

Hudson Falls Fish and Game Club Rules

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CLUB WIDE: Children under 18 are to be supervised by an adult. Eye and ear protection are required for firearm use.

- No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the premises. No hunting on the premises unless specifically designated by the Board.
- Bows and fire arms are to be carried in a safe manner, as if they are loaded, at all times, rifles, pistols and shotguns shall always point in a safe direction whether you are on one of the ranges or in the Club House. Never sweep others with the muzzle of your gun.
- Keys and passes are for the sole use of the Club member. Guests are allowed but after 2 visits they are required file a membership form so as to continue to be a guest. Members are limited to one guest at a time in September, October and November and should share a bench on the rifle range. Guests may be required to sign a liability waiver. Members are responsible for their guest's safety and conduct.
- Firearms may be discharged at the designated outdoor ranges between 9AM and Sundown only.
- Keep all ranges clean. Pick up all cartridges and broken arrows and place them in the proper refuse. Leave NO live cartridges or "duds" on the range or in empty cartridge barrels. Take them home for proper disposal. Repair damaged target holders and put away any target carriers or archery bales. Notify a club officer of any damage that occurs (call, email or write a note and leave it under the office door).
- **Please** be courteous to your fellow shooters but if you observe unsafe behavior or rule violations, bring it to the attention of the offending member. If the issue is not resolved, DO NOT engage in an argument ...report it to an Officer.
- Sign in and out of the appropriate log book for each range that you use.
- Follow all instruction of appointed range officials, club officers or club board members. Read and obey all posted rules as well as posted additions and modifications posted on ranges and bulletin boards.
- Crossbows are now permitted as long as you provide an adequate backstop.
- Only firearms that are legal under Federal and NYS Laws can be used at our facilities.
- Only use dulled/barbless hooks and "catch and release only" when fishing at our pond. Fishing in not allowed during days/times when Clays ranges are open for shooting.
- No dogs are allowed inside the buildings. During outside functions, any dogs must be leashed.

OUTDOOR FIREARM RANGES (Rifle and Pistol) - ALL bullets must directly impact at one of the target berms. Eye and ear protection are required at all times.

- All firearms must be fully unloaded /action opened and placed in the provided rack before ANYONE advances forward of the firing line. Firearms shall remain untouched until all shooters have returned to behind the firing line. If you enter the range before the members are behind the firing line, please leave your firearm in its case or put it in a rack until all shooters have returned to the firing line.
- Pistols should be in a holster or unloaded in a case when going down range.
- Check that no one is downrange before you load your firearm, especially when you first arrive or after a target change.
- When going down range, turn on the flashing red light and verbally notify all individuals occupying the range. Receive verbal acknowledgement from all other shooters.
- Use only the walkway to advance forward to change or retrieve targets.
- Only paper targets are to be used. They must be placed on the provided backstop. NO OTHER ITEMS may be used as targets such as clay 'skeet -type' targets, tin cans or containers or bottles.
- Shotgun SHOT Patterning is allowed on the rifle range. Only use the club provided frames. NO SLUGS or RIFLES can be used at this close-in position because a low shot could ricochet over the berm.
- Do not cross shoot. Example-do not fire at a 100 yard. target/berm from a bench aligned with another target berm (25, 50, etc)
- When 3 or more members are shooting, they must appoint a "Range Officer" whose direction is to be obeyed.

CLAY RANGE / FIELDS Eye and ear protection are required at all times.

- Firearm actions must be opened and unloaded when not on a shotgun pad engaging a target. No one is allowed forward of the shooting pads unless the line has been made and declared "safe".
- The fields are only available at designated times when a club appointee is available to run a "clays" activity. Clays games are conducted during winter beginning at 10 AM Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Check posting on the Website or at the club house for changes in the schedule during summer.
- Personal ground and hand traps are not permitted anywhere on club property. Club clays equipment are only used under the direct supervision of a Clays Committee Member during organized Clays shooting days and times. Shooting at other times endangers archers and walkers out on the 3D course. No shooting of clay targets is allowed on rifle and pistol ranges.
- Additional clay sports rules and directions are be posted at the main counter in the club house.
- Loads larger than size 7 ½ shot with more than 3 drams equivalent of powder are not allowed.
- A maximum of 2 shells may be loaded at a time.
- Empty hulls may not be picked up until the round is over and must be picked up then.
- Firearms are not allowed to be carried on/over the shoulder when in the building.

ARCHERY RANGES

- Bows not to be released or drawn when anyone is forward of the firing line.
- Broad heads are allowed ONLY on designated targets at the outdoor stationary range. **NO broad heads indoors or on 3D Targets.**
- Do not shoot the 3D course when clays games are operating. Sign the outdoor 3D range book when you start the course and again when you complete the course. Set the flag/cone on the walkway before you start the course. If you hear the air horn, immediately return to the club house.
- 3D targets must be shot in order ONLY. Reversing order is not allowed. Yellow tape means "DO NOT CROSS".
- Additional fees are required to shoot the 3D course. Additional provisions apply when shooting at designated league times.

INDOOR FIREARMS RANGE

- All firearms must be fully unloaded before anyone advances forward of the firing line. Firearms should remain untouched on the bench with actions open and clips out until all shooters have returned to the firing line.
- When 2 or more members are shooting, the group must appoint a Range Officer.
- LIMITATIONS: use only paper targets placed directly under the target positions numbers.
- RIFLE: .22 short, long and long rifle calibers only.
- HANDGUN: Lead bullets only. Muzzle velocity must be below 1000 fps for centerfire pistols. .22 short, long and long rifle rim fire pistols are allowed. NO JACKETED BULLETS.
- Firing at distance of less than 10 yards is prohibited.
- Please adhere to the allotted times posted on the indoor range. First come/ first serve at other times.
- Run the ventilator system in accordance with posted instructions. When leaving, immediately wash hands and face with soap and cold water.
- If any damages occur to the range, or you observe prior damages, you are required to repair the damage, if possible, and to always enter the information in the log book in the range vestibule. Tools for repairing the target hanging wire are on the shelf on the right hand wall at the back of the room.

I certify that I have read and agree to adhere to the above rules of the Hudson Falls Fish and Game Club. I understand that if I fail to follow these rules, I may be suspended, removed from the membership, required to make financial restitution and/or perform designated service to retain my membership as deemed reasonable by the Executive Board. Further, I agree to follow all safety rules common to the sports which I have chosen to participate.