

# Roswell Gun Club



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## RANGE RULES

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A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, AND THESE RANGE RULES, MUST BE READ, SIGNED AND TURNED IN ALONG WITH THE \$75.00 ANNUAL DUES, AT THE TIME OF YOUR NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION BEFORE A KEY WILL BE ISSUED. Call, O. L. Adcock, (575) 625-6908, to schedule an Orientation.

The Range is located on US Hwy-70, 3½ miles east of the US-285 & Hwy-70 (Overpass); turn south through yellow gate into the range.

**SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT, AND IS THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH AND EVERY AUTHORIZED USER OF THE RANGE. THE BASIC RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING WILL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.**

**DO NOT SHOOT CLUB OWNED SILHOUETTE TARGETS OR "GONGS" WITH JACKETED RIFLE AMMUNITION WITH A MUZZLE VELOCITY IN EXCESS OF 2,200 F.P.S. (roughly that of a 30-30 Winchester) ON ANY RANGE OTHER THAN THE HIGH POWER SILHOUETTE RANGE (Range No. 5).** This includes 22 Hornet, .223, 22-250 or any other high velocity .22 caliber ammunition, .243, 7.62X39, 308 Winchester, 30-06, etc. etc. **FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN REVOCATION OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP.**

**THERE WILL BE NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE ROSWELL GUN CLUB RANGE AT ANY TIME.**

**USE OF RANGE:** Any authorized member may use the range following these rules, and shall know and abide by all NRA Safety and Range Rules.

**Range Use:** Shooting may take place on designated ranges only! The club will furnish 1 key to the range Gate Lock to each member of the Roswell Gun Club with payment of \$75.00 Annual Dues. Keys are club property, and are **not** to be loaned or duplicated. The main gate is to be locked after entering and leaving the range, THE GATE IS NOT TO BE LEFT OPEN except during scheduled matches (after the match, the Match Director will lock the gate upon leaving).

- a. Range Hours are from sunrise to sunset, 7 days per week **except** for Monday mornings (sunup to noon) for range maintenance, unless that Monday is on a legal holiday weekend. The range is subject to other closures for special events, work parties, maintenance, etc.
- b. No tracer or armor piercing ammunition may be used on any range.
- c. No glass, containers, insulators, or other glass items, may be used as targets. Police Yourself. What you bring in, you take out.
- d. No firearm discharging a .50 BMG round is allowed on the range unless it is shot on the 100-600yd. Sight-In Range in the presence of a Club Official. Club Officials are Officers, Board Members, and/or Match Directors.
- e. Basic courtesy is expected. Improper conduct will not be tolerated {Play well with others}.

### **Gun Handling Rules:**

- a. ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION. KNOW HOW THE FIREARM OPERATES.
- b. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO FIRE.
- c. KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND THE FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE.
- d. BE SURE OF THE TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND. Be mindful of adjacent areas and act accordingly.
- e. BE SURE THE FIREARM AND AMMUNITION ARE COMPATIBLE.
- f. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
- g. BE AWARE THAT CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RULES.

### **General Range Rules:**

- a. KNOW AND OBEY ALL RANGE COMMANDS
- b. **SHOOT ONLY AT AUTHORIZED TARGETS.**
- c. DESIGNATE A RANGE OFFICER WHEN NONE IS PRESENT OR ASSIGNED.
- d. UNLOAD, OPEN THE ACTION, REMOVE THE MAGAZINE, AND GROUND OR BENCH ALL FIREARMS DURING A CEASE-FIRE.
- e. DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARM WHILE ANYONE IS DOWN RANGE.
- f. GROUND LEVEL TARGETS ARE AUTHORIZED ONLY WHEN PLACED IN FRONT OF A PROPER BACKSTOP. This will eliminate the possibility of ricochets escaping the range safety fan or property.

**APPROPRIATE FIREARMS MUST BE USED ON EACH RANGE!!!**

**ALLWAYS Set Targets Back Against the Berm Base!**

**No exceptions! Subject to Revocation of Membership**

**There are 8 sets of ranges on the facility, and general rules for each (numbered at the range as below) are:**

**RANGE #1: Sight in Range:** Five Benchrests with berms at 50, 100, and 200 Yards. Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun permitted. **USE AND REMOVE** your own targets and trash.

**RANGE #2: Law Enforcement Range.** 12 positions, 7 to 50 yards, plus 100m tactical range. Law enforcement must schedule activities with the *Gun Club Range Officer*. 50 rd. range is designed for pistol use but may have some limited rifle use. This range complex may also be used for Hunter Safety Classes, Women's Handgun Classes, Special Events, etc., as scheduled with the *Gun Club Range Officer*.

**RANGE #3: Long Range Pistol Silhouette,** (Also used for; Cowboy Rifle Silhouette, Cast Bullet Only Silhouette). 12 positions, 50, 100, 150, and 200 meters. Pistols: NRA Rules. Centerfire Rifles: Pre-1895 type Single Shot Rifles, Lever Action Rifles that are tubular fed firing rimmed case cartridge, or most other rifles firing a CAST LEAD BULLET AT 2200 f.p.s. OR SLOWER. **Any rifle or pistol firing jacketed ammunition that causes target damage is strictly prohibited.**

**NOTE:** If Range #3 is in use, no person is allowed to be on the firing points of the 100, 200, or 300 yard firing lines of the Range #4 Harry Blake Known Distance Range. Also, no person is allowed in the pit area of the known distance range.

**RANGE #4: General Harry Blake Known Distance Range:** 12 positions @ 100, 200, 300, 500, 600, 800, 900, and 1000 yards. Any rifle smaller than 50BMG (see note on page 1, Range Use #d) may be used. Use of the 800, 900, or 1,000 yard firing points requires special permission by the RGC Board such as for regularly scheduled matches.

**NOTE:** If Range #4 (General Blake Range) is in use:

- a. Range #3 (Long Range Pistol, etc.) is closed and cannot be used. Any person checking targets at the pits could be in the impact area for this range creating a very hazardous condition.
- b. Range #5 (Long Range Rifle Silhouette Range) to the right of the Known Distance Range will be closed and not used as the impact area corresponds to the firing points at 100, 200, and 300 yard firing lines of the General Blake Range, or if the Board approves firing to be allowed from the 800, 900, or 1000 yard firing points on the #4 General Blake Range
- c. Ranges #3, #5, #6, and #7 will be closed and not used. The gate across the road will be closed to prevent any traffic from crossing the line of fire.

**RANGE #5: High Power Silhouette Range:** (also Black Powder Cartridge), 12 Positions, 200, 300, 385, and 500 Meters; No Magnum Rifles allowed without prior approval of a Match Director\*.

**RANGE #6: Hunter Pistol Range:** Centerfire Pistol & .22 Hunter Pistol as per NRA Rules; .22 Cowboy Rifle Silhouette. 16 positions, 40, 50, 75, and 100 meters. Also "Low Power" type rifles firing ammunition that DOES NOT DAMAGE TARGETS. See Match schedule for acceptable calibers.

**RANGE #7: Six Action Shooting Bays:** These Bays are designed for Scheduled Matches and member practice, as well as Hunter Safety Classes, Women's Handgun Classes, and miscellaneous activities, as approved by the Board and scheduled with the *Gun Club Range Officer*.

**RANGE #8: 100 – 600 Yard Sight-In Range:** Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun permitted, place targets at base of berm. **USE AND REMOVE** your own targets and trash.

**ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MATCHES HAVE PRIORITY OVER PRACTICE OR CASUAL SHOOTING.**

**Please Note:**

We **SHARE** the use of this range with over 500 other members and with various other agencies. Five (5) Hunter Safety Programs and other special events are held throughout the year. Your support, patience, and cooperation are appreciated during these times.

***\* For clarification, No High-Power Rifle is to be used on steel targets as they cause target damage. You will be responsible for repair or replacement costs for damage to steel targets. Ask first!***

Roswell Gun Club Matches are scheduled on every Saturday & Sunday of the month, plus most Wednesdays, and two Fridays year round. National Match Course off during winter months, November to January (Check match schedules, or contact Match Directors).

Club meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM, at the Game & Fish Department conference room (south door), 1912 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Roswell, NM; with a Board Meeting to follow if necessary.

Although there has never been a serious accident on this range, it is strongly recommended that all shooters have a first aid kit in their automobile, be familiar with standard first aid procedures, including CPR, and have access to a cell phone for emergency use. There is no electricity, water, or phone service on the range property, so come prepared. A list of all Club Officers and Board Members, as well as the club bulletin and Match Schedule, can be located on the Club's web-site at; [www.RoswellGunClub.com](http://www.RoswellGunClub.com) .

In case of emergency, Dial 911 at the earliest opportunity (cell phones are common on the range).

Parents are required to maintain close supervision of their children while on the range. Any visitors under 21 years of age are 'required' to be supervised by a legal guardian (**Member**), 21 years of age or older, at all times.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN:**

**I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RANGE RULES OF THE ROSWELL GUN CLUB.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_