

Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Association Rules

As approved by the board on February 4, 2019

I)General Association Info

A)Emergency Information

- 1)Address: 37950 Wick Road, Romulus
- 2)**Emergency: Call 911** or Romulus Police Department **734-941-8400**
- 3)Board of Directors:
President: Jason Pearson Vice-President: Geff Bush
Treasurer: Gary Lewis Secretary: Colleen Maguire
Board Members:
1)Scott Halseth (20) 5)Dan Sears (21)
2)John Baker (20) 6)Bob Walzer (21)
3)Jim Panyard (20) 7)Gary Segatti (21)
4)Vince Palazzolo (20)
- 4)Range Master: Scott Halseth
- 5)IDPA Coordinator & Match Director: Mark Boruta
- 6)USPSA Coordinator & Match Director: Bob Walzer
- 7)Steel Challenge Match Director: Vince Palazzolo
- 8)Facility Key Administrator: Vince Palazzolo
- 9)Building Director: John Baker
- 10)IDPA Practice Night: Geff Bush

B)Emergency Situations:Police, Fire or Ambulance: call 911 or

Romulus police 734-941-8400. Any situation that requires a call to any of these responders, ALL the ranges (pistol & shotgun) must go "COLD" immediately (ALL firearms unloaded and cleared until the responders leave the premises). IF POSSIBLE, a person must be posted at the front gate *and* at the driveway corner. They will keep the driveway clear of traffic for the responders to enter and exit unimpeded.

For ANY gunshot wound a call to 911 is MANDATORY!!

C)By-Laws and Association Rules

Current Association By-Laws are available by request from the secretary or from the website. The most current version of these rules are posted on the Association website.

D)Board meetings

- 1)Board meetings are held at least 4 times a year or more and are open to all members.
- 2)If a member has a specific proposal they wish to present to the board, contact the Association secretary for an agenda slot in the next available meeting.

E)Property Lines

Association property consists of 11 acres. As of summer 2013, the property lines are marked with "No Trespassing" and shooting range warning signs. No hunting is allowed on the property.

F)Work Days

- 1)Members are required to give 8 hours worth of work to the Association each year or pay an additional fee per member (ref. By-Laws Article 15).
- 2)The work hours sign-in sheet must be signed by the event director or a Board member.
- 3)Work hours can be accomplished by contributing time:
 - a)Performing maintenance and upkeep of Association grounds and buildings.
 - b)Participating at scheduled Association work days.
 - c)Serving on the Board.
 - d)Acting as an RO/SO without shooting for free.
 - e)Participating at match set up (day prior or morning of).
 - f)Match administration.
 - g)Other work credit by authorization of the president or vote of the Board.

G)New Member Package

- 1)By-Laws & Association rules.
- 2)Application requires sponsorship signatures per the By-Laws Article 5. Only applicants that can display safe shooting skills and attitudes will be sponsored.
- 3)All new members are subject to 1 year of probation.
- 4)Orientation class must be completed before key(s) & membership card are issued.

H)Photo ID

- 1)Two current passport style photos must be supplied by each member each year.
- 2)Association ID should be visible at all times while on ranges and on your person when entering property and shown at anyone's request.

I)Main Clubhouse Use

- 1)Members are allowed access to use the restrooms and kitchen facilities. Orientation class has access info. Clean up after use and place garbage in dumpster or take with you.
- 2)Commercial uses must have prior approval from the Range Master and is subject to a per person fee of \$10/day for firearm related training. Fees for other uses to be determined. Clubhouse is a non-smoking area.

J)Range House Use

- 1)Use by members, including commercial uses, must have prior approval from the Range Master.
- 2)Use of the facilities is subject to a per person fee of \$10/day for firearm related training. Fees for other uses to be determined. Range house is a non-smoking area.

K)Guests (non-members)

Guests are to conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner. Guests are the responsibility of the member. All guests must sign the Association release waiver each day they enter the ranges.

L)Gate Protocol

If the gates are locked when you arrive then you should lock them behind you as you enter unless there is a specific reason to leave them open, such as open shooting, open events or training. Use your best judgement in order to keep yourself and the Association grounds secure from trespassers. If you are the last one leaving the grounds, be sure ALL gates are locked. The Romulus Police Department and closest Romulus Fire Dept Station both have access keys to the main and pistol range gates.

Don't forget to spin the combo lock whether you leave the gate open or closed while you are on the grounds.

M)Association Keys.

Part of your initial fees (for most members) includes an \$80 key deposit. These keys are numbered and assigned one key to each primary member. Upon termination, voluntary or otherwise, member must return all their related keys. Lost keys will require a complete re-keying of all locks and the costs will be the responsibility of the member who lost their keys.

Replacement key fee is \$100 for 1st lost key, refer to application for fee schedule.

N)Lapsed Dues

1)Annual dues are due at the January membership meeting. Members will be given a grace period until March 31st. Past this date memberships will lapse and the member must return their keys immediately to the secretary or face Association re-keying charges.

O)Associate Membership

- 1)Open only to spouse of member.
- 2)No additional fee except an additional key, if desired, requires an additional **\$80** key deposit.
- 3)Must complete new member application with 3 Association member references (other than spouse) as per By-Laws Article 5.
- 4)Associate member does not vote.
- 5)Passport quality photo required with application.
- 6)Membership card issued and noted as "Associate Member".
- 7)Primary and associate member are allowed 2 guests each.
- 8)Right of survivor should primary member pass away for remainder of membership year.
- 9)Complete orientation class.

P)Orientation Class

The Orientation class will introduce members and applicants to the Association, its By-Laws and Rules. Part of the orientation will be in the classroom and a part will be on a tour of the grounds where specifics will be discussed. Applicants for membership are required to complete the orientation class before the Association can issue a membership card and key(s).

Q)Range Master

The RM is the coordinator of all activities that involve the use of the shooting ranges and/or club house. This includes IDPA & USPSA sanctioned events, CPL classes, training classes, special events, etc. The Match Directors for IDPA, USPSA and other sanctioned events answer to the RM. The RM reviews, approves and assigns MDs for all shooting range related events. The RM has the final say as to who will run the shooting programs for the Association. The RM schedules use of facilities and ranges for commercial use. Awards RO/SO perks. Special uses of the range (s) require prior written approval by the RM.

R)Grounds Security

All members are expected to help police the grounds. Any person on Association grounds who cannot produce proper member identification must be asked to leave immediately. If in doubt, contact an Association officer or call the Romulus police in an emergency.

S)Sanctioned Match "Free Shoots"

- 1)IDPA/USPSA practice: Act as RO/SO = free practice.
 - 2)IDPA Match: Act as SO = free match.
 - 3)IDPA practice setup = free practice (same day only).
- USPSA RO's must pay \$5 USPSA classification fee when accessed.

T)Member Code of Conduct

- 1)When on Association property, all persons are expected to refrain from engaging in the following, under any circumstances:
 - a)Willful destruction of Association property and/or the personal belongings of any individual on the Association's premises.
 - b)Theft of Association property or the personal belongings of any individual on the Association's premises.
 - c)Intimidating, threatening, abusive or overly obnoxious behavior.
 - d)Repeated use of gross, lewd, profane, abusive and sexually explicit language or acts for any reason.
 - e)The use of language or display of behavior that would be discriminatory in nature, specifically directed toward or at another individual while on Association grounds.
 - f)Fighting, wrestling or the use of physical force that would or could cause bodily harm to any individual.

- g) Use and/or distribution of illegal drugs while on Association grounds.
- h) Consumption of alcohol before or during the use of firearms.
- 2) Guests of members are also responsible for the adherence to these rules while on Association property, and it is the member's responsibility to ensure compliance. Member will be held responsible and subject to penalty and/or Board discipline.
- 3) Any and all individuals will strictly adhere to all safety and firearm rules while on the Association premises. Infractions of the above should be reported directly to an Association officer or the Board of Directors. Discipline up to and including termination may be enforced.
- 4) Treat people like you would like to be treated.

U) Progressive Discipline Program

The Progressive Discipline Program (PDP) provides direction regarding the correction of improper behavior and focuses on the Association By-Laws and Rules. The policy is designed to provide every member with objective, consistent and equitable treatment when faced with an issue or violation of the By-Laws or Rules. Multiple levels of progressive discipline help discourage repeat offenses by members.

Each Member is responsible for following the Bylaws and Rules. If a member disagrees with a By-Law or Rule, he/she should express this disagreement at a board meeting following the proper procedure. However, all members are expected to comply with the disputed By-Law or Rule until the disagreement is resolved, concluded and/or the By-Law or Rule is changed. Every complaint, question, problem or suggestion will be considered and answered by the Board. Members on probation or under disciplinary action are not in "Good Standing" during the sanction. If a second violation is confirmed during a probationary period, the member may be expelled from the Association. If the member requests a sanction less than expulsion, then the Board shall have unfettered discretion to determine a lesser sanction. It is up to the member to submit any mitigating circumstances. Some considerations for the members of the Board are safety; the preservation of Association facilities, maintaining the integrity of the rules, prior complaints that did not result in a sanction; and the merits of any claimed mitigation. These considerations are by way of suggestion and not limitation and the Board's decision is not subject to challenge.

Written Warning (Documented) - Extension of probation for a full year if the new member is still within the probationary period. For all others, documentation goes on file.

Second Written Warning (Documented) - Member must appear before the Board at the next Board meeting. A 6 month probationary period will be issued.

Final Warning (Documented) - Member must appear before the Board at the next Board meeting. A minimum 1 year probation will be issued and possibly other penalties, up to and including termination of membership per the Association By-Laws.

Serious or severe violations of the By-Laws and Rules may bypass the standard progressive discipline steps and can be considered a final warning. A final warning may be combined with a suspension of the member from the Association pending an investigation by the Board.

II) General Range Information (pistol and rifle ranges)

A) Hours of Use

The ranges are available for member use 7 days a week from 10am to 8pm or dusk, which ever occurs first. Excluding sanctioned events, work days, closings due to safety concerns, etc.

B) Safety

- 1) Use good judgment and common sense!
- 2) The ranges are considered "COLD". All firearms brought onto the ranges must be unloaded. A CPL unload/load table is provided outside the range for your use. This table is only for the unloading or loading of your carry firearm. It is not available for dry fire practice. Muzzles must always be pointed at the berm behind this table.
- 3) A firearm "Safe Area" is available inside the range gates. There is to be NO handling of ammunition (loose, boxed or in a magazine, speed loader or clip) in this area. This "Safe Area" is for the preparation of your already unloaded firearm, belt/holster and empty magazines. Muzzles must be pointed in a safe direction during handling. Range buildings are NOT Safe Areas!

C) Clean Up

- 1) Pick up *all* your trash, including brass! Pull all paper or cardboard targets off the target stands and place in dumpsters.
- 2) Move all plastic barrels, props, etc. to the side of bays.

D) Full Auto

- 1) Full automatic fire or simulated automatic fire through the use of a bump fire kit or any other device(s) are prohibited without prior Range Master approval.

E) Guests and group uses

- 1) Primary and associate members are allowed to have two guests each accompany them on the range. Exceptions exist for recognized RO/SO's.

- 2) Any other use of the range by members, including commercial uses, must have prior approval from the Range Master. Use of the range is subject to a per person fee of \$10/day. Fee is inclusive for use of both range and buildings.
- 3) Member is responsible for all actions of their guests and guests must be under the direct supervision of the member at all times. Only one active shooter is allowed in a bay.

F) Other Range Rules

- 1) Tracer, incendiary rounds or exploding targets are prohibited.
- 2) Alcohol and any drugs are not allowed on the shooting ranges and no one under the influence of either may handle a firearm for any reason while anywhere on Association grounds. Violation of this policy will result in immediate termination of membership.

G) Range Liability Release Waiver

- 1) All guests, participants and spectators of any shooting activity are required to sign the waiver, copies of which are located outside the pistol range house and inside the rifle house. Anyone on Association property who has not signed the waiver is trespassing and should immediately leave the premises.

H) Safety Officer (SO) and Range Officer (RO) Perks.

- 1) Minimum Qualifications:
 - a) Association member in good standing. Minimum 1 year.
 - b) IDPA certified Safety Officer or USPSA certified Range Officer, whose membership and RO/SO credentials are up to date with the issuing body (IDPA/USPSA).
 - c) Applicant must have served as a primary RO/SO at an Association match 3 times or an IDPA practice night 6 times within the preceeding 12 months.
 - e) The Range Master has final approval of any applicant.
 - f) Eligible RO/SO's will be submitted to the RM by the match directors or by Range Master appointment. Once approved the perk notice will be added to the membership card for the following year.
- 2) Granted access keys to pistol range house & range storage container, with acceptance of key holder agreement.
- 3) Permitted to have three guests on the range. Although only one active shooter is allowed in the bay.
- 4) Through access to the storage container, RO/SO's are welcome to use any used cardboard targets as well as any unboxed loose pasters (in strips only, not in rolls), from the provided box.
- 5) May move while shooting pistols and shotguns. May also supervise movement of a guest using accepted RO/SO practices.
- 6) May also supervise "duels" of two other shooters on the plate racks or dueling trees using accepted RO/SO practices.

I) Berms

No targets are to be located more than half way up the berm, or such that the angle of the shot into any part of the target would hit more than half way up the berm. Muzzle limit signs are posted in each bay and they are not targets either.

J) Burn barrels

1) Only Board members, Match Directors or certified & Range Master recognized RO/SO's may set the burn barrels on fire.

K) Government Agency Use

1) No government agency or agency employees on official business may use the grounds or facilities without prior Range Master approval. Safety and insurance requirements must be met prior to consideration.

III) Pistol Range Information (east bays 1-10, west bays 11-13)

A) Restricted Usage

- 1) The east bays (#1-10) are closed on match days. The east bays are also closed the day before a match day- 4pm on Friday for IDPA events and 12pm Saturday for USPSA events. See website for details and other closings.
- 2) There is a MANDATORY cease fire from 4:30pm-6:00pm on Wednesday practice nights for range setup and safety briefing.
- 3) The new west bays (#11-13) are for use in sanctioned events only. These bays are not open for general use. Since the rifle range uses the west end of these bays, rifle range takes precedence, except for sanctioned bay uses.

B) Safety

- 1) One active shooter in a bay. See also RO/SO perks.
- 2) No shooting from the center aisle into a bay.
- 3) All uncased firearms (including dummy or toy guns) must be within the bay walls (bay limit signs are posted) & pointed down range. No uncased firearms are allowed in the center aisle. Small tables have been built for each bay for this purpose. Tables should be moved into the bay if they have been moved out before any firearms can be uncased.

C) Authorized Targets

- 1) Paper/Cardboard
 - a) May only be mounted to approved target stands.
 - b) Must be removed from stands and either taken home or

thrown in dumpsters.

2)Steel

- a)May only be shot with non-Magnum caliber handgun ammo through a handgun, pistol caliber rifles or shotguns using 2 3/4" non-Magnum target loads with lead shot #6 or smaller *diameter*.
- b)The minimum distance to shoot at any steel target is 10 yards (USPSA/Steel Challenge sanctioned events only allow 7 yards).
- c)Steel targets may not be braced or adjusted so as to keep them from falling or pivoting when hit.
- d)Plate racks, dueling tree and Texas star. All steel rules listed above apply, except no shotgun shells may be used.

3)Other

Other targets may be used with the prior authorization of the Range Master. Clay pigeons are not allowed on the ranges.

D)Props & Barrels

- 1)Walls, doors, barricades, plastic & metal barrels and other range props are not to be shot.
- 2)If you move it, drag it back to the side of the bay when finished.
- 3)Barrels are not target stands and are not to be shot!

E)Allowed firearms

1)Pistols

- a)Non-rifle caliber only.

2)Shotguns

- a)2 3/4" non-magnum target loads with lead shot #6 or smaller *diameter*.
- b)May be used on steel poppers, 10 yard minimum distance.
- c)No moving allowed. Exceptions apply-see RO/SO perks.
- d)Target placement must ensure that no shot leaves the range.

3)Pistol Caliber Rifles

- a)Rimfire and non-magnum pistol caliber rifles (see list) may be used in all pistol bays utilizing the pistol rules.
- b)No moving allowed. Exceptions apply-see RO/SO perks.

3)Centerfire Rifles and Rifle Caliber Pistols

- a)The use of bays 4&5 (used together) for centerfire rifles and rifle caliber pistols is no longer allowed.
- b)Centerfire rifles and rifle caliber pistols may no longer be used on the pistol ranges except by special permission or during sanctioned events. See rifle range rules.

F)Plate Racks

- 1) Are to remain on bay 8 unless the bay is needed for a match or special event. After the match or event, the racks are to be

returned to their proper place within bay 8 during clean up.

IV) Rifle Range Rules

- A) Moving and shooting is NOT allowed. Shooting will be done from a stationary position. Bench rest only.
- B) Chamber flags are required to be installed in an empty chamber anytime a firearm is left in the open, unattended for any reason. Muzzle pointed down range.
- C) Ceasefire should be called about every 20 minutes to allow for checking of targets and for new arrivals to hang new targets.
- D) Ceasefires can be called by any active shooter, RO/SO or the Range Master. The red signal flag/device/light will be displayed and ceasefire called. After all active shooters have acknowledged the ceasefire, chamber flags inserted, and all persons are behind the safety line, only then can anyone go down range. During a ceasefire, no one is allowed near the benches or any firearm.
- E) To end a ceasefire, the range must clear, all shooters accounted for and "Range is going Hot" is shouted. If the range is clear, remove the red signal device and shooting can resume. ** For safety sake DO NOT venture into the pistol bays. Stay visible to the benches at all times. **
- F) Handling of firearms is allowed only at the benches or in a safe area. Bagging and unbagging of firearms is to be done on the bench with the muzzle pointed down range.
- G) No handling of ammo in the safe areas. Boxed, in a magazine, speedloader, stripper clip or loose, it doesn't matter. Ammo is ammo. Do not handle it in a safe area.
- H) Paper or cardboard targets only. Steel is not allowed.
- I) When finished shooting, remove your targets and take with you or dispose of them in the trash. Pick up your brass. Clean up after yourself.
- J) If the line is full and another shooter shows, please limit yourself to a maximum of 40 minutes to allow others time. Switch off, rotate, be courteous.
- K) Only one un-cased/unbagged firearm on a bench at a time.
- L) Use of the rifle range is limited to those members who have completed the safety orientation class for the Association and for the rifle range itself.
- M) Closed on match setup days and match days that involve the use of pistol bays 11, 12 or 13. This would include all USPSA match dates, some special events (2 gun, etc) and other scheduled events. These closures should be noted on the Association calendar and posted to the website.
- N) Muzzles must remain below baffle while shooting.
- O) All targets must be placed so that any rounds hitting the target impact the berm in the designated area. Minimum target distance is 25 yards.
- P) One active shooter per member. Guests may not shoot concurrently on another bench.

VI) Organized Shooting Events & Special Range Uses

- A) All organized shooting events require prior written approval by the Range Master. The organized event proposal must list the event Match Director. The approved Match Director must be present for the event. This person will be responsible for the safe operation of the event and be the final arbiter for any issues that arise during the operation of the event (except as defined by a controlling sanctioning body). This person is also responsible for assuring that participants and spectators follow all range and Association rules.
- B) All fees collected and receipts for necessary expenditures from the event are to be deposited and filed according to current Association policy.
- C) All persons who wish to enter the ranges are required to sign a liability release waiver prior to entering. No waiver, no entrance.
- D) *All persons* granted access to the ranges must wear proper eye and hearing protection at all times while on the ranges.
- E) Special range uses by an individual(s) requires prior written approval by the Range Master.

V) Dog Events

- A) All firearm ranges are closed during sanctioned dog events.

VII) Other Information

- A) Key Authorization.
 - 1) Main Gate: All members in good standing.
 - 2) Clubhouse: Board, RM, event directors, all members in good standing.
 - 3) Pistol Range House: Board, RM, event directors, authorized RO/SO's.
 - 4) Pistol Range Storage Container: Board, RM, event directors, authorized RO/SO's.
 - 5) Pistol Range Equipment Cabinets: Board, RM, IDPA/USPSA event directors.
 - 6) Pistol Gate Secondary Lock & Leg Box: Board, RM, IDPA/USPSA match directors, authorized RO/SO's.

These rules are subject to change by a vote of the Board. Suggested changes or additions can be sent to the Association secretary for consideration by the Board.

The most current version of these rules are posted on the Wayne County

<i>Pistol Calibers - Allowed</i>	<i>Rifle Calibers - Allowed</i>	<i>Pistol, pistol caliber rifles & shot shells allowed to engage steel targets.</i>
<p>Any straight walled pistol cartridge not exceeding .45 caliber.</p> <p>Bottle neck cartridges allowed: .400 CorBon, .357 Sig., 7.62x25 Tokarev, 7.63x25 Mauser, 7.65x21 Luger.</p> <p>Pistols chambering shot shells fall under the range shotgun use rules.</p> <p>Rifle caliber pistols fall under the rifle cartridge use rules.</p>	<p>All rifle cartridges .45 caliber and smaller on the dedicated rifle range. .50 Beowolf</p> <p>All rifle cartridge pistols fall under the rifle rules and may only be used on the rifle range.</p>	<p><u>Pistol Calibers:</u> .17 HMR .22 rimfire :short, long, long rifle .22 rimfire magnum .25 ACP 7.62x25 (Tokarev) .32 ACP .32-30 WCF .380 ACP 9x18 Makarov 9x19 (Luger, Parabellum) 9x23 (38 Super) .357 Magnum (sanctioned events only) .357 SIG .38 Special .40 S&W 10mm (sanctioned events only) .41 Special (sanctioned events only) .44 Special (sanctioned events only) .45 ACP .45 GAP</p>
	<p><i>Shotguns - Pistol bays</i></p> <p>All gauges, restrictions are: 2 3/4" non-magnum target loads with lead shot #6 or smaller diameter. Slugs fall under rifle range rules. Shot diameters larger than #6 require Range Master approval.</p>	<p><u>Pistol Caliber Rifles:</u> .17 HMR .22 rimfire :short, long, long rifle .22 rimfire magnum 9x19 (Luger, Parabellum) .40 S&W .45 ACP .45 GAP Above rifles fall under pistol rules.</p>
	<p><i>Black Powder - Allowed</i></p> <p>Pistols follow pistol rules. Rifles follow rifle rules. Pistols with lead bullets and 30 grains of black powder or less can use steel targets.</p> <p>This list is inclusive. Calibers not listed here are subject to periodic review and revision. Suggestions can be submitted to the Association secretary or to the Range Master for consideration.</p>	<p>Shot shells: 2 3/4" non-magnum target loads with lead shot #6 or smaller diameter. Poppers only. Shot shells cannot be used on plate racks, Dueling tree or Texas Star.</p>

Raccoon Hunters Association website. www.raccoonhunters.org

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Member Rules and Responsibilities

I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations listed in this document entitled "**Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Association Rules**" and the By-Laws entitled "**Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Association By-Laws**."

Member signature

Printed name

Date