

# **BRIDGEPORT RIFLE CLUB, INC.**

## **HOUSE AND RANGE RULES**

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### **HOUSE RULES**

1. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on Bridgeport Rifle Club property at any time except for those occasions specifically approved by the Board, where beer and wine only may be brought to the Club and consumed for approved social events.
2. Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building.
3. Safety, good housekeeping, energy conservation, and good sportsmanship shall be practiced at all times on BRC property. Disruptive behavior such as arguing or fighting, or conduct unbecoming a member of BRC will not be permitted.
4. Upon arrival at BRC, all members will sign themselves and their guests into the daily logbook. Sign-in will include name, date and time of arrival. Upon leaving, the time of departure will be recorded.
5. Guests are the responsibility of the host member and shall be under his or her constant supervision on the firing line and under their general supervision elsewhere on BRC property.
  - a) Any member bringing a guest to the Club for the purpose of using the range for shooting is responsible for the collection and remittance to the Treasurer of a Guest Fee. Immediate family members are not subject to a Guest Fee.
  - b) Guests must be supervised on the firing line by a Member at all times.
  - c) A guest must leave the premises when the host member leaves.
6. Practice care in the use of all BRC property and equipment. Shooting boxes, firearms and equipment shall not be placed on tables or chairs. Exception – rifles may be uncased in the Club room if there are BRC approved table covers present and used – ACTIONS MUST BE OPEN.
7. All handguns shall remain cased outside of a shooting port. Handguns shall not be removed from cases in the club room.
8. Personal side arms shall remain in holster on BRC property and should only be removed from holster in a firing port.
9. All firearms will be cased and personal side arms concealed while on the exterior portion of BRC property.
10. Firearms are not to be cleaned on BRC property.
11. A member who finds they are the last one to leave the Club shall inspect the range, club room, lavatories and kitchen, making sure all lights, water and range ventilation are turned off, and upon leaving, lock all doors.
12. An emergency call list shall be placed on the bulletin board. Any member who reports any incident or situation to the Stratford Police or Fire Department, or any

public utility or vendor doing business with this Club, shall notify at least one member whose name appears on said emergency call list, as soon as possible. This rule will also apply to any breakdown or damage discovered or caused by any member. As appropriate, please remain on BRC property until emergency personnel or a BRC officer arrives.

13. Bridgeport Rifle Club range facilities shall not be used for personal or monetary gain. Exception - bulletin board sales or other items specifically approved by the Board of Directors.
14. No personal property of any type should be left on Club property. BRC is not responsible for any personal property on the premises of the Club.
15. No property can be removed from the premises without first obtaining the written permission of the chair of House and Grounds.

### **RANGE RULES**

1. Eye and ear protection **MUST** be worn by everyone in the range area during all shooting activities.
2. **Guests are the responsibility of the host member and shall be under his or her constant supervision on the firing line.**
3. Shooters under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times by an adult member and are only allowed to shoot 22 rimfire rifles and air pistols unless authorized by the Board of Directors for supervised programs or events.
4. **Only firearms firing PISTOL CALIBER AMMUNITION which meet range rules may be used on the BRC range. No rifle ammunition of any caliber allowed.** Note: 22LR rimfire ammunition is allowed (except magnums).
5. Fully automatic firearms and shotguns are strictly forbidden.
6. AMMUNITION:
  - a) **PISTOL CALIBER AMMUNITION ONLY. NO RIFLE AMMUNITION OF ANY CALIBER ALLOWED.**
  - b) Ammunition must not exceed the velocity of normal, commercially available loadings.
  - c) **No magnum or +P ammunition allowed.** No armor piercing or tracer ammunition.
  - d) No shotshells of any caliber allowed for rifle or handgun.
  - e) No black powder or pyrodex firearms shall be fired in the range.
  - f) Reloads. – The Club reserves the right to inspect any shooter's reloads as to bullet size and powder charge, and it may randomly select one shell to check for allowable bullet size and/or powder charge. Loads heavier than the maximum loads permissible are not allowed.
7. When in a port, actions shall be open, magazines or cylinders out and bolts open, except when firing on the line.
8. **All handguns must remain cased or holstered except in the shooting ports.** Do not remove any handguns from the case/holster or handle any handguns outside of the shooting port.

9. All firearms will be fired on the range safely, in a responsible manner, under complete control.
  - a) **No shooting unless your bullet will enter the bullet trap.** It is your responsibility to take into account your shooting angle, distance of the target from the back stop, and target size. Look beyond your target to see where the bullet will go. **If it will not go into the bullet trap – DO NOT SHOOT!** Adjust or change your target or its distance.
  - b) **No uncontrolled fire.** All shooting shall be done in a responsible manner so that every shot is controlled to the best ability of the shooter.
  - c) Drawing from a holster, or any place on the body, is strictly prohibited.
  - d) **Aimed fire only. Shooting from the hip or any other form of unsighted shooting is strictly prohibited.**
10. **The shooting distance is no less than twenty five (25) feet from the firing line** unless authorized by the Board of Directors for supervised programs or events.
11. Shooting is limited to **flat paper targets only**, fixed directly to the target carrier or rifle tree unless authorized by the Board of Directors for supervised programs or events.
12. **No firing forward of ports, cross-firing** or firing from a position other than within a port behind the firing line except when authorized by the Board of Directors for supervised programs or events.
13. For handguns, the low ready position shall be used - the high ready position is not permitted.
14. All lights in the range (excluding port lights and 33 ft. lights) must be kept lit when the range is in use.
15. Auxiliary target hangers (i.e. "rifle trees") are for .22 caliber rimfire rifle use only.
16. Consumption of food or beverage is not permitted in the range area. Exception to this rule is for range officers on long duty.
17. Ports must be cleaned when shooting is completed and brass swept into the range.

Live rounds and defective rounds are **NOT** to be swept into the range. Place these rounds in the container located on the console.

**ANY MEMBER BRINGING A GUEST TO THE CLUB FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING THE RANGE FOR SHOOTING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE TO THE TREASURER OF A GUEST FEE. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A GUEST FEE.**