

**CARRABASSETT VALLEY OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION**  
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**GUN HANDLING RULES**

Safe gun handling is a combination of sound logical personal behavior, common sense and courtesy. Adherence to this plan by all members is mandatory and flagrant disregard for these procedures will result in disciplinary action and possible loss of membership privileges. We must be certain that safe conditions prevail so that no person sustains serious injury while at our range.

1. ALWAYS KEEP GUN POINTED IN SAFE DIRECTION.
2. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUTSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT.
3. ALWAYS KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND THE FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE
4. KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND. WHEN ON THE SHOOTING RANGE BE MINDFUL OF ADJACENT AREAS AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.
5. BE SURE THE GUN IS SAFE TO OPERATE.
6. KNOW HOW TO USE THE GUN SAFELY.
7. USE ONLY THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR GUN. WHEN AT THE RANGE WITH MORE THAN ONE GUN, USE ONLY ONE AT A TIME AND WHEN FINISHED, STORE THAT FIREARM AND AMMUNITION BEFORE USING THE NEXT ONE.
8. WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION.
9. NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.
10. STORE GUNS SO THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.

## **GENERAL RANGE RULES**

1. Members must know and obey all range regulations as contained herein and / or those posted at the range.
2. Members must know where others are at all times.
3. Shoot only at authorized targets
4. Rifle shooting must be confined so that rounds impact the backstop only. Firing above the height of the backstop is not permitted. Concern is for ricochets and projectiles escaping the boundaries of the range.
5. When organized shooting events occur, a range safety officer will be designated who will have control over the conduct on the range.
6. Unload, open the action, remove the magazine and ground and / or bench all firearms during a call for cease fire.
7. Do not handle a firearm and be clear of the firing line when persons are down range.
8. Always keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed downrange and never in the direction where an accidental discharge would cause the projectile to leave the area.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

The CVOA range is considered passive. This means that members may use the facility without supervision, but the Trap Machine may only be operated by qualified Range Officers. Each member must agree and adhere to the range rules and regulations established herein as well as those instructions that may be posted on the range. Members must strictly comply with all of the provisions of the safety plan when using firearms on the range and demonstrate that they can handle the firearm safely.

When using the range and in the absence of a designated range official, members assume the responsibility of enforcing the safety provisions of the safety plan.

The names of shooting guests will be recorded in the club guest log and will be required to pay a daily guest fee and to sign a waiver.

Range safety officers will be appointed for all club organized shooting events.

The range committee will enforce the rules and regulations and will determine the penalties for violations.

The range will be open and may be used during daylight hours only with specific hours established and published throughout the year by the range committee.

Only members in good standing or guests are authorized to use the range.