

Norco Sportsman Club
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Rifle & Pistol Range Rules

Hours:

Monday- Saturday 9AM to sunset

Sunday – 12 Noon to sunset

1. This is a Members Only Range – Member may be accompanied by no more than 2 (two) non-member guests. All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Shooters must be able to provide proof of membership.
2. Use of Range is at your own risk.
3. Eye and ear protection is required at the range.
4. Prior to anyone going down range to change or put up targets, unload all firearms and holster or place firearm with action or cylinder open on bench.
5. Keep all loaded firearms pointed downrange in a safe direction at all times.
6. Paper targets only. Targets shall be placed lower than shooter's shoulders. The only exception is steel targets made for range use. Shooters using steel targets do so at their own risk. Distance and angle of the target are essential for safe use and eliminating unsafe ricochets. Remember, the ranges are everyone's so please ensure you keep it safe and clean at all times. Place unwanted brass and trash in barrels provided. Place duds in the dud box.
7. Persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol are prohibited from the range. No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the range.
8. Range may be closed to General Use for Training Programs or other Club activities.
9. Any member observing unsafe practices shall notify the executive committee.
10. Follow the Ten Basic Rules of Firearm Safety (see next page)

11. Target distance placement on both ranges needs to be backed by the berm. Targets, including steel targets, cannot be placed mid-way to the berm. E.g., on the 100 yard rifle range, targets need to be at the 100 yard distance — they cannot be set at 75, 50, 25, etc.... Same applies for the 50 yard, 25 yard and pistol ranges, whereby targets need to be as close to the berm as possible. For the 25 yard rifle range lane and the pistol range, this will reduce chances of a ricochet or an missed-target shot leaving the range area. Steel plates are to be placed at the berm.
12. Target height placement on both ranges needs to be level or lower than the trajectory of the bullet/shooters eye. Since both ranges have a slight slope upwards from the shooter to the target, a target placed at standing height (when one is hanging the target) may result in a trajectory that is higher than the shooters eye, when the shooter returns to the firing line. Additionally, for the 25 yard rifle range and the pistol range, targets should be hung from the chicken-fence wire in-between the upper/lower suspension cables to avoid severing the suspension cable. In general, any target hung on the top of the suspension cable will result in a trajectory higher than eye-level.



Target location placement only at the berm



Target placement on chicken-wire fence for both the 25 yard rifle range and pistol range
Steel plates should be placed on the berm behind the chicken-wire-fence where the plate aligns with the approved area

NRA Ten Basic Rules of Firearm Safety

1. ALWAYS Keep The Gun Pointed In A Safe Direction
2. ALWAYS Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Ready To Shoot
3. ALWAYS Keep The Gun Unloaded Until Ready To Use
4. Know your target and what is beyond
5. Know how to use the gun safely
6. Be sure the gun is safe to operate
7. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun
8. Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate
9. Never use alcohol, over-the-counter drugs or prescription drugs before or while shooting
10. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons

Source: <https://gunsafetyrules.nra.org/>