

MINNETONKA GAME AND FISH CLUB

and

MINNEAPOLIS RIFLE CLUB, INC.

RANGE RULES

Privileges and Responsibilities of membership

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**Knowing the rules is the responsibility of
each member of either club.**

**Enforcing the rules is also the responsibility of
each member of either club.**

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St. Francis Shooting Facility is private: The club property consists of about 140 acres located 5 miles West of Highway 47 in the City of St. Francis. The members of either club may use any and all of the ranges. The club layout map includes the 7 ranges and clubhouse. Public events are sponsored by both clubs.

Minnetonka Game and Fish Club is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota. It has been in operation in various places since 1921 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, bench rest, 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 subject to change and are set annually by the membership with an initiation fee equal to yearly dues during the first year of membership. NRA membership is not required but strongly recommended.

Minneapolis Rifle Club, Inc. is a not-for profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota. It has been in operation in various places since 1915 and joined the MKTA on current property in 1993 after closing their range in Andover. It is a shooting club with a focus on target rifle shooting. The club has distinguished past and present history of International and domestic rifle shooting in World Championships, Pan American Games, Olympics, national, state and local matches. NRA membership is encouraged but optional. Membership is open to all citizens 18 or older and to Junior shooters with parent permission and sponsorship. Dues are the same as the MTKA club, with the exception of Junior members. Those seeking membership in the Minneapolis Rifle Club must demonstrate their interest in shooting through participation in competitive target shooting events.

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**MINNETONKA GAME & FISH CLUB
MINNEAPOLIS RIFLE CLUB
RANGE RULES & GUIDELINES**

The key word is always **SAFETY!**

The purpose of these rules is to make your shooting experience and that of others more 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.

Please keep in mind that certain administrative exceptions will be made to these guidelines officially, by the Board Of Directors, in an effort of maintaining the ranges and operating matches.

All members and their guests, will be held accountable for following these rules. It is each member's responsibility to understand these rules and guidelines. If you are unsure of any rule, 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. Report violations and offenders to a Range Officer (RO) 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! (NOTE ANY HANDGUN HOLSTERED WILL BE CONSIDERED THE SAME AS ONE THAT IS BENCHED.)**
- 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 AT ALL TIMES, ON ALL FIREARMS RANGES**

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SECTION I GENERAL RANGE RULES (unless otherwise provided by the board, the following will prevail):

1. Proximity cards and lock combinations are for member use only. Violations may subject the member to discipline.
2. Members should confirm that the gate has closed behind them.
3. Range hours are 8:00AM to 10:00PM, Monday through Saturday, and Sunday 9:00AM to 10:00PM.
4. A current membership card must be carried and shown if requested by a member of either club.
5. The use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited while on club property.
6. Any injury requiring medical treatment, or as a result of a firearm discharge, must be reported as soon as possible to a member of either Board of Directors.
7. All events/matches or training/demonstration sessions must be approved by Board of Directors.
8. All guests and persons under age 18 must be accompanied and supervised by a club member host at all times.
9. Firing shall be limited to designated ranges and firing points.
10. Hunting or shooting of wildlife on club property is prohibited.
11. Climbing on berms, backstops or frontstops is prohibited. Walking about on property, off of designated ranges or roads is prohibited.
12. Only approved targets may be used – see each specific range for approved targets.
13. The discharge of fully automatic firearms is prohibited on all ranges.
14. The use of armor piercing or tracer type ammunition is prohibited on all ranges.
15. Outdoor fires of any type, are prohibited – except for recreational fires contained within a metal grill no larger than 3 feet in width/diameter in an area cleared of combustible materials. Recreational fires do not include trash burning.
16. Cutting of trees is prohibited.
17. Driving motor vehicles off approved roadways is prohibited.
18. Park vehicles only in designated parking areas.
19. 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.
20. Clean up your position after shooting – empty cartridges, cartridge boxes, pop cans, etc. If you brought it out, take it home.
21. Pets must be kept on a leash and under control of owner.

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SECTION II SPECIFIC RANGE RULES:

A) TRAP & SKEET SHOTGUN RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times except for special events/matches.

1) FIREARM TYPES :

Shotguns with fine shot (# 4 shot or smaller size).

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 three 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:

A patterning stand is located on field No. 1 – shooter determined distance.

4) APPROVED TARGETS:

Thrown clay birds by manual or mechanical means, OR paper targets on designated patterning stand on field No. 1.

5) AVAILABLE TARGETS:

Shooter must provide their own clay birds.

Club portable trap machine note: The use of the club's portable trap machine requires a orientation, a one time user fee, and a waiver. Contact the trap & skeet chairperson.

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. Fine shot only (# 4 or smaller size).

B) ARCHERY RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times except for special events/matches.
Discharge of firearms is strictly prohibited.

1) WEAPON TYPES :

Bows, Crossbows or spears

2) KNOWN DISTANCE RANGE (3-0)

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.

Field points may be used on the NFAA Bales, no Broadheads.
Field points and Broadheads may be used on the "Block" targets

2a Roving Archery Course (3-1)

Field points only on the Roving Archery Course, no Broadheads.

3). APPROVED DISTANCES:

10 – 80 yards

4) APPROVED TARGETS:

Bales and Blocks are provided – paper may be added.
3D targets

5) AVAILABLE TARGETS:

NFAA Bales w/target face shooting dots on the Known Distance Course (3-0)
Blocks are provided – shooters must provide paper targets (3-0)
3D Targets are stationed on the Roving Archery Course (3-1)

6) SPECIFIC RULES

There is no climbing on the berms south of the Known Distance Course (3-0)
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.

7) SHOOTER ETIQUETTE

When shooting with more than 1 person on the line, limit your flight to 5 arrows per end.

C) SILHOUETTE RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times except for special events/matches.

1) FIREARM TYPES :

- Rifles, Handguns and Shotguns with slugs – on paper targets
- .22 caliber rimfire Rifles & Handguns - on 1/4" steel silhouettes
- Handguns using straight walled cartridges- on 1/2" steel silhouettes

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 & 25 yards
- 50 meters & 50 yards
- 75 meters & 75 yards
- 100 meters & 100 yards

4) APPROVED TARGETS:

Target frames for paper targets are provided at 100 meters. Paper targets may be used at other ranges providing they are not setup in front of steel rails.

Club steel silhouette target note: The use of the club's steel silhouettes requires a orientation, a one time user fee. Contact the silhouette chairperson.

5) AVAILABLE 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) BULLSEYE PISTOL RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times except for special events/matches.

1) **FIREARM TYPES :**

Rifles, handguns, and shotguns with slugs or shot – 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) 1-50 yards on portable stands (bullets must impact backstop)

4) **APPROVED TARGETS:**

Paper targets on target stands.

5) **AVAILABLE TARGETS:**

Target frames are located 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.

E) SMALLBORE RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times except for special events/matches.

1) **FIREARM TYPES :**

.22 caliber rimfire rifles only – No .22 Magnum rimfire rifles allowed (single loading only)

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 located in the storage area in the shooting house. Paper targets only. Shooters must provide their own paper targets.

6) **SPECIFIC RULES**

No Smoking in shooting house.

F) GENERAL PURPOSE RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times except for special events/matches.

1) **FIREARM TYPES :**

Rifles, Handguns and Shotguns with 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**

Actions open or holstered until ready to shoot.

Spools, tables and barricades are for shooter convenience & props – they are NOT targets or target holders.

G) BENCH REST RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times 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:

Target frames and cardboard backer for targets may be provided for your use. Target frames are located on range or in the garage. Paper targets only.

H) HIGHPOWER RANGE

These rules are in effect at all times except for special events/matches.

1) FIREARM TYPES :

Centerfire rifles and muzzleloaders , some rifle muzzle breaks may be prohibited.

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 yard 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 yard, and positions 1-5 at the 300 meter house, can be used for shooting at the left hand steel target bank and paper targets. Shooting the steel targets from the 200 yard line is prohibited. 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.

Electronic target note: The use of the 300 meter electronic targets require special training and orientation. Contact Minneapolis Rifle Club Range officers at a scheduled match for information.

6) SPECIFIC RULES

- a. Store target carriers in the "down" and "locked" position.
- b. No smoking in shooting house.
- c. Electronic targets have special bullet requirements. Contact Minneapolis Rifle Club Range officers at a scheduled match for information.

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