

**RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AGREEMENT**

In return for use of premises and/or participation in any activity at the premises, and/or for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Undersigned agrees to the following:

To indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club, and any of its employees, directors, officers, agents, or volunteers (and their heirs, executors, trustees, or beneficiaries) from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with the discharge of firearms; the Undersigned's participation in discharging firearms; observing the discharging of firearms, participation in or observation of any activity, the use of the range, buildings, land and any use and presence on the premises (the "Premises"); and any and all acts or omissions of the Undersigned or of any third party (including, without limit, licensees, trespassers or business invitees).

Should any such claim, demand or lawsuit arise or be asserted in any way related thereto, whether arising under the laws of the United States, Vermont or of any other State, or under any theory of law or equity, the Undersigned will indemnify, hold harmless and defend Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club, from any and all costs, expenses or liability including, but not limited to, the cost of any settlement or judgment made or rendered against Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club, whether individually, jointly, or in concert with the Undersigned, together with all costs of court and other costs or expenses incurred in connection with any such claim, demand or lawsuit, including attorney's fees.

The Undersigned waives any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions, which exist or which may arise against Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club, (including, but not limited to any and all injuries, damages or illnesses suffered by the Undersigned or the Undersigned's property), which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or be connected with: discharging firearms on the Premises, the use of their sporting equipment of any nature and kind, the Undersigned's presence on or use of Premises for any purpose or activity, whether sponsored by, authorized, assisted, regulated, or not, by the Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club; the Undersigned's own property (whether or not entrusted to Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club), including any patent or latent defect in the premises. Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club shall not be liable for, and the Undersigned hereby expressly releases Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club from, any and all such claims. This waiver is both personal and on behalf of any minor accompanying or associated with the undersigned, even if said minor is not expressly identified below.

The Undersigned hereby expressly assumes the risk of entering the Premises and taking part in activities on the Premises which include, but are not limited to the discharge of firearms and the firing of live ammunition; observing individuals discharging firearms; and/or the use of the premises, club or camping facilities for any purpose, including recreation or business. I acknowledge that my use of the premises, participation in individual and group activities, including the use of firearms or archery involves initiative, problem solving, and entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury or death. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. The risks include, among other things: the hazards of slips and falls; being struck by objects dislodged or dropped from above or flying through the air, the hazards from using firearms and/or bows and arrows, or the use of firearms or bows and arrows by others, the risks of falling off of equipment, such as stands, or down embankments or off trails, the risk of explosion, or even the exertion of the physical participation in the activity as well as my own known or unknown physical condition.

The Undersigned furthermore hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read, understands and will at all times abide by all Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club range rules, by-laws and Standard Operating Procedures, any separate rules or procedures required by any activity, the procedures, safety rules, and any and all Range Officer instructions, whether communicated in writing, posted on the premises and/or communicated verbally.

This instrument binds the Undersigned and his/her executors, administrators, assignees or heirs and any minor for whom it is signed.

If under the age of 25, (or, if requested by a Range Officer) my age is listed. If a minor, under the age of 18 years, I understand a parent or legal guardian's signature agreeing to this waiver is required.

I have also read and understand Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club's Standard Operating Procedures attached.

UNDERSIGNED:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If under 25, my age is: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Legal Guardian Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Keep pages 3 through 6, the SOPs, for your reference. The waiver form (page 1) must be signed and returned to the club at your earliest convenience.

Return to the Club Secretary or mail to:  
Woodstock Rifle & Pistol Club  
POB 26 South Woodstock VT 05071

## PREAMBLE

The elected officers in their role as directors of the Woodstock Rifle and Pistol Club and operating in accordance with the club charter have ascertained a need to protect the club, its members and officials. This need is the enforceable regulation of firearms safety while on club property. Accordingly, the following regulations are promulgated as a requirement for each member to read, understand and agree to as a condition of membership. Enforcement will be by the club's range safety officers, initially consisting of the officers, but to be later supplemented by members that have become certified range safety officers.

## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

At the Woodstock Gun Club safety is our top concern. Whether shooting alone, with friends or in a sanctioned event, safeguarding people from injury and danger has to be in the forefront of every member's mind and reflected in their actions.

Toward this end, the following rules have been created and must be strictly followed by all members and their guests. Breaking the rules will result in your being asked to leave the grounds and may result in the revocation of your membership.

These rules are subject to change without notice at the direction of the Board in order to maintain the safest possible environment.

For questions or suggestions, or to report unsafe activities at the Club, please feel free to email the Club at the addresses posted at [woodstockgunclub.com](http://woodstockgunclub.com) or call any of the officers at the numbers listed.

Always observe the three fundamental rules of safe gun handling:

**Muzzle Control - Always point firearms in a safe direction**

**Never load a firearm until you are ready to shoot**

**Leave your finger off the trigger until ready to fire**

## Definitions

**Members:** Individuals who have paid dues to join the club, includes their immediate family, i.e. spouses and children under the age of 21.

**Guests:** Any non-member invited to use the club facilities by a member. Members are fully responsible for the actions of their guests.

**Shooting Visitors:** Non-Members may visit the club without invitation by members for such special events as Trap Night, Field Clays, Pistol and Rifle Shoots, Open Houses, etc. They shall read and understand these SOPs and sign and return the attached Liability Waiver and Hold Harmless agreement.

**Club Officer (CO):** One of the 9 elected Board members as specified in the By-Laws.

**Range Safety Officer (RSO):** Individuals appointed by the Board to ensure compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures. They oversee live fire activities on all shooting and archery ranges, and demand that shooters lay down their arms and/or leave the property at any time for serious safety breaches.

**Trap Range:** The part of the club surrounding the trap house below the pistol and rifle range. It extends up the hill between and beyond where the field clay launchers are located.

**Rifle and Pistol Range:** The flat rectangular field extending northward from the stone wall by the club house. The 100 yard bench is located on its northwest corner, the 100 yard backstop is on the northeast corner.

**100 Yard Range:** The back portion of the Pistol & Rifle Range from the 100 yard bench to the 100 yard backstop.

**200 Yard Range:** The back portion of the Pistol & Rifle range from the 100 yard bench to the target area that is located on the hill on the right side of the Trap Range.

**300 Yard Range:** The back portion of the Pistol & Rifle range from the 300 yard bench, located close to Church Hill Road to the target area that is located on the hill on the right side of the Trap Range.

**Archery Range:** The 3-D range located past the bathrooms south of the trap range.

## **General Club Rules**

**In any unsafe situation, the CEASE FIRE command may be issued by any member, and is not restricted to a Range Safety Officer alone. Notify a CO or RSO immediately.**

The ranges are open to members Monday through Saturday from 9 am to sunset. On Sunday from 11 am to sunset. The rifle and pistol ranges are closed at 5 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays when Trap and Field Clay shoots are being held.

No drugs or alcohol are allowed on club property during live firing. The Club President may allow exceptions for alcoholic beverages to be served at the Club House on special occasions, e.g the Summer BBQ.

Persons judged to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave the grounds immediately. Disruptive behavior or destruction of club property may result in the revocation, of your membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

No hunting is allowed on club property without permission of the Club President. Hunters must abide by the Club's regular shooting hours specified above.

Pets must be restrained and under control when any range is in use. Barking dogs are not permitted during shooting and must be removed.

The preferred parking location is along the driveway west of the Club House. Parking is permitted behind the firing line on the rifle and pistol range. On trap nights only, parking is permitted on the rifle and pistol range's east side near the trap range.

Range Safety Officer's instructions must be followed on all ranges. Members are asked to notify a Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Club Officer (CO) of any serious safety violation they observe. **In the absence of any officer, they should take action to ensure safe operating procedures are followed.**

On all ranges, eye and ear protection are required by all persons present when firearms are being discharged. Double plugging (muffs and plugs) is recommended.

All firearms on club property are to remain unloaded and cased unless under control or in gun racks.

Unloaded firearms with actions open may be uncased in the clubhouse for training or for display purposes at club events.

Firearms are not to be discharged on club property except on designated ranges in accordance with the rules of the particular range.

Firearms may not be discharged on any archery range or at archery target.

All persons under 18 years of age are to be under the supervision of an adult. Persons under the age of 18 are not allowed on Club property unattended.

On club grounds, members are required to show their membership cards if requested by a CO or RSO.

## **Emergency Procedures:**

In the event there is an injury, there is a first aid kit located in the club house. Call 911 if the injury is serious and medical intervention is required, notify an officer or RSO immediately.

## **Misfire Rules**

In the event of a misfire, keep the firearm pointed down range for 30 seconds before opening the action to clear the defective round. For black powder firearms, wait two minutes. Give the defective ammunition to a RSO or CO or dispose of it properly.

## **Overall Range Rules**

During regularly scheduled Tuesday and Thursday Trap and Field Clay shoots, the Pistol and Rifle Ranges may not be used. At Special Events, when Trap and Field Clay events are scheduled, the Pistol and Rifle Ranges may not be used. Use of the Archery range is permitted in these circumstances.

Use of the Pistol & Rifle, Trap and Field Clay Ranges are to be on a first-come, first serve basis. They may not be used simultaneously. Members are asked to use common sense and civility in allowing alternating use of the ranges when multiple parties wish to use them in an overlapping time period.

Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday are the preferred days for rifle and pistol shooting. Wednesday for archery and Tuesday and Thursday for shotguns.

## **Rifle & Pistol Range Rules**

Firearms or magazines are not to be handled until everyone is behind the firing line.

Firing is not permitted when vehicles are parked in front of the firing line.

No tracer or armor piercing ammunition is permitted. Firing in the air is not allowed.

Persons are not to move forward of the firing line unless all firearms on the line are unloaded and benched with actions open and magazines removed.

Firing is to be done only from the firing line unless done under the direction of an RSO or CO.

All paper targets must be placed on the mountings provided. Cardboard backers for paper targets are provided free of charge. Do NOT place targets directly on support frames.

Plinking at plastic or metal beverage containers is allowed, as long as they are placed where mountings will not be damaged. All containers must be removed and disposed of by the shooters. Firing at glass containers is NOT ALLOWED!

All brass, paper targets, ammunition boxes must be picked up and properly disposed of by the shooters.

## Trap and Field Clay Range Rules

On the trap and field clay range, uncased and unloaded guns may be placed on the gun racks. Semi-autos and pumps are to have their actions open.

Only shotguns maybe fired on the trap/field clay range.

Slugs and buckshot are not permitted.

Only clay target shooting is permitted on the trap/field clay range.

Shooting is permitted only from the designated shooting stations.

All persons not shooting or refereeing trap or field clays are to remain 25 feet behind the firing line when shooting is underway. Quiet conversation is requested. Please move back to the 50 foot line to hold a normal/loud conversation.

Never load more shells **than the number required for a specific event. (i.e. loading three shells is permitted for field clays.**

Be aware at all times that the trap house may be manned.

Shooters are to recover all their ejected shells.

Shooters are **requested to assist in loading the trap house or otherwise help in the running of trap night when they shoot.** Bringing boxes of clays to the trap house would also be appreciated.

## Archery Rules

Arrows are not to be released on club property except on the archery ranges and at approved targets. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Club President for hunting.

All arrows are to be retrieved.

Broadhead arrows are not permitted for target shooting.

Firearms may not be fired on the archery range.

**Additional copies of the rules are available from the club or may be downloaded at <http://woodstockgunclub.com>**