

Pelham Fish and Game Club

Range Rules 2005



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1.0 GENERAL FIREARMS HANDLING AND RANGE PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Firearm Handling Safety Rules
 - 1.1.1 Always point the muzzle downrange or at the ground.
 - 1.1.2 Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
 - 1.1.3 Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to use.
 - 1.1.4 Know how the firearm operates.
 - 1.1.5 Be sure your firearm and ammunition are compatible.
 - 1.1.6 Carry one gauge/caliber of ammunition when shooting.
 - 1.1.7 Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
 - 1.1.8 Wear eye and ear protection.
 - 1.1.9 Don't mix alcohol or drugs with shooting.
 - 1.1.10 Be aware that circumstances may require additional rules unique to a particular situation.
 - 1.1.11 Never shoot toward any surface that may cause a ricochet, especially ice and water.
- 1.2 Only legal firearms are allowed on club property.
- 1.3 Firearms may only be handled on approved firing lines, organized cleaning areas, vendor areas, organized educational programs, and designated safety areas as specified by a club official.
- 1.4 A club member or guest found using a firearm in other than a safe manner may be denied use of the club facilities by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors (BOD). That person may be required to participate in the club safety orientation prior to continuation of privileges. Additional sanctions may be deemed appropriate including removal of club privileges completely.
- 1.5 Any club member or guest causing injury to another person or damage to property by accidental discharge or

improper firearm handling will assume responsibility for said damage or injury.

- 1.6 Firearms being moved about the club facilities, to and from ranges or generally around the property must be: cased, boxed, holstered, action open, slung, or otherwise secured with the exception of; organized cleaning areas, vendor areas and organized educational programs.
- 1.7 Holstered handguns, carried legally for lawful purposes, may be carried anywhere on club property.
- 1.8 Informal Shooting (Range facilities where there is not a RANGE OFFICER on duty)
 - 1.8.1 The first shooter on the range will assume the RANGE OFFICER duties until relieved or until they leave the facility.
 - 1.8.2 When the existing member functioning as the RANGE OFFICER leaves the facility, one of the remaining members must assume the responsibility of RANGE OFFICER.
 - 1.8.3 When entering a range, a member should check in with the RANGE OFFICER present. They should set up in a position convenient for their activity that allows good communication with other members on the range. When a member wishes to have the range cleared in order to go down range to access their target, they should clear their firearm, set it down, step back from the firing line and query the RANGE OFFICER. The RANGE OFFICER, at their discretion, shall require all those present to clear their firearms, set them down, stand back from the firing line and acknowledge that their firearms are clear. Only then shall the RANGE OFFICER declare the range clear, activate the lights and warning systems, if present, and allow shooters to move

forward. Only when all those present have verified that they have completed their down range activity and all have returned, the RANGE OFFICER may allow the continuation of shooting.

- 1.9 Guests, where allowed by club bylaws and safety regulations, shall be the direct responsibility of the inviting member. The member shall brief the guest in our procedures and policies. The member must directly supervise the guest's shooting activity and shall directly be held responsible for injuries or damages caused by the guest. Only one guest of a member is allowed to shoot at a time while under the direct supervision of the inviting member. Any guest corrected for infractions of club safety regulations shall be required to stop shooting immediately by the RANGE OFFICER in charge of that particular range.
- 1.10 Club membership cards will be worn and displayed while at club facilities. Any member asked to identify themselves by another member or officer of the club must show their membership card. Any individual without a current membership card will be assumed not to be a member with rights and privileges and may be treated as a trespasser.
- 1.11 During the seasons of heavy use the club may assign duty RANGE OFFICERS to those ranges receiving frequent use. RANGE OFFICERS shall be given appropriate orientation and instructions prior to duty assignment.
- 1.12 There will be no handling of firearms or related equipment at any time on any range when the range is **CLEAR** and/or people are forward of the firing line.

- 1.13 Hunting or trapping is NOT allowed on any part of the club property without the expressed written permission of the BOD.
- 1.14 Use of illegal drugs at any club facility is prohibited.
- 1.15 Consumption of alcoholic beverages at any club facility is prohibited unless approved by the BOD.
- 1.16 Shooting while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited and is subject to loss of membership
- 1.17 All accidents and/or unsafe use of firearms at the club facilities must be reported immediately to the BOD.
- 1.18 Appropriate eye and ear protection must be worn by all persons on or near active shooting ranges
- 1.19 Actions of all firearms being used must be opened at all times except when being fired. If the firearm is designed such that the action will not stay open then the owner will provide mechanical restrictions to prevent the action from closing. This is your club and you are empowered to correct safety infractions. If you see someone improperly or unsafely handling a firearm or whose conduct jeopardizes the safe conduct of shooting, then either correct them, or obtain his badge number or auto registration and report the incident and the identification to a Range Officer or BOD member. The BOD will take appropriate action upon registration of the complaint.
- 1.20 When entering the club property, you must close and lock any gates behind you. Follow the same procedures when leaving. Gates are normally left open for club meetings and functions.
- 1.21 Smoking is not allowed on any firing line.
- 1.22 Normal Operating Hours for outdoor ranges are from 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday, 9:00 AM Sunday until 30 minutes after sunset as specified by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Hunting/Fishing digests. Shooting may continue on illuminated ranges until 10:00 PM when approved by the BoD. Normal Operating Hours for indoor ranges are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 1.23 All ranges are available for membership use during normal operating hours except during a scheduled event approved by the BOD. Use by the membership during a scheduled event is then up to the discretion of the event coordinator.
- 1.24 Any one may call CEASE FIRE at any time an unsafe situation is observed. All shooters must immediately cease fire and point firearms in a safe direction until further directed by a RANGE OFFICER.
- 1.25 When experiencing a misfire or hangfire, the shooter must keep the firearm pointed down range for at least 60 seconds prior to attempting to correct the problem, unless other procedures apply.
- 1.26 Special considerations for black powder shooting:
 - 1.26.1 No uncapped powder containers allowed excepted when charging your firearm.
 - 1.26.2 The percussion cap must be installed or the flash pan must be charged at the firing line only with the firearm pointed down range.
 - 1.26.3 Do not charge your firearm directly from a powder can or horn.
 - 1.26.4 Misfires and hang fires must be handled such that other people on the range are not at hazard.

- 1.27 Anyone in possession of a fully automatic firearm, or other NFA items (e.g. silencers, short-barreled rifles) must also be in possession of appropriate paperwork demonstrating their in-state registration and ownership. This paperwork must be presented, upon request, to any club official. Inability to produce the paperwork will result in the individual(s) being asked to leave club property. Acceptable paperwork includes:
- a. ATF Form 4 (5320.4) (Most common for transferable NFA Firearms - Tax Stamp)
 - b. ATF Form 5320.20 (Application to Transport Interstate NFA Firearms – used for non-New Hampshire residents to bring their NFA firearms into NH.
 - c. ATF Form 2 (5320.2) (Notice of Manufacture of NFA Firearm – Title II Dealers Only)
 - d. ATF Form 3 (5320.3) (Tax-free Transfer between Title II Dealers)
- 1.28 Each Range may have its own specific rules as detailed in the following sections. Please refer to them. Additionally, a summary table is available in Appendix A. The BoD, at their discretion, may approve exceptions to these rules for specific events.

2.0 INDOOR RANGE

- 2.1 This range is for qualified individuals only.
- 2.2 A member or guest may qualify for use of the range by hitting a standard 50 ft. target with five (5) consecutive shots in bullseye fashion as witnessed by a BOD member or designee.
- 2.3 This range is for use with handguns and .22 rim fire rifles only. No black powder firearms are allowed.

- 2.4 Only non jacketed lead bullets or frangible ammunition may be used. Gas checked bullets and plated copper-washed are acceptable. Absolutely no full-metal jacket or steel-core ammunition is to be used.
- 2.5 All shooting must be aimed fire at paper targets hung from the provided hangers. The target must be no larger than a standard NRA 50 foot bullseye target.
- 2.6 Drawing from a holster and hip shooting shall not be allowed.
- 2.7 All shooting must be conducted from the firing line. No firing forward of the firing line shall be allowed.
- 2.8 A sign in log shall be used designating the name of the shooter, time in, time out and date used.
- 2.9 The shooter must clean up all garbage, including brass before leaving the range.
- 2.10 The ventilation system must be turned on when using the range.
- 2.11 Ventilation, heating and lights of the range must be turned off and the clubhouse lights shall be turned off and the building secured when leaving the building.

3.0 OUTDOOR PISTOL AND RIFLE (UTILITY) RANGE

- 3.1 The rightmost positions are for 25 yards only. The leftmost positions are for 50 and 100 yards only.
- 3.2 The range is for the general use of the membership and guests and for designated matches approved by the BOD.

- 3.3 Full-auto fire is prohibited on this range. Hand cranks and other devices that promote multiple shot unaimed shooting are prohibited for use on this range. Lawfully-owned select-fire firearms are allowed provided they are fired on single-shot (semi-auto) only.
- 3.4 Drawing from a holster and hip shooting are not allowed.
- 3.5 No shot loads are allowed on this range. Shotgun slugs are specifically allowed.
- 3.6 The use of tracer rounds is not allowed unless approved by the BoD.
- 3.7 Paper targets hung on the provided frames are the **only** acceptable targets allowed on this range. The target must fit within the internal edges of the frame. No shootable portion of the target shall extend beyond the inside edge of the frame.
- 3.8 The front vertical supports of the overhang are considered the firing line. All shooting must be done at the firing line with the muzzle of the firearm forward of the line and the major portion of the shooters body behind the line.
- 3.9 When firearms are not in use but exposed; shoulder firearms may be stacked in the racks provided at the rear of the firing line, or cased, or placed on the shooting mat with barrels pointed down range, benched firearms will be considered acceptable when barrels are pointed down range, handguns will be benched with the barrels pointed down range. All firearms will be unloaded and have their actions opened by some means. The use of chamber flags is recommended.
- 3.10 When handling a firearm, the muzzle must be pointed down range or directly towards the ground. Under no

circumstances should a firearm be handled such that it may be pointed at another person.

- 3.11 The flashing lights and buzzer must be activated and controlled by the RANGE OFFICER when it is safe to go down range. Only the person who turns on the flashing lights and buzzer should turn them off.
- 3.12 Before you leave the range, you must pick up your empty shell casing and garbage, placing all waste in the receptacles provided, and return the target frames to the proper area. This is your range. Please keep it clean.
- 3.13 Place duds in the appropriately marked receptacles.

4.0 SILHOUETTE RANGE

- 4.1 Handguns and .22 cal rim fire rifles only using standard ammunition.
- 4.2 Single shot and lever-action rifles may also be used in accordance with the following restrictions:
 - 4.2.1 A member or guest must be qualified for use of this range by a BoD member or their designee.
 - 4.2.2 Single shot and lever action ammunition is limited to lead bullets only. Jacketed ammunition or gas checks are expressly forbidden.
 - 4.2.3 Muzzle velocities are limited to 1650fps or less.
 - 4.2.4 Except during scheduled events, members or guests shooting single shot or lever action rifles may only shoot at designated metallic swinging targets placed at distances from 100 meters to 200 meters.

- 4.2.4 The club may provide paper target frames placed at 150 meters and 200 meters. These may be used by members and guest for load development only.
- 4.3 All other shooting must be at approved metal silhouette targets only.
- 4.4 Targets must be placed parallel to the shooting line. Do not shoot at any target that has moved and is no longer facing the shooter. If a bullet should strike the edge of the target frame, it creates a ricochet hazard.
- 4.5 All shooting to be done at targets placed directly in front of backstops and must be done from the firing line only.
- 4.6 This range may be used for other shooting disciplines with approval of the BOD.
- 4.7 Before you leave the range, you must pick up your empty shell casing and garbage, placing all waste in the receptacles provided. This is your range. Please keep it clean.
- 4.8 The front vertical supports of the overhang are considered the firing line. All shooting must be done at the firing line with the muzzle of the firearm forward of the line and the major portion of the shooters body behind the line.

5.0 ACTION RANGES

5.1 General

- 5.1.1 The Action Range shall be used for the primary purpose of practicing Class III Shooting and Action shooting

(disciplines such as Cowboy Action Shooting, IDPA, IPSC, Steel Challenge, etc.).

- 5.1.2 Plinking is permitted provided that it is done in a safe manner and with reasonable targets (per Section 5.2.2).
- 5.1.3 Other disciplines and event organizers may utilize the Action Range for scheduled events. The following must be provided and reviewed by the Action Range Committee and approved by the BoD prior to the event:
- A name and contact information for a Match Director or event point of contact
 - An emergency contact and any other relevant emergency procedures
 - A set of rules and procedures that govern the match or activity (e.g. IPSC Rules, SASS Rules, IPDA Rules, etc.)
 - Information to be posted regarding the event.

5.2 Range Limitations and Safety Requirements for Informal Shooting

- 5.2.1 All informal shooting outside of scheduled events shall be done in compliance with the applicable items of these safety rules.
- 5.2.2 Firing is only allowed at approved targets. Approved targets include:
- All paper targets
 - Non-metallic targets, to include by not limited to: plastic soda bottles, milk cartons, paper plates, plastic silhouette targets
 - Metallic targets (approved silhouette-type targets and swingers only)
- 5.2.3 Fruits, vegetables, glass and exploding targets are explicitly forbidden.

- 5.2.4 Use extreme caution in the placement and use of any target or frame to avoid potential ricochet hazards.
- 5.2.5 All targets must be placed within three (3) feet of the base of the back berms and must be no higher than the shooter's eye level for the position they are shooting.
- 5.2.6 Drawing from a holster is specifically allowed.
- 5.2.7 When two or more shooters use the same bay, they must utilize a common firing line.
- 5.2.8 Items located in or around the Action Range Shed and Storage Containers are club property and are not to be used as targets or target stands. However, the wooden target frames marked "General Member Use Only" are provided in the event that the shooter does not have their own suitable target frame. These target frames are NOT TARGETS. They are meant to hold a target. They should be inserted in the provided target bases. When no longer in use, they should be put back on the side of the Action Range Shed. Shotgun patterning may only be fired at frames designated as such, or on your own target frame. Intentional misuse of club-provided target frames or other items belonging to the club will be considered destruction of club property and could result in the suspension of club privileges.

5.3 Disciplines

- 5.3.1 Courses of Fire (COF) for disciplines on the Action Ranges must follow the rules of the governing body for that particular discipline (i.e. SASS for Cowboy Action Shooting, IDPA, USPSA for IPSC, etc.)

5.4 Authorized and Prohibited Firearms

- 5.4.1 Fully-automatic shooting is specifically allowed on the Action Ranges and shall be used no further than 25 yards from the backstop.

5.5 Authorized Personnel

- 5.5.1 The Action Range may be opened to non-members for scheduled events provided that the participants sign a Pelham Fish & Game Hold Harmless Agreement.

5.6 Personnel Responsibilities

- 5.6.1 All Action Range users are responsible for picking up brass (reloadable or not) when firing has completed. All debris from targets, ammo boxes, etc. must be cleaned and disposed of in the receptacles provided upon leaving the range. This includes all shrapnel.
- 5.6.2 All club target frames must be returned to their proper location when no longer in use.

5.7 Hours of Operation and Scheduling

- 5.7.1 The Action Ranges will be closed periodically for scheduled matches. This includes match day(s) and additional setup/teardown days as required. Signs will be posted.
- 5.7.2 Periodically, the Action Ranges may be used by local Police Departments and certain bays may be closed on those reserved times and dates. Signs will be posted.

5.7.3 A schedule of Action Range events and reservations will be posted on the Action Range bulletin board, and on the Pelham Fish & Game web site.

6.0 TRAP AND SKEET FIELD

- 6.1 Only target loads, #7 through #9 fired from shotguns is allowed on the Trap Field. Any other firearm and ammunition is specifically prohibited. Other loads may be shot on the Action Ranges provided the targets are positioned according to the rules of the Action Ranges. No airborne targets are allowed on the Action Ranges.
- 6.2 Except on the firing line, all firearms must be unloaded with the action opened. However, "break action" shotguns may be closed when racked.
- 6.3 The individual operating each trap field shall be the RANGE OFFICER for that field and be responsible for the safe conduct of shooting on that field.
- 6.4 When the red light is on the trap house, the firing line must be made safe.
- 6.5 Individuals wishing to shoot independently of the organized shooting may do so using their own hand or ground trap. The member must use the furthest unused Trap field to the far right between the farthest two trap houses and position the shooting activity such that they do not hit and/or damage the trap houses. Do not climb on any trap house roofs.
- 6.6 Individuals wishing to pattern shotguns may do so provided they use #7 to #9 shot only and provide their own target. The member must use the furthest unused Trap field to the far right between the farthest two trap houses and position the shooting activity such that they

do not hit and/or damage the trap houses. Do not climb on any trap house roofs.

- 6.7 This range may be used for other shooting disciplines with approval of the BOD.
- 6.8 Before you leave the range, you must pick up your empty shell casing and garbage, placing all waste in the receptacles provided. This is your range. Please keep it clean.

7.0 OUTDOOR TURNING TARGET AND BULLSEYE PISTOL RANGE

- 7.1 Individual use of this facility is limited to those members that have qualified for use of the Indoor Pistol facility.
- 7.2 Only paper targets hung from frames specifically designed for this range may be used. These frames must not be removed from this range.
- 7.3 Only handguns using conventional handgun cartridges and loads and comply with NRA Bullseye rules shall be used on this range.
- 7.4 This range may be used for other shooting disciplines with approval of the BOD.
- 7.5 Before you leave the range, you must pick up your empty shell casing and garbage, placing all waste in the receptacles provided. Target frames must be returned to their proper stand. This is your range. Please keep it clean.

8.0 ARCHERY

- 8.1 No broadheads except when authorized by the BoD.
- 8.2 Only bows and crossbows are allowed to be shot on the Archery Range and Course.
- 8.3 Multiple shooters must maintain a common firing line.

9.0 600 YARD RANGE

- 9.1 The new 200/300/600 yard range is currently closed and under construction. Anyone found shooting on this range without the permission of the BOD will be subject to disciplinary action up to including forfeiture of membership.
- 9.2 NOTE THAT WHEN THIS RANGE IS OPENED, A COMPLETE SET OF RULES WILL BE DEVELOPED.

APPENDIX A: TABLE OF PERMITTED USES

Range

Uses	Utility	Action	Sil-houette	Turning Target	Trap/Skeet	Indoor	Archery	600 Yard
Shotgun #7-#9 Shot	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	TBD
Shotgun up to #7 Shot	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	TBD
Shotgun Slugs	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	TBD
Muzzle loader Rifle	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	TBD
Muzzle loader Pistol	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	TBD
Center fire Rifle	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	TBD
.22 Rimfire Pistol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	TBD
Center fire Pistol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	TBD
.22 Rimfire Rifle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	TBD
Full Auto Fire	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	TBD
Air Rifle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	TBD
Air Pistol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	TBD
Bow	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	TBD
Cross bow	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	TBD

No = Not permitted on this Range

Yes = Permitted on this Range. **REVIEW INDIVIDUAL RANGE RULES FOR PARTICULAR RANGE FOR DETAILS.**

APPENDIX B: GLOSSARY

BoD – Board of Directors for Pelham Fish & Game as designated in the Pelham Fish & Game By-Laws.

Club Member – Any member of Pelham Fish & Game Club whose dues are current and is in possession of a Club Membership Card.

Club Official – Any member of the Board of Directors, Range Officer, Discipline Chair, or other designee appointed by the Board of Directors.

Informal Shooting – Any shooting done on Pelham Fish and Game Club property that is not under the supervision of a Range Officer.

NFA – National Firearms Act of 1934. Any firearm or device that is controlled by this act. This includes any firearm capable of full-auto fire, short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, firearms classified as “Any Other Weapon”, and sound suppressors.

Range Officer – A Club Member who has been designated by the Board of Directors to supervise ranges during formal and informal shooting and to enforce club safety rules.

APPENDIX C: Hold-Harmless Agreement

PELHAM FISH AND GAME CLUB, INC.

LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

(Must be completed by all non-member shooters)

The undersigned:

1. HERE RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE PELHAM FISH AND GAME CLUB, THE DIRECTORS OF THE PELHAM FISH AND GAME CLUB, THE OFFICERS OF THE PELHAM FISH AND GAME CLUB, AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PELHAM FISH AND GAME CLUB COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "RELEASEES", FROM ALL LIABILITY to the undersigned for any and all loss, liability, damage, cost, or any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the "Releasees" or otherwise, while the undersigned is in or upon the property of the Pelham Fish and Game Club or in any way competing, officiating in, observing, working for, or for any purposes participating at any time in any event sponsored by the Releasees;

2. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE "RELEASEES" from any and all loss, liability, damage, or cost that may incur due to the presence of the undersigned in or upon the property of the Pelham Fish and Game Club including in any way competing, officiating, observing, or working for, or for any purpose participating at any time in any event sponsored by the Releasees, regardless of whether such loss, liability, damage, or cost was caused by the negligence of the "Releasees"; and

3. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY DUE TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE while in or upon the property of the Pelham Fish and Game Club; and

4. AGREE that any dispute related to this RELEASE will be governed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

Undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the activities that take place on the property of the Pelham Fish and Game Club are very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death, and that the signer has read and signed the Release voluntarily.

I Have Read the Above Document and Understand the Contents.

Date

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Address

City

State

Zip

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