



INDIAN HILL SHOOTING CLUB

SAFETY RULES and REGULATIONS

Effective January 6, 2023

The following rules are unique to the Village of Indian Hill Shooting Club (IHSC).

Each member is responsible for knowing, fully understanding and observing the safety rules of the Indian Hill Shooting Club. Members are also fully responsible for the behavior of their guests and dependent family IHSC members.

Additional notices regarding the pistol/rifle ranges or shotgun fields operation or specific safety concerns may be posted onsite. It is the responsibility of the member to read these important notices and be fully knowledgeable of their content.

All new members, as a condition of their membership, are required to attend a Club Safety/Orientation briefing, which includes viewing the IHSC safety video.

Guests of members are permitted to use the range only when accompanied by their host, the member, and must remain near the member at all times while using the pistol/rifle ranges and the shotgun fields. Members hosting guests at the IHSC must be at least eighteen years old in order to fully accept responsibility for the actions of their guest(s).

All guests are required to watch the IHSC safety video before participating in any activity involving a firearm.

The *IHSC Guest Policy* is posted on the website at <https://indianhill.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Guest-Policy.pdf> and in both clubhouses.

All members are required to present a valid photo Indian Hill Shooting Club badge when checking-in to participate in any activity involving a firearm. This badge confirms the member is a bona fide member with annual fees current, a liability waiver on file and has completed the safety orientation. Badges must be worn while participating in any shooting or firearm activity at the Indian Hill Shooting Club.

All guests are required to sign the IHSC waiver of liability prior to participating in any activities on the premises. This waiver is to be held by the IHSC while the guest is present at the IHSC.

All safety rules, instructions and commands of the Range Master and/or the Range Safety Officer including the Student Trappers are to be followed. Failure to do so could result in removal from the property and/or suspension or termination of IHSC membership.

GENERAL IHSC SAFETY RULES

TREAT ALL FIREARMS as if they are LOADED.

ALWAYS keep firearms pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION.

ALWAYS keep the firearm UNLOADED until ready to shoot.

ALWAYS keep your finger OFF THE TRIGGER until ready to shoot.

BE SURE of your TARGET and WHAT IS BEYOND THE TARGET.

ALCOHOL and ALL INTOXICATING OR IMPAIRING SUBSTANCES including PRESCRIPTION IMPAIRING DRUGS are STRICTLY PROHIBITED PRIOR TO AND WHILE USING FIREARMS.

NEVER POINT a firearm at anything you would NOT WANT TO KILL OR DESTROY.

GENERAL RANGE RULES & REGULATIONS

- The primary member (a parent or guardian of legal age) must accompany dependent members (under the age of 16) and their guests, regardless of age, at all times.
- Dependent members (children **under the age of 14**) are limited to shooting rifles ONLY and must be under the direct (no more than arm's length away), immediate and continuous supervision of the primary member (parent or guardian of legal age).
- Dependent members (youth **14 – 20 years of age**) may shoot handguns under the direct (no more than arm's length away), immediate and continuous supervision of the primary member (parent or guardian of legal age).
- Young adults (**16 – 20 years of age**) may shoot rifles and shotguns without adult supervision. However, primary member supervision is recommended.
- Eye and hearing protection is required on the firing line and shotgun fields whether using a firearm or observing.
- All pistol/rifle shooters are required to sign in and pay required session fees at the beginning of their shooting session prior to entering the pistol/rifle firing line.
- All shooters participating in shotgun field activities are required first to sign in to be assigned to a shotgun field and pay the per-round fees at the end of their shotgun activities.
- All empty cartridges (brass) are to be picked up and disposed of in the recycling buckets at the end of target practice session.
- All Federal, State and Local laws apply to the ownership, use and handling of firearms while on the IHSC range.

RANGE RULES for Use of All FIREARMS:

- When there is more than one pistol or rifle on the firing line with an individual shooter, the firearm that is not being used must be made visibly safe with the magazine removed or the cylinder rotated open, the action open, and an empty chamber indicator prominently displayed in the open action.
- When moving shotguns around the shotgun fields, the action must be clear and open. Over/under and side-by-side shotgun action must be “broken” open.
- There is to be only one caliber of ammunition, corresponding to the firearm in use on the firing line. Multiple firearms on the firing line at one time that fire different calibers of ammunition are prohibited.
- There is to be only one gauge of ammunition, corresponding to the firearm in use on the shotgun fields.
- Firearms are to be removed from cases on the firing line with the muzzle pointed downrange. Firearms are never to be unpacked behind the white safety line. Once the firearm and the ammunition have been unpacked, the cases are to be moved behind the white safety line.
- Shotguns can be unpacked in the clubhouse preparation area with the muzzles pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- There are to be no loaded firearms transported in vehicles to or from the IHSC.
- All firearms are to be moved from and to vehicles unloaded, in approved, closed containers. If a container is not used, the firearm is to be moved with the action open or otherwise “broken” open, with an empty chamber indicator displayed in a highly visible and conspicuous manner.
- All shooters will be critically aware of the direction in which the muzzle of their firearm is pointed at all times. All firearms are to be pointed in a safe direction at all times
- Shotguns may only be loaded when on/in the shooting station, ready to call for the target.
- All pistols and rifles are to be unloaded with the magazines removed or the cylinders rotated outward (open), if possible, action open with empty chamber indicators prominently displayed in the open action, or in the appropriate case unless being fired.
- If a shooter experiences a pistol or rifle malfunction that cannot be resolved safely by the shooter himself, the firearm is to be placed on the shooting station bench or firing line table pointed downrange with the action open, if possible, and the shooter shall seek immediate assistance from the Range Safety Officer (RSO) to clear the malfunction.

Prohibited Guns, Ammunition & Actions:

- Any firearm of .80 caliber or greater are prohibited.

- There is to be no loading of pistols, rifles or magazines behind the white safety line. This includes the office, clubhouse and the preparation areas. All ammunition loading operations are to be done on the bench at the firing line or other approved shooting stations.
- Fully automatic and any firearm that can be made to simulate automatic fire, including “echo fire” triggers are prohibited.
- Incendiary, indirect, tracer, armor piercing, steel core, explosive-projectile and other “exotic” types of ammo are prohibited.
- Drawing from the holster and tactical (movement) drills are strictly prohibited.
- There are to be no firearms carried openly in holsters while at the IHSC.
- Only .22 caliber rimfire ammunition is to be used on the .22 caliber pistol/rifle range.
- During a pistol/rifle ranges cease fire, routine or emergency, ALL SHOOTERS WILL OBEY THE COMMANDS AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER. All shooters must be behind the white safety line for the duration of the cease fire or down range performing target maintenance. Occupying a physical position in the firing line area, touching a firearm or ammunition during a cease fire is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Targets & Shooting Stations:

- IHSC provides paper targets to members and guests.
- Shooting at objects not specifically designated by the IHSC as targets is prohibited.
- All target practice on the pistol/rifle ranges is to be conducted straight downrange in accordance with the position of the shooting station. Cross-range shooting is strictly prohibited.
- Shooters may occupy only one shooting station at a time. Leaving firearms or equipment to reserve a station while shooting from another station is prohibited.
- All target practice is to be aimed. Any fast, or “burst” rapid shooting must be under control and aimed with the intent of hitting a target.
- Paper targets are to be removed by the user at the conclusion of their session and disposed of properly in the recycling bin.
- All shooting is to be aimed so as to impact into the berms behind the targets. There is to be no shooting at objects on the flat ground.

If you do not understand any of the rules, ask the Range Safety Officer for clarification before stepping onto the range.