# CUMBERLAND RIFLEMEN, INC

### **Rules and Regulations**

# RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISED 2019

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#### 1. General Rules

- It shall be the responsibility of all members to have knowledge of any and all range rules and abide by all range rules.
- Range activity is to be conducted in daylight hours only sunup to sundown unless authorized by the Executive Board.
- The range facility is open fifty-one weeks of the year. The range facility is closed for the week of the shotgun Deer hunting season.
- Gate access cards are not to be *loaned* or *given* to anyone.
- Members will cease fire and leave the range if told to do so by any range or executive officer for violation of the rules and regulations. All Executive Officers and members have full authority to enforce these range rules and regulations. Range Officer commands and directions must be obeyed immediately.
- Violations of range safety rules could be grounds for revocation of club membership if so determined by the Disciplinary Board.
- It is mandatory that all shooters and Pit Personnel use hearing and eye protection while on the ranges.
- With the exception of organized tournaments or special club activities, the range is restricted to members holding valid range ID badges.
- Members must wear their ID badges in plain view at all times.
- Certain maintenance functions may require that the entire complex or specific ranges be closed with little or no warning. However, the Club President and or Executive Officer will make every attempt to provide as much warning of such closure by website or email publication as is possible.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on club property at any time.
- Parking of vehicles shall be in designated areas.
- Observe all NO PARKING, speed regulation, and other signs.
- Members are responsible to insure that the automatic gate is closed

- upon entering and leaving the range or padlocked if not operational.
- Pets should be controlled, leashed, and not allowed to run at large.
- Pets are not allowed on the firing line.

#### 2. Guests:

- Guests are permitted to shoot and handle firearms on the range if accompanied by a club member.
- Guests must be signed in and out and while on the property, must wear a guest pass.
- Guests must be accompanied by a member at all times
- Members are allowed to bring not more than two guests at a time to the club.
- If bringing immediate family members, i.e., wife and or children, the member is allowed not more than *four* family members.
- Junior members or family members under age 18 are not allowed to fire on the range unless closely supervised in a one on one manner by an adult club member

#### 3. Firearms and Ammunitions Restrictions:

- Only New Jersey legal firearms, magazines and ammunition are permitted to be used on the ranges.
- Fully automatic firearms or guns modified to fire with a Bump Stock are not New Jersey legal firearms and are not permitted for use on the ranges under any circumstances.
- Any gun which cannot be fired from the shoulder or held at arm's length is prohibited.
- No firearms with the exception of muzzle loaders, are allowed in which the action cannot be locked open.
- The use of tracer, incendiary or armor-piercing ammunition is prohibited.
- Specific types of firearms and ammunition allowed on each range are defined in the rules for that range. \

#### Safety Rules applicable to all ranges:

- Muzzles of firearms must be kept pointing down range at all times.
- On all ranges, firing should be conducted and targets placed so that all rounds fired strike the impact berm.
- Care must be exercised as to target height and placement so that ricocheting
  - rounds are kept within the confines of the range
- The use of Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI) is required at all times when the firearm is not in the process of being fired or loaded or being cased except on the Practical Range.
- Firearms are to be loaded on the firing line only

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded at all times.
- Never aim a firearm unless you intend to shoot. Never shoot a firearm unless you can hit the target.
- Targets may be taken down or put up only with approval of all shooters at the firing line.
- No firearm will be handled when anyone is down range. This
  includes sight adjustment, casing, or moving the firearm to or from
  the line.
- Be familiar with your firearm and its proper ammunition. Read the instruction manual or seek instruction if you are not sure.

NO PAINT CONTAINERS, OIL CANS OR GLASS ARE TO BE USED AS TARGETS.

#### 2. Rifle Ranges

#### 600 Yard Range:

- The only firearms permitted are centerfire rifles, black powder rifles, .22 caliber rim fire rifles.
- Only paper targets are allowed on this range.
- Only personnel allowed down range during a course of fire will be personnel working in the pits.
- When personnel are in the pits, a communication system must be operational wherein shooters on the line are in contact with personnel in the pits.
- No movement to or from the pits is allowed until the line is declared safe.
- In those cases wherein a member wishes to shoot at distances other
  than that which is being fired at by other members, it is anticipated that
  after a normal period of time has expired, those shooters at the other
  distance would compromise and all shooting to be done at the distance
  requested by the late arriving member. Forty-five minutes is defined as a
  minimal "normal" time period.

#### 100 Yard Range:

- On the 100 Yard Range the only firearms permitted are: 22 caliber, Black Powder or Centerfire Rifles firing conventional cartridges, Shotguns firing slug rounds only, and Thompson Contender Pistols or like styled pistols designed to and capable of firing at distances of 100 yards and beyond chambered in conventional pistol or rifle calibers. Additionally, scoped handguns, to include red dot or holographic sights firing conventional pistol cartridges will be allowed provided these guns are being sited at distances of 100 yards.
- No pistol will be allowed on this range to fire at a distance of less than 100 yards. No wildcat cartridges are permitted.
- Centerfire rifles firing .50 caliber are not allowed on this range.

- The President or the Executive Officer may authorize on a time to time basis the use of this range by the Junior Marksmanship Program.
- Paper targets only on this range..
- On all ranges no open black powder or percussion cap containers are permitted on the firing line. These items placed in a covered container are allowed.
- All club members are responsible for immediately challenging violations of these rules and regulations and for reporting an infraction of these rules to any Executive Officer.

#### 3. Plinking Range

- On the plinking range, targets placed on the ground must be at least 25 yards from the firing line except in the area where the berm has been constructed at the 25 yard line. All fired rounds, including ricochets MUST impact the downrange berm. Should a shooter be the only firer and desire to shoot closer to his target, he may do so, provided no one else is shooting or desires to shoot. In that case, he may move his grounded target closer to the berm and may fire from a position in front of the firing line, closer to his target. Should another shooter desire to use the same range, then all shooting forward of the firing line must cease. At that time, all shooting will then be conducted from the established firing line. The shooter with a grounded target must return to the 25 yard rule.
- The only firearms permitted are pistols up to .50 caliber, rim fire and center fire rifles and Shotguns and Thompson Contender Pistols chambered for pistol cartridges. No wildcat cartridges are permitted.
- Only authorized targets and backers are permitted on the range. Shooters are responsible for policing target refuse.
- No glass, televisions, refrigerators, computer parts or hardware, or steel items is allowed. Members may use aluminum, paper, plastic advertisement signage, clay pigeons or similar items on this range.
- Use of political signage is not considered a violation of the political discussion rule.
- Targets may not be placed higher than four (4) feet on the downrange berm.
- Shooters are responsible for policing the range and removal of targets to the designated areas.
- All fired shots must impact the downrange or the 25yd berm.

#### 4. Pistol Ranges

#### Pistol Range:

- The only firearm permitted on this range are *pistols and revolvers* up to .50 caliber and Thompson Contender Pistols chambered for pistol calibers cartridges.
- No wildcat cartridges, magnum or rifle cartridges are allowed. These cartridges damage the equipment.
- Only paper targets are permitted. Cardboard backers 24x24 allowed in the target frames.
- There are two sections to this range. On the left is the competition range which is used for our league and NRA matches. There are target frames at 50yds and 25yds. The 25yd targets are only used for competition. On the left side are stationary target frames set at 25yds. These are to be used for general use. The bench is the established fire line. Do not shoot forward of the bench. If it is necessary to shot at a distance closer than 25yds, please use the plinking range.

#### **Practical Range:**

- Eye and ear protection
- Club members using this range must have a "H" endorsement sticker on their ID to utilize this range.
- No guests allowed other than RPO or LEO for training and supervised by club approved trainers.
- Only outside the waist band hip mounted hard shell holsters are authorized on this range.
- · Holster mounted on strong side only. No cross draw.
- Firing line is established by the shooters location.
- Firearms not in use must be holstered.
- During any movement, firearms must be holstered.
- To acquire the "H" endorsement, the member must be vetted by the club president or executive officer.

#### **Steel Target Range:**

On the Pistol Plinking Range steel targets are provided. Shooters using other material as targets should use non- frangible targets such as paper or plastic, aluminum, advertisement signage, clay pigeons or signage or similar items.

- No glass or electronic material, computers, televisions or non-club provided steel is to be used on this range.
- Targets placed on the ground must be not more than 25 yards from the berm line. All fired rounds, including ricochets MUST impact the downrange berm. Should a shooter be the only firer and desire to shoot

closer to his <u>non-steel target</u>, they may do so, provided no one else is shooting or desires to shoot. In that case, they may move his grounded target closer to the berm and may fire from a position in front of the firing line, closer to his target.

• Shooters firing forward of the firing line must have an **"H**" endorsement on their club ID Card.

In no case should shots fired that hit the ground impact any further than 25 yards from the berm. Should another shooter desire to use the same range, then all shooting forward of the firing line must cease. At that time, all shooting will then be conducted from the established firing line. The shooter with a grounded target must return to the established firing line and reposition his target..

#### The following rules apply to shooters firing on Steel Targets:

- The only firearms permitted are pistols of .22 rimfire, .38, 9mm, 40 S&W, 10 mm, .38 special, .45 caliber no wildcat or magnum cartridges, pistols firing a rifle cartridge, or steel core or bi-metal jacketed bullets (copper jacket over steel jacket) (bullet not case attracted to magnet). No rifles of any caliber, shotguns or Thompson Contender style pistols are allowed on this range.
- Since this range contains steel targets, it must be understood that all shooters using this range do at their own risk and accept any and all liability which comes from the usage of steel targets
- Eye and ear protection is *mandatory* for any person, shooters or observers on this range.
- On this range and on any range where the club allows steel targets, the
  minimum distance between the shooter and the targets is to be 20 yards
  or 60 feet. The targets are set at 60 feet in front of the tables which
  establishes the firing line for this range. No shooter should be shooting
  from in front of the firing lines.
- For those targets marked as .22 caliber rimfire only, no other caliber can be used.
- For those targets marked as conventional pistol only, those targets may be shot using the calibers listed in one above.

No rifles of any caliber, shotguns or Thompson Contender style pistols are allowed on this range.

#### 5 Safety Rules

Firearms Safety begins with each of us individually.

- 1. Always treat every gun as it is loaded.
- 2. Never point the muzzle of any gun at anything you do not wish to kill or destroy.
- 3. Be aware of your environment, including the target area, and beyond.
- 4. Keep your finger off the trigger until you have made the conscious decision to shoot.
- 5. Keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.
- 6. Clear the line before going downrange.
- 7. Always wear adequate eye and ear protection.
- 8. Know your firearm and ammunition and how to use
- it safely. Be sure your gun is safe to operate.
- 9. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- 10. Be aware of your physical conditions, fatigue, and limitations.
- 11. Keep your guns secure, when not in use.
- 12. After shooting, unload your firearm before returning to your vehicle.

## SAFETY FIRST, LAST, AND ALWAYS.

#### **Section C- Range Etiquette**

These rules of Range Etiquette are incorporated into the Bylaws as range rules.

- 1. Foul or abusive language is not permitted on the Club premises at any time.
- 2. Each member is personally responsible for the good order of themselves, their families and their guests at all times when on Club facilities. The guest of a member must leave when that member leaves, unless another member agrees to assume responsibility.
- 3. Personal property left on the Club premises is left at the owner's risk.
- 4. The Club will not be responsible for any accidents occurring to Club Members, except on designated workdays.
- 5. Club hours are Sun up to Sun down. No activities are permitted on the ranges outside of those hours without express written permission of the Board of Trustees. Club meetings and Board meetings are authorized usage of the Club facilities after Sun down
- 6. All ranges are under the control and direction of the Executive Officer who can delegate that responsibility to the proper Committee Chairmen, or in their absence, the Club Steward.
- 7. Club Members bringing children to the Club must bear in mind that they alone are responsible for the child's conduct, and it is up to each parent to see that the child is kept under control.
- 8. No political or religious discussions are permitted on the Club Facilities that are not directly related to hunting, sporting activities or gun control.
- 9. Club property cannot be removed from the Club premises unless authorized by the Board of Trustees. A letter, in the form of a "Borrower's Agreement" must be signed by the President and filed until the property is returned. At that time the President will report to the Board that the property has been returned and the Borrower's Agreement may be destroyed if so ordered by Board action.
- 10.Committee Chairmen must submit requests for materials needed on Work Days to the Steward at least one month in advance. The Steward will forward either purchase the items or consult with the President regarding purchase. A request to the Board of Trustees

at the meeting prior to the Work Day for an appropriation may be made. The Executive Officer will coordinate and prioritize all projects for the Work Day. He will allocate resources and materials. The Steward will assist, and oversee work party activities as required.

- 11. No-one is permitted to use "Metal Detectors" on the Club Facility.
- 12. No climbing on the berms is authorized or permitted unless for the purposes of maintenance.
- 13. Fighting on Club property is not permitted. The striking of anyone on the premises will result in appearance before the Disciplinary Board with the possibility of loss of membership.
- 14. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Club facilities or Ranges.
- 15. Smoking is permitted on the firing line in so far as safety is not compromised provided that no other shooter complains. Any complaint will cause further smoking to not be permitted until the complaining shooter leaves. Shooters should bear in mind that smoking while shooting elevates the personal risk of lead hazards to the smoker.
- 16. Brass will be policed and put into receptacles on the ranges. Trash will be picked up and placed into trash receptacles. Target stands will be stripped and left clean. Shooters will make every attempt to keep the range cleaner than they found it.
- 17. Any deviation from these rules must be reported to a Range Officer or Club Officer as soon as possible.

# Section C - Incorporated into rules and regulations

Section D - Omitted -Incorporated into rules and regulations.

**Section E - Omitted - Incorporated above.**