure of a rule or procedure, contact a club officer.

Any member violating any rule may be reprimanded, fined or expelled, according to the discretion of the club Board of Directors.

It is of interest for all the members to report violations and offenders to a Range Officer or any member of either Board of Directors.

SAFETY FIRST:

- 1) HANDLE ALL GUNS AS IF LOADED!
- 2) CONTROL THAT MUZZLE! NEVER POINT AT ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY!
- 3) ACTIONS SHALL BE KEPT OPEN WHEN NOT ON THE FIRING LINE!
- 4) KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON THE TARGET!
- 5) BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET! BULLETS MUST STRIKE BACKSTOP!
- 6) EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION SHALL BE WORN ALWAYS, ON ALL FIREARMS RANGES

SECTION I GENERAL RANGE RULES:

May 1, 2018

1. Range hours are Monday through Saturday - 8:00AM to 10:00PM, the hours for Sunday are 9:00AM to 10:00PM.
2. Ranges will be utilized for events/matches, and closed on work days, as posted in club calendar of events, on the website and in newsletter.
3. All guests and persons under age 18 must be accompanied and supervised by a club member host always
4. Lock combinations and proximity cards are for member use only. Violations may subject the member to discipline
5. A current membership card must be carried and shown if requested by a member of either club.
6. All events/matches or training/demonstration sessions must be approved by Board of Directors
7. The use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited on club property.
8. Any injury requiring medical treatment, or because of a firearm discharge, must be reported as soon as possible to a member of either Board of Directors.
9. Stay on designated roads and shooting range areas. Walking on property, off designated ranges or roads is prohibited due to safety
10. Firing shall be limited to designated ranges and firing points.
11. Only approved targets may be used – see each specific range for approved targets.
12. Park vehicles only in designated parking areas.
13. Confirm that the gate has closed behind you when you enter.
14. Clean up your position after shooting – empty cartridges, cartridge boxes, pop cans, etc. If you brought it out, take it home.
15. Pets must be kept under control of their owner.
16. Prohibited Items and activities:
 - a. Exploding Targets
 - b. Ground Targets
 - c. Aerial targets on rifle & pistol ranges
 - d. Discharge of fully automatic firearms
 - e. Armor piercing or tracer ammunition
 - f. Hunting or shooting of wildlife
 - g. Outdoor fires of any type, are prohibited – except in barbeque grills or provided campfire rings
 - h. Climbing on berms or backstops is prohibited
 - i. Cutting of trees is prohibited
 - j. Driving motor vehicles off approved roadways is prohibited
 - k. Smoking in any buildings on club property

A) TRAP & SKEET SHOTGUN RANGE

May 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for club sponsored events.

1) **FIREARM TYPES:**

Shotguns with fine shot (# 7 1/2 shot or smaller).

2) **WALKUP RANGE**

To retrieve targets, the entire line must be made safe. You must verbally and visually, communicate your intention to proceed down range, and make sure the line is safe, on all five fields BEFORE you go down range.

The line is safe when:

ALL actions are OPEN

ALL firearms are in the rack.

Others have stepped back from the firearms.

NO HANDLING of firearms when the range is made safe.

3). **APPROVED DISTANCES:**

Aerial targets and a portable pattern board may be available on certain fields.

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

Thrown clay birds by manual or mechanical means, OR paper targets on designated patterning stand.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

Shooter must provide their own clay birds.

Shooters must provide their own targets and cardboard for patterning.

6) **SPECIFIC RULES**

- a. Actions open until ready to shoot.
- b. Load only when on shooting pad.
- c. Muzzle always pointed in a safe direction
- d. The use of the club's portable trap machine, require an orientation, a onetime user fee, and the shooter is to provide their own targets. Contact the Trap & Skeet Chairperson to schedule the orientation.
- e. Trap houses and Skeet houses are reserved for organized match or tournament use only.

B) ARCHERY RANGE

Known distance and Roving course

May 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for club sponsored events.

- 1) **WEAPON TYPES:**
Bows, Crossbows or spears
- 2) **WALKUP RANGE**
To service targets, entire line must be made safe. You must verbally and visually, communicate your intention to proceed down range and make sure the line is safe, BEFORE you go down range.

The line is safe when:
Arrows are not nocked, crossbows are uncocked.
NO HANDLING of weapons when the range is made safe.
- 3). **APPROVED DISTANCES:**
10 – 80 yards
- 4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**
Blocks are provided – paper may be added – known distance range
3D animal targets and/or blocks on roving course
- 5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**
Blocks are provided – shooters must provide paper targets on Known distance range
3D animal targets and/or blocks on roving course
- 6) **SPECIFIC RULES**
 - a. When retrieving arrows from the area beyond the 80-yard target, do not climb to the top of the berm as it is the backstop for the small-bore range.
 - b. Field point arrows only on 3D animal targets

C) SILHOUETTE RANGE

May 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for club sponsored events

1) **FIREARM TYPES:**

Rifles, Handguns and Shotguns with slugs – on paper targets

2) **WALKUP RANGE**

To service targets, entire line must be made safe. You must verbally and visually, communicate your intention to proceed down range, and make sure the line is safe, BEFORE you go down range.

The line is safe when:

ALL actions are OPEN

ALL firearms are on bench, in rack, or holstered.

Others have stepped back from the line and firearms.

NO HANDLING of firearms when the range is made safe.

3) **APPROVED DISTANCES:**

- 25 meters/yards
- 50 meters/yards
- 75 meters/yards
- 100 meters/yards
- 150 Meters
- 200 Meters

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

Target frames for paper targets may be provided at the above distances. All other targets must be set up in front of the impact berms and placed so bullets do not impact the target rails.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

Target frames and cardboard backer for targets are may be available generally stored in the bullseye range garage.

6) **SPECIFIC RULES**

- a. Actions open until ready to shoot.
- b. Load only when on shooting pad.
- c. Muzzle always pointed in a safe direction
- d. The use of the club's steel silhouettes has specific ammunition requirements, require an orientation, a onetime user fee. Contact the silhouette chairperson.
- e. The match silhouettes and pneumatic reset system are reserved for match or tournament use only.

D) BULLSEYE PISTOL RANGE

MAY 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for club sponsored events

1) **FIREARM TYPES:**

Rifles, Handguns and Shotguns with shot or slugs – on paper targets

2) **WALKUP RANGE**

To service targets, entire line must be made safe. You must verbally and visually, communicate your intention to proceed down range, and make sure the line is safe, BEFORE you go down range.

The line is safe when:

ALL actions are OPEN

ALL firearms are on bench, in rack, or holstered.

Others have stepped back from the line and firearms.

NO HANDLING of firearms when the range is made safe.

3). **APPROVED DISTANCES:**

a) 25 yards

b) 50 yards

c) 50 meters

d) 1-50 yards on portable stands (bullets must impact backstop)

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

Paper targets on target stands.

A shotgun pattern board may be provided to pattern shot of any size and slugs.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

Target frames are in the storage shed. Paper targets only. Shooters must provide their own paper targets.

Target frames and cardboard backer for targets may be provided for your use.

6) **SPECIFIC RULES**

a. Actions open until ready to shoot.

b. Load only when on shooting pad.

c. Muzzle always pointed in a safe direction

d. The use of the club's pneumatic turning target system is reserved for match use only.

E) SMALLBORE RANGE

May 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for club sponsored events

1) **FIREARM TYPES:**

.22 caliber rim fire rifles only – No .22 Magnum rim fire rifles allowed
Air gun up to 25 caliber.

2) **WALKUP RANGE**

To service targets, entire line must be made safe. You must verbally and visually, communicate your intention to proceed down range, and make sure the line is safe, BEFORE you go down range.

The line is safe when:

ALL actions are OPEN

ALL firearms are on bench, in rack, or holstered.

Others have stepped back from the line and firearms.

NO HANDLING of firearms when the range is made safe.

3). **APPROVED DISTANCES:**

- 50 yards
- 50 Meters
- 100 yards
- 100 Meters

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

Paper targets on target stands.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

Target frames are in the target house and may be in the storage area in the shooting house. Paper targets only.
Shooters must provide their own paper targets.

6) **SPECIFIC RULES**

F) GENERAL PURPOSE RANGE

MAY 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for special events/matches.

1) **FIREARM TYPES:**

Rifles, Handguns and Shotguns with shot or slugs

2) **WALKUP RANGE**

To service targets, entire line within that bay must be made safe. You must verbally and visually communicate your intention to proceed down range, in your bay, and make sure the line is safe, BEFORE you go down range in that bay.

The line is safe when:

ALL actions are OPEN

ALL firearms are on bench, in rack, or holstered.

Others have stepped back from the line and firearms.

NO HANDLING of firearms when the range is made safe.

3). **APPROVED DISTANCES:**

Zero – 100 yards depending on the bay

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

Targets can be paper, frangible or steel.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

Target frames and cardboard backer for targets may be provided for your use.

6) **SPECIFIC RULES**

- a. Actions open or holstered until ready to shoot.
- b. Spools, tables and barricades are for shooter convenience & props – They are NOT targets or target holders.
- c. Targets and equipment stored in shed and barricade are for match or tournament use only

G) BENCH REST RANGE

MAY 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for special events/matches.

1) **FIREARM TYPES:**

Rifles, Handguns and Shotguns with slugs

2) **WALKUP RANGE**

To service targets, entire line must be made safe. You must verbally and visually, communicate your intention to proceed down range, and make sure the line is safe, BEFORE you go down range.

The line is safe when:

ALL actions are OPEN

ALL firearms are on bench, in rack, or holstered.

Others have stepped back from the line and firearms.

NO HANDLING of firearms when the range is made safe.

3). **APPROVED DISTANCES:**

25 yards

50 yards

100 yards

200 yards

400 yards

10-200 yards on portable stands (bullets must impact backstop)

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

Paper targets on target stands and steel targets at the 200 and 400-yard positions.

200-yard steel target note. Any position (1 through 20) can be used for shooting at the 200-yard steel targets.

400-yard steel target note: The right hand two positions No. 19 & 20 can be used for shooting at the 400-yard steel, or paper targets. These targets can be serviced while firing is underway on remainder of firing line but only after both benches have "POINT CLOSED" sign lowered over front of positions No. 19 & 20 **AND** positions 1-5 in the high power 300-meter house or the 300-yard line have been advised and shut down.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

- a. Target frames and cardboard backer for targets may be provided for your use. Target frames are located on range or in the warehouse. Paper targets only.
- b. Moving benchrest target backers are for match use only.

H) HIGHPOWER RANGE

MAY 1, 2018

These rules are in effect always except for special events/matches.

1) **FIREARM TYPES:**

Centerfire rifles and muzzleloaders.

2) **PROTECTED ACCESS RANGE (with target pits)**

To service targets, use the road on the east side of the range.

By using this road, targets can be serviced while firing is underway at the 200-yard, 300 yards and 300-meter firing lines.

3). **APPROVED DISTANCES:**

- 200 yards
- 300 yards
- 300 meters
- 400 yards (positions 1-5)

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

- 200 yards
Paper targets on carriers on positions 15-20 only.
- 300 yards
Paper targets on carriers on positions 15-20 only.
Steel targets and paper on frames (far left targets) positions 1-5 only.
- 300 meters
Electronic targets on positions 1- 14 only.
Paper targets on carriers on positions 15-20 only.
Steel targets and paper on frames (far left targets) positions 1-5 only.

Steel target note: The left hand five positions No. 1-5 at the outdoor 300 yards, and positions 1-5 at the 300-meter house, can be used for shooting at the left-hand steel target bank and paper targets. These targets can be serviced while firing is underway on remainder of firing line, **but only** after both benches have "POINT CLOSED" sign lowered over front of positions No. 19 & 20 **ON THE BENCHREST RANGE AND** positions 1-5 on the outdoor 300-yard line and in the 300-meter house have been advised and shut down.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

Target frames and carriers are provided for your use. Target frames are stored in target house. Use target frames with appropriate targets for appropriate distances.

- Target frames stored in area marked "GENERAL USE" are for shooter provided targets.
- Target frames stored in area marked "PRACTICE" are for hi-power practice.
- Target frames stored in locked area marked "MATCH" are only for approved matches.
- Only use regulation target pasters on "Practice" and "Match" targets.

6) **SPECIFIC RULES**

- a. Store target carriers in the "down" and "locked" position.
- b. Electronic targets have special bullet requirements. Contact Minneapolis Rifle Club Range officers at a scheduled match for information.