

## **TONAWANDAS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ALL SHOOTING RANGES & FIELDS**

1. General. Live firing and shooting conducted at the Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club is designed to provide authorized personnel access to a facility where they can become proficient with privately-owned / legal firearms. The Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club is a family orientated organization and dedicated to Wildlife conservation, hunting, fishing, archery, shooting and firearms safety training. This organization supports the NRA safety programs. This organization is staffed with NRA Instructors and New York State Hunter Safety Instructors.

2. Facilities for use. The Club firearm shooting facilities consist of:
- 4 skeet ranges.
  - 7 trap ranges.
  - 1 sporting clays range.
  - 1 outdoor pistol range.
  - 1 indoor pistol range.
  - 1 outdoor rifle range (with two Pistol stations).
  - Archery Bags (at Pistol Range)
  - Catch and Release Fishing Pond
  - Member (only) Hunting on Property.

The range SOP, range availability, range rules and club safety rules are established by the Board of Directors and the appointed range Chairpersons. Availability and schedules are posted each month in the "Sportscaster", the club's monthly news bulletin. Shooting events, schedules and club safety rules are posted on the clubhouse bulletin boards.

### 3. Range Limitations and Safety Requirements:

#### a) Outdoor shooting times:

##### **Pistol Range:**

- Every Day: 9 am to 8:59 pm or dark (whichever comes first).

##### **Rifle Range (w/ two Pistol stations):**

- Monday to Friday: 9 am to 8:59 pm or dark (whichever comes first).
- Saturday & Sunday: 10 am to 8:59 pm or dark (whichever comes first).

Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC

Outdoor property will be permanently expelled from the Club. Exception: Legal Hunting.

#### b) Indoor shooting times – 8:00 am to 10:00 pm (every day).

Exception: closed for Friday Night Dinner Hour (5pm – 8pm)

#### c) All shooters must follow the NRA standard "Gun Safety Rules".

d) Hearing & eye protection must be worn by all employees at all ranges during all shooting events. Practice is considered a shooting event.

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f) **Proper shooting locations for all Guns at TSC:**

**Shotgun Patterning Board: (Shotguns ONLY)**

The Shotgun Patterning Board is located to the left of Skeet Field #1.

The Patterning board can help Trap or Skeet Shooters find their guns “point of Impact”.

This is important in finding where your guns shot pattern is relative to the clay target.

You should grease the steel plate face and then place a spent (used) shotgun shell on the

center peg to aim at. There is Grease and a roller for your use located behind the board.

Then, stand approximately even with the back side of Trap house #1. Shoot 2 or 3 rounds

at the spent shell. If your pattern is high or low or too far left or right, you can adjust the comb or vent rib, and retry your shot. Hopefully, this will result in more shot reaching the clay target.

Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size only.

Please remember to use lead shot only.

NO Steel shot, Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed.

**Shotgun Home Defense Gun Board: (Shotguns only)**

Next to the Steel Patterning Board is a 4' x 4' plywood board (usually covered by cardboard) to learn use of your home defense gun.

Staple or tape your target to the cardboard.

Then, stand approximately even with the back side of Trap house #1 to Shoot.

Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size only.

No Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed.

**Outdoor Ranges:**

1) **Outdoor Pistol Range: ONLY Pistols can be used on this Range**

2) **Outdoor Rifle Range:**

- (10) **Rifle Stations: ONLY Rifles can be shot on these stations**

- (2) **Pistol Stations: ONLY Pistols can be used on these stations**

**Note: Shotguns with DEER SLUGS ONLY can be used at all (12) stations**

3) **Trap/Skeet & Sporting Clay Courses: Shotguns ONLY**

- **Please remember to use short brass with 7-1/2 to 9 shot size only.**

**Any Questions: Contact a Board Officer**

g) Call a “Cease Fire and “Make Safe” if any person moves forward of any “live fire” firing line or any other unsafe condition is observed.

h) Notify the Club Safety Officer and/or any Director, Club Officer, or Range Chairperson of any safety infraction.

i) Shooting is allowed only on scheduled ranges. Club directors, event/shooting chairpersons will determine the scheduled range times.

j) Insure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits.

k) Shooting at target frames is prohibited.

l) Only authorized ammunition and firearms may be used.

- Outdoor Pistol Range: all Legal Hand Guns and Ammo can be used

: Members supply their own targets / No tracers or incendiaries / no armor piercing.

- Outdoor Rifle Range: all Legal Rifles and Ammo can be used

: Members supply their own targets / No tracers or incendiaries / no armor piercing.

- Indoor Pistol Range: Full details posted at Range / Members supply their own targets

: Max. of .45 Caliber Pistol. No Magnum Loads, handguns chambered for 5.7, .410 defense loads

: No tracers or incendiaries / No armor piercing bullets

: Max.: .22 Caliber RIM FIRE Rifle (.22 short, long or .22 long rifles). No .22 magnums, .223 or .17 cal.:

: Air Rifles and Air Pistols are permitted

**\*\* Any Range questions, contact the Pistol Committee \*\***

- m) Only paper targets are to be used on the rifle and pistol ranges.
- n) The use of any glass, or breakable, “glass-like”, material for targets is prohibited.
- o) Metal targets may be used for previously approved authorized practice or events only on outdoor ranges.
- p) Notify the Club Safety Officer and/or any Director, Club Officer, or Range Chairperson of any safety infraction.
- q) Pick up all brass, shot shells, paper, and debris from the shooting area and range. Deposit all material in the designated receptacles.
- r) For all Ranges, Unsighted fire “hip shooting” is prohibited.
- s) Simulated automatic fire with semi-automatic firearms is prohibited.
- t) No Pets are allowed on any live firing line.

4. Handguns and concealed carry rules:

“Concealed Carry” All handguns must be legally possessed. All handguns that are carried on the person must be totally concealed. All handguns worn in the clubhouse are not to be visible or exposed.

THE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE ARE:

- a) Events or matches that require a holstered Handgun.
- b) Any on-duty, sworn law enforcement officer.
- c) Any on-duty military personnel.
- d) Authorized specific demonstrations approved by the Club Officers or Directors and must follow all applicable laws.

5. Authorized & Prohibited Ammunition:

- a) Armor piercing ammunition is prohibited on all ranges.
- b) Gas checked lead bullets are prohibited on the indoor range.
- c) Incendiary, explosive, tracer, or flare ammunition are prohibited on all ranges.
- d) Magnum velocity and “+P” type ammunition is prohibited on the indoor pistol range.
- e) High velocity .22 WRF ammunition is prohibited on the indoor pistol range.
- f) Any ammunition deemed not appropriate by the Club Range Officer(s), Director(s), or event chairperson(s) for the specific range, match, or event.
- g) Shotgun slugs and shot sizes larger than “BB” are authorized in designated areas only (and cannot be used for Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays).
- h) Shotgun “patterning” with short brass shot sizes of #7-1/2 to 9 is authorized in the designated shotgun patterning area only.

\*\* Any Range Ammo questions, contact the Pistol Committee \*\*

6. Authorized & Prohibited Firearms:

- a) Fully automatic Firearms are authorized for use by sworn law enforcement officers and active military personnel using a specified range for practice. The range use must be specified “Under Contract”. The contract must be approved by the “Board of Directors”. The range will be closed to all other unauthorized personnel. All proper federal and state licenses and any other required paperwork must be made available to the “Board of Directors”.

- b) Muzzle loading firearms using black powder are prohibited in the indoor pistol range.
- c) Handguns of a caliber greater than “.45” are prohibited in the indoor range.
- d) Rifles of a caliber greater than “.22 WRF” are prohibited in the indoor pistol range. Only RIM FIRE Rifles and Ammo are allowed. Air Pistols and Air Rifles are permitted.

7. Authorized Persons who may use the Club facility:

- a) Current members of the Tonawandas Sportsmen’s Club.
- b) Invited guests of members, provided the member is present and assumes full responsibility for the conduct of his or her guest(s).
- c) Persons approved by the Club Officers or Directors on a case-by-case basis.

8. Personnel Responsibilities:

Directors and committee chairpersons:

- a) Maintain Range Facilities.
- b) Post and notify members of range, league and match schedules.
- c) Determine the Rules, Regulations, and Safety Training requirements.
- d) Determine the range activities, times, and fees.

Members:

- a) Each member is responsible for his or her firearms and ammunition while on the club premises.
- b) Each member is responsible for his or her guest.
- c) All members and guests will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times.
- d) Members must sign up for range use PRIOR to using the range and pay the required fees for Family Members and Guests.
- e) All Local, County, State, and Federal Laws will be observed at all times.

Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC Outdoor property will be permanently expelled from the Club. Exception: Legal Hunting.

9. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs

Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs on any live fire firing line. Range access will be denied to anyone who is, or appears to be, intoxicated. After a member or guest has ceased all live firing and after his or her firearms and all ammunition is secured, alcoholic beverages may be consumed at the appropriate locations:

- a) Clubhouse.
- b) Back Deck.
- c) Any other authorized area for specific events.

10. Clubhouse Safety Rules:

- a) The NRA Gun Safety Rules will be observed at all times.
- b) Follow all safety instructions from the Club Officers, Club Directors, Event Directors, Club Safety Officer, or RSO.
- c) All firearms not being used will be unloaded and actions open.

- d) All firearms off the firing lines must be cased – benched – grounded – or racked.
- e) Shouldering of rifles or shotguns inside clubhouse is prohibited.
- f) Aiming firearms at anything other than an down Range and at an authorized target is prohibited.
- g) Loaded firearms will be allowed only on the appropriate firing line and under the supervision of the event/match director, Club Safety Officer, or RSO.
- h) Assist in cleaning up the range area of brass and or shot shells at the conclusion of any shooting event.

**11. Range Fees: (as of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

	<b>Member rates</b>	<b>Non-member rates</b>
<b>Skeet</b>	<b>\$5.00 **</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Trap</b>	<b>\$5.00 **</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Sporting Clays</b>	<b>\$15.00 **</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

\*\* : Up to 10% discount available by using the “TSC Shoot Card”

Range use costs:

Rifle Range / Outdoor Pistol Range / Indoor Pistol Range

- Members: no cost / Family Members (Spouse/Child under 18) \$3/ day
- Guests (including non-qualifying Family Members): \$10/ day

Note: Some events require additional or special fees. These fees will be charges according to the event, match, or league requirements and the amount is governed by the appropriate rules and the event director or chairperson.

**Note: If the Outdoor Pistol Range is rented you CAN setup your target and shoot your Pistol (on the two Pistol stations) on the Rifle Range.**

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**12. Emergencies and Medical Support:**

- a) Call for medical assistance – 911.
- b) Take charge of situation – one person.
- c) Assist in or render immediate first aid when appropriate.
- d) Notify the club director(s) immediately and make necessary report(s).
- e) Follow the instructions of any sworn law enforcement officer who takes control of the accident scene.

TSC Web Site: [www.TonSportsClub.com](http://www.TonSportsClub.com)

# **Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club – Family membership guidelines**

- 1) As the Members Spouse or a Child under the age of (18) and living in the House, you have the following privileges:
  - a) Shoot "Trap" at member rates.
  - b) Shoot "Skeet" at member rates.
  - c) Shoot "Sporting Clays" at member rates.
  - d) Use the Indoor or Outdoor Pistol Range - \$3 per day. Must be with member.
  - e) Use Outdoor Rifle Range - \$3 per day. Must be with member.
  - f) Use Archery Range at no cost. Must be with member.
  - g) Use catch and release Fishing Pond at no cost. Must be with Member.

**Note:**

- a) For each of the above items, you must be accompanied by the Adult Member.
  - b) Guest and non-qualifying Family Member rate for using Ranges: \$10 per day.
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- 2) The following Items are not part of the Family membership benefits:
    - a) You do NOT have voting privileges.
    - b) You can NOT Hunt on TSC property. This is for Members only / no guests.  
Note: Children between the age of 14 to 18 can be given permission to Hunt at "the Members side" by the Board. Contact the Board for permission.
    - c) You are NOT an owner/member of the Club. Ownership rights belong to the member only.
    - d) You do NOT accrue time toward "Life Membership" at TSC.
    - e) You can NOT attend General meetings of the Club.
    - f) You can NOT purchase a Door FOB or member discount Shoot Card.

**Below are the criteria for "TSC Club Ownership":**

**Only "members in good standing" own an equal share of TSC. To be a member in good standing, "you must be up to date with payment for the current membership year dues". All members that "drop the Club" forfeit their ownership share in TSC.**

**If you have any questions on Family membership or Club Ownership, see a Board Director.**

# TSC CLUB & RANGE SAFETY RULES

## CLUBHOUSE SAFETY RULES:

- a) NRA Gun Safety Rules will be observed at all times.
- b) Follow all safety instructions from the Club Officers, Club Directors, Event Director(s), Club Safety Officer(s), or RSO.
- c) All firearms not being used will be unloaded and actions open.
- d) All firearms off the firing lines must be cased – benched – grounded – or racked.
- e) Shouldering rifles or shotguns inside clubhouse is prohibited.
- f) Aiming firearms at anything other than an authorized target is prohibited.
- g) Loaded firearms will be allowed only on the appropriate firing line and under the supervision of the event/match director, Club Safety Officer, or RSO.
- h) Assist in cleaning up the range area of brass or shot shells.
- i) All Local, County, State, and Federal Laws will be observed at all times.

## GENERAL RANGE SAFETY RULES:

- a) Outdoor shooting times:  
Pistol Range: 9am to 8:59pm or dark (whichever is 1st) every day.  
Rifle Range - Monday to Friday: 9am to 8:59pm or dark (whichever is 1st) every day.  
- Saturday & Sunday: 10am to 8:59pm or dark (whichever is 1st) every day.  
Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC Outdoor property will be permanently expelled from the Club. Exception: Legal Hunting.
- b) Indoor shooting times – 8am to 10pm (every day)  
Exception: Closed Friday night (5pm – 8pm) for Dinner
- c) All shooters will follow the NRA standard “Gun Safety Rules”.
- d) Hearing and Eye protection must be worn by all employees at all ranges during all shooting events. Practice is considered a shooting event.
- e) Call a “Cease Fire” and “Make Safe” if any person moves forward of any “live fire” firing line or any other unsafe condition is observed.
- f) Notify the Club Safety Officer and/or any Director, Club Officer, or Range Chairperson of any safety infraction.
- g) Shooting is allowed only on scheduled ranges. Club directors, event/shooting chairpersons will determine the scheduled range times.
- h) Insure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits, berms, or backstops.
- i) Shooting at target frames is prohibited.
- j) Only authorized ammunition and firearms may be used.
- k) Un sighted fire “hip shooting” is prohibited.
- l) Simulated automatic fire with semi-automatic firearms is prohibited.
- m) Only paper targets are to be used on the rifle and pistol range.
- n) The use of any glass, or breakable “glass-like” material for targets is prohibited.
- o) Metal targets may be used for authorized practice or events only on outdoor ranges.
- p) Pick up all brass, shot shells, paper, and debris from the shooting area and range at the end of each event. Deposit all material in the designated receptacles.
- q) Pets are prohibited on any live firing line.
- r) Smoking and the consumption of food or beverages is prohibited on the indoor range.

\*\*\* Sample of Range Pass signup slip \*\*\*  
(Shown as Top & Bottom / actual slip is Front & Back)

**Side 1: Member - Range Signup** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Range used: Indoor Pistol / Outdoor Pistol / Outdoor Rifle

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Firearm(s) being used

Make(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Model(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Ammo: Factory / Reload (please circle one)

Bullet Caliber: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Adhere to all Range rules revised 1/17/19 (copy posted in Club and on line)

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**Side 2: Family Member or Member Guest - Range Signup**

Family Member (Wife or Child under 18)

Fee enclosed (\$3/ Family member): \_\_\_\_\_

(must be with Member)

Guest or non-qualifying Family member Fee (\$10 / person): \_\_\_\_\_

(Guest or non-qualifying Family member - must be with Member)

Family Member or Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Firearm(s) being used

Make(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Model(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Ammo: Factory / Reload (please circle)

Bullet Caliber: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Adhere to all Range rules revised 1/17/19 (copy posted in Club and on line)



# **NEW RIFLE RANGE OPERATION & RULES**

## **Upon arrival:**

- 1. If red flag is out at front of shelter, the range is in use. If the yellow flashing lights are on when you enter the range it is cold (cannot be used – someone down range) and you must not go in front of the yellow safety line until the lights are turned off and the range is declared hot. Follow all commands of the person who has assumed the position of range officer (there can only be one).**
- 2. If the red flag is not on display, put it out front in the holder so others will know that the range is in use. When you go down range to hang targets turn on the yellow caution lights and unhook chain at the pass-through. When you return, walk to and check all three viewing points to insure no one is down range ( left “X” ----- center “X” ----- right “X”) then hook chain on pass-through and turn off the yellow caution lights. The range is then hot.**
- 3. If others come with you or after you, one person should assume the responsibilities of range officer which include:
  - a) Overall safety of the range, and that all rules are being followed.**
  - b) Calling cease fires for mutually agreed upon target changes, make sure all firearms are safe and anyone not going down range stays behind the yellow safety line, and then turning on the yellow caution lights and unhooking the chain on the pass-through.**
  - c) Make sure by visually inspecting the three viewing points that no one is down range before attaching chain at pass-through and turning off caution lights and then declare the range hot.****
- 4. If you are the last one leaving the range, take down the red flag and place in the holder.**

## **Site Specific Rules**

### **1. Hours:**

**Mon. – Fri.: 9am to 8:59pm or dark (whichever is first)**

**Sat. & Sun.: 10am to 8:59pm or dark (whichever is first)**

**The range is open 365 days a year unless rented.**

**Note: Any Member caught shooting after 8:59pm and/or before 7:01am on any TSC Outdoor property will be permanently expelled from the Club.**

**Exception: Legal Hunting.**

- 2. Range I.D. card on NEW BLUE lanyard must be worn at all times when on the range.**
- 3. Form must be filled out and any monies paid BEFORE using the range.**
- 4. A maximum of two guests are allowed per member.**
- 5. No vehicles are allowed downrange, use the parking lot.**
- 6. Hearing & eye protection must be worn at all times by all people on the range.**

7. The use of alcohol and drugs on the range is prohibited.
8. Pistol shooters must have a valid NYS pistol permit. Rifle shooters must be at least 18 years old with the exception that children under 18 may shoot when supervised by a parent or guardian.
9. Absolutely no handling of firearms when the range is declared cold.
10. Use staplers only on the target boards, not on the posts benches etc.
11. Only paper targets may be used and only on the target boards. No bottles, cans, metal targets or binary explosive targets.
12. Only NYS legal firearms and ammunition can be used.
13. Open chamber indicators must be used at all times when not shooting. These are available in most sporting goods stores or at the TSC shoot room.
14. Use only proper target or hunting ammunition. No tracer, incendiary or armor piercing.
15. All firearms on benches or mats must have muzzles pointed downrange at all times.
16. All firearms must be unloaded with magazines removed with the bolt open and an open chamber indicator installed when entering or leaving the range. Unloaded firearms may be transported with the action closed if they are cased.
17. There are no specified shooting periods, if someone is waiting keep your session to one hour. Give everyone the courtesy you would expect.
18. Only bench and prone rifle shooting is allowed on the range, there will be no offhand (standing) shooting.
19. New firearms and optics must be zeroed at the fifty yard berm, not the 100 or 200 yard berms.
20. Only place your targets in your lane, they are all numbered. Do not place targets on the posts or other devices or holders not supplied by the club.
21. There are pistol positions at 7 and 25 yards, these are for pistol only. Only one target frame should be used. If shooting 7yd. or 25 yd., the other frame should be down. If shooting 50yd., both frames should be down.
22. This is only a known distance range with positions at 50, 100 and 200 yards. There will be no maneuvering and shooting etc. This is not a combat range.
23. Dry firing is to be treated as live firing for all the above rules.
24. Visitors and spectators must stand behind the yellow safety line.

### General Safety Rules:

**ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction

**ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot

**ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

**ALWAYS** know your target and what is beyond it