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# **MCSC POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RANGE SAFETY RULES**

### **Membership**

Club membership and activities are open to all adults. Membership shall be based on character and interest in conservation and shooting sports, not such things as ethnic background, age, orientation or disabilities. Divisiveness will not be tolerated.

Prior to being accepted for membership in the club, all prospective members will review the club rules, policies and procedures in person, at the club with a club official designated by the Board of Directors. When the club official is confident the prospective member understands and intends to obey the rules, the club official will forward the prospective member's application for membership to the Board of Directors for review.

### **General Outdoor Ranges, Indoor Range, East Ranges and Shotgun Ranges**

Members are permitted to use the General Outdoor Ranges, the Indoor Ranges, the East Ranges, and may use their own hand and portable trap equipment on the Shotgun Ranges on an 'at will' or informal basis.

### **The 600-Yard Range and the Club Shotgun**

#### **Equipment**

Members wishing to use the 600 Yard Range or the club Shotgun Equipment on an 'at will' basis must receive additional training and receive an endorsement on their membership card before such use is permitted. The endorsement training times are scheduled on the calendar and are open to all members.

#### **Supervised Activities**

Supervised shooting activities may be scheduled on any club range and are open to anyone, including the general public with the proper equipment for a particular activity. An endorsement is not required to participate in supervised activities. An activity or entry fee is generally charged for supervised activities.

#### **Commercial Use**

No one is allowed to run training classes or operate any form of business on club premises. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to expulsion.

### **Concealed Carry Policy**

1. If you legally wear a concealed pistol to the club, as long as it remains concealed, the club views it as being 'cased' and it may stay concealed on your person while you are at the club.
2. Concealed Pistols may only be removed from concealment while on a designated firing line or point.
3. Do not handle, load or unload a concealed pistol anywhere, except on a designated firing line or point. *(this is true for all firearms at the club).*
4. Once drawn from concealment, that pistol then falls under all other existing range rules and must be unloaded and have the action open when others are down range. *(Review General Rules 1 - 11).*
5. If you wish to reload and re-conceal prior to leaving the range, you must do that on the firing point. Do not reload and re-conceal while others are down range. Keep your muzzle pointed down range at or below the targets while reloading and re-concealing.

### **Exceptions**

Exceptions to these rules will be considered by the Board of Directors. Supervised Events, authorized by the Board of Directors, may allow activities beyond those listed in these rules.

*(some examples of exceptions are scheduled nighttime skeet shooting and scheduled defensive pistol practice using steel targets).*

15. At will shooting is permitted only at paper targets, air filled latex balloons, and MCSC provided steel targets. Shooting at bottles, cans, or other objects, on the ground or elevated, is prohibited. NO member supplied steel targets.
16. Remove all targets and police the area of brass, spent shells and other debris before leaving the range.
17. Your MCSC membership card must be in your possession when using Club facilities and must be presented upon request from any other member.
18. All members have a duty to police club safety. Upon witnessing a violation of these rules or any other action that appears to be unsafe, politely remind the person involved to operate within club rules. If ignored, take notes on the time, description of the person and vehicle and contact a club official.
19. All activities on the Midland County Sportsman's Club property relating to the transportation, carriage and discharge of firearms shall be in accordance with current Federal, State and local regulations as well as MCSC rules.
20. Ear and eye protection is required for all guests and juniors on or within ten (10) feet of the firing line, and strongly urged for all members.
21. Hunting or shooting of animals on MCSC property is prohibited.
22. Persons under the influence of alcohol or other substances are not permitted on the firing ranges.
23. It is each member's responsibility to keep their gate code confidential.
24. The club gate will be closed at all times unless a scheduled, supervised activity open to the public is taking place.

### **.22 Gallery**

1. Only caliber allowed is .22 short, long, long rifle
2. Pistols, carbines, or rifles are allowed as long as they are .22 short, long or long rifle.
3. You may NOT apply paint to the gallery
4. It is a fixed firing point. DO NOT go forward of concrete pad.
5. Keep muzzle pointed down range while shooting, loading, unloading, or clearing a misfeed / misfire.

### **Guest Privileges**

1. Members may bring non-member guests to the club. Spouses, dependents, other juniors and any other non-members are considered guests.
2. A member's spouse and ALL juniors under 18 years old may use the club facilities for no additional fee. They are required to fill out and deposit the hold harmless/day membership agreement in the range fee box prior to engaging in any activity at the club.
3. All other guests are required to fill out the hold harmless/day membership agreement and deposit it with the \$5 fee into the range fee box prior to engaging in any activity at the club. (Or sign a group-activity sign-up sheet and pay the \$5 fee to the activity supervisor).
4. A member's guest must shoot under the direct supervision of the member. Members may bring more than one guest at a time, but ONLY ONE guest may handle a firearm at any one time. The member is responsible for everyone they bring to the club and the collection of all range fees.
5. Members should encourage their guests to join the club. Members should limit the number of times they bring a particular adult guest to the club. Our club depends mainly on membership dues. Guests are a privilege.
6. Unless a non-member is the guest of a member or is participating in a supervised activity, they may not engage in any shooting activities on club property.

### **Shooting Hours**

1. All outdoor shooting is limited to daylight hours between 8:00am and Sunset. Time of sunset can be found on any smart phone.
2. Outdoor night shooting under artificial lights is not permitted.
3. Indoor shooting hours are not restricted.
4. Work days, club maintenance and scheduled activities take precedence over 'at will' shooting.
5. In the event of a power outage, the affected ranges are closed to all shooting activities.

### **Firearm. Ammunition and Magazine Capacity Restrictions**

1. A list of allowed calibers is posted in the Indoor Range. Only handguns in the allowed calibers and .22 rimfire rifles are allowed on the indoor range.
2. No firearm may be fired on MCSC club property in a fully automatic mode.
3. Discharge of a .50 BMG rifle is not allowed.
4. Use of armor piercing, incendiary or tracer ammunition is not permitted on Club property.
5. Ammunition is limited to #71/2 or smaller shot on the Trap and Skeet ranges.
6. Multiple loading for all rifles and handguns is limited to ten (10) rounds.
7. Multiple loading for all shotguns is limited to two (2) rounds.
8. Handguns chambered for traditional handgun calibers and .410 shotshells are allowed on the outdoor General Handgun Range. .22 rimfire rifles are also allowed.
9. Steel pistol range is pistol only. **NO RIFLES OR CARBINES.** Pistol calibers only out of handguns. **NO RIFLE CALIBERS OUT OF HANDGUNS.** This includes 5.7
10. West side of the East range has .22 rimfire swinging targets. .22 rimfire only (short, long, or long rifle, **No .22 mag**) - Paper targets in this area are for pistol or rifle with all allowed calibers..

### **General Rules**

1. All firearms must be operated in a safe and reasonable manner.
2. Prior to shooting, visually check the firing line, the mid-range area, the target area, the impact area and any area beyond impact for other persons who might be in these areas.
3. Firearms may only be loaded on a designated firing line or point and the firearm is pointed down range at or below the target directly forward.
4. All firing must be done from a designated firing line or point. If the range has a concrete pad, that is the firing line. You may not advance forward of the concrete.

5. Shoot only into designated backstops from the corresponding firing points. Cross firing is forbidden. All firing must be at the target directly forward of the firing point.
6. All shots must be confined to impact berms or bullet trap; loaded firearms must not be aimed or pointed above or to either side of the target area. Keeping the muzzle pointed at impact berm includes when loading, unloading, or clearing a misfeed or misfire.
7. All uncased firearms must be handled with the action open and empty of ammunition except when in position for firing. When not in use, all firearms must be unloaded, the magazines removed and actions locked open.
8. All firearms must be unloaded with action open and on the bench or in a case or designated storage rest before any person proceeds down range. On the General outdoor range, the red range warning lights must be turned on before any person proceeds down range.
9. Firearms must not be handled or touched when anyone is down range or when the red range warning lights are turned on.
10. Before going down range, all persons must communicate and receive acknowledgment of their intention from all other persons on the range.
11. All firearms must be cleared of ammunition actions open before leaving the firing line. This includes moving from one firing point to another.
12. On the trap & skeet ranges, only the person on the firing point and whose turn it is may load their shotgun. All other shotguns will be unloaded with the actions open.
13. Upon seeing any unsafe situation, immediately and loudly give the command "**CEASE FIRE**". Continue to give the command until all shooting ceases. All persons on the range are authorized to give the CEASE FIRE command.
14. Upon hearing the command to CEASE FIRE, regardless of who gives the command, all shooting will stop immediately, all firearms will be grounded in place and the shooter will step away from the firearm. **DO NOT UNLOAD OR FURTHER HANDLE ANY FIREARM UNTIL INSTUCTED TO DO SO.**