

York Rifle Range Association Inc.

Established 1935



Constitution

By-Laws

Range Rules

January 2016

The Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of
the United States of America, and
to the republic for which it stands,
one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice
for all."

2nd Amendment

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Constitution

Article I

Name

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be The York Rifle Range Association Inc. For the purposes of brevity, tradition and for competitive usage, the name York Riflemen will be used.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1 - The purpose of the Corporation is to provide a social organization for those persons interested in the sports of rifle shooting and any allied interests as mentioned in our letters of Incorporation.

Section 2 - Further object of this Corporation is to hold title to all property and equipment of the organization.

Article III

Membership

Section 1 - Individuals must be a United States Citizen or Legal Immigrant, never been convicted of a felony or any other crime of violence and legally able to possess a Firearm in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States, in order to be eligible for and maintain a Membership with The York Rifle Range Association Inc.

Section 2 - A Senior Membership shall be available to all persons 18 year of age and older in accordance with Section 1. A Senior Member can become a Life Member at age 65 or older once the Member has completed a minimum of 15 consecutive years of membership immediately prior to transitioning to a Life Member.

Section 3 - A Junior membership shall be available to all persons under the age of 18 and in accordance with Section 1. A Junior Member must have consent of parent(s) or guardian before being accepted as a Junior Member. A Junior Member can become a Senior Member the next membership year following the year that they turn the age of 18.

Section 4 - A Life Membership in the York Rifle Range Association Inc. is awarded to a Senior Member the next membership year after they reach 65 years of age or older and have had a continuous 15 years membership immediately prior to award of Life Membership.

Section 5 - Termination of Membership – Any Member, for probable cause, may be dropped from membership from the Association by three-fifths (3/5), vote of the Board of Directors. The involved individual will be offered an opportunity to provide an explanation prior to any action resulting in termination of membership. The rebuttal request must be made in writing to meet with the Board of Directors within 30 days of notification of membership termination.

Section 6 - Every Senior Member and Life Member shall have one (1) vote and must be present to cast this vote. It cannot be made by proxy.

Section 7 - The Total membership of the York Rifle Range Association Inc. shall be closed at 1,200 Senior Members.

Junior Members reaching the age of 18 would automatically become Senior Members according to section 3. Life Members and Junior Members are not included in the total membership limit. A waiting list will be posted for Seniors and Juniors. The list of applicants will be kept in numerical order and posted at the club. Junior Members will transition to Senior Membership regardless of Total Senior Membership total.

Section 8 - Immediate relatives of members are eligible for accelerated membership. This applies only to spouse, father, mother, son or daughter of an active Senior or Life member of the club. The applicant is to be promoted to the top of the waiting list.

Section 9 - Any member who allows their dues to fall in arrears past the December 31st due date will have their membership terminated and will need to reapply for membership according to the rules for becoming a Member as per Section 10.

Section 10 - Perspective new members, or previous members reapplying for membership, after submitting a completed application, submitting a current background check, **Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History, (PATCH)** obtained and paid for by the prospective member and not refundable by the Club or State if not accepted or if information on the PATCH check disqualifies the person from membership. As per Section I. The PATCH report to be considered "Current" must be dated within 3 months prior to attending the required Pre-Membership meeting. paying all fees and having attended a Pre-Membership meeting, will be announced at the regular monthly meeting as requesting membership with the York Rifle Range. The list of the prospective member's names will be posted for a period of one month in the clubhouse prior to being eligible for balloting. At the next regular monthly club meeting. after again announcing the proposed members, a discussion period will be opened for allowing any additional

inquiries or information to be offered to the voting membership present on any proposed member, junior or senior. If no objections or information was presented concerning any proposed member, a voice vote will be conducted for the group presented. If any objections or information was presented against any proposed applicant, or the results of the voice vote cannot be easily determined, the President or presiding officer will conduct a separate ballot, either by voice vote or private ballot for the individual(s) in question. Membership will be granted by an acceptance vote of the majority of the voting members present.

Article IV

Officers

Section 1 - The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually and consist of:

President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Membership Secretary
Treasurer
Board of Directors

Section 2 - The Board of Directors to be made up of five, (5), members. The Chair of the Board and four, (4), directors. Two, (2), Directors to be elected each year for a two, (2), year term. They cannot succeed themselves in office, however after being out of office for one, (1), year they may again be elected to the Board. The fifth member of the Board should be the outgoing President of the Club. If the President is re-elected for another term he/she then must appoint someone to fill the one, (1), year term that he/she would have filled on the Board.

Section 3 - The Board of Directors will elect the Chair of the board at a Board of Directors meeting.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1 - The monthly meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. In the event of inclement weather requiring the cancellation of the meeting the President will post this information on our website. The meeting will then be held the following Sunday at 2:00 P.M.

Section 2 - Special meetings may be called by the President at any time or at the request of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - The election of Officers shall be held at the October meeting.

Section 4 - A nominating committee consisting of the Board of Directors, shall present a Slate of Officers at the September meeting to be posted until the October meeting elections. Nominations from the floor may be made at the September meeting and posted until the October meeting.

Section 5 - All Nominations will be closed at the September meeting.

Section 6 - Election shall be by voice vote. If voting results cannot be determined by a voice vote, a paper ballot vote will be conducted. The results of the ballots will be tallied and announced at the October meeting.

Article VI

Fees and Dues

Section 1 - Beginning the first calendar day of the year 2016, Senior Members shall pay an initiation fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), obtain a current PATCH report to be paid for by the applicant and is non-refundable. The PATCH report to be submitted with the completed application at the pre-membership meeting or within I month of attending the pre-membership meeting, prior to being voted on for membership and annual dues of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). New Senior Members may pay a pro-rated membership fee according to the month they pay their initial fees. Pro-rated dues schedule is by quarter of a year.

Section 2 - Junior Members shall pay annual dues of Five Dollars, (\$5.00). No initiation fee will be required.

Section 3 - Life Members are not obligated to pay dues after awarded a Life Membership and enjoy all the privileges of a Senior Member.

Section 4 - Upon the transition of a Junior Member to a Senior Member, He / She will pay the Senior Member rate as listed in Section 1 the next full year of membership.

Section 5 - Elected Officers of the York Rifle Range Association Inc. with the exception of the Board of Directors will be dues exempt for the term of office.

Section 6 - A check returned due to insufficient funds will be considered a non-payment of dues.

A returned check charge to be paid in cash or money order will be required regardless if the person continues their membership with the club.

Section 7 - Members of the York Rifle Range Association Inc. who are on Active Military Duty, (this does not include called to active duty for training as a reservist or National Guard), and stationed outside normal commuting distance from the York Rifle Range will be exempt from paying annual membership dues but will retain their Senior Membership status. Payment of dues will commence the first full calendar year he or she returns to this area, is discharged, or is no longer on Active duty.

Normal commuting distance is defined as 50 miles or less.

Article VII

Committees

Section 1 – Committees of the Association shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as needed.

Article VIII

Amendments

Section 1 - The Constitution or the "Rules and By-Laws" may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Members present at the monthly meeting. Amendment(s) must be submitted in writing.

Section 2 - The amendment must be submitted and posted at two (2) meeting before being voted upon at the third meeting and adopted as mentioned in Section 1.

Section 3 - To repeal a motion once accepted, there will be required a two thirds (2/3) majority vote. Amendments to a motion and amendments to amendments will require majority vote.

Article IX

Quorum

Section 1 - A quorum to transact any Association business at any regular or special meeting shall consist of seven (7) Senior Members, Life Members or combination thereof.

Rules and By-Laws

Article I

Meetings

Section 1 -

1. Call meeting to Order.
2. Reading of the Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Report from the Treasurer.
4. Report from the Membership Secretary.
5. Report from Committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Good or Welfare for the club.
9. Adjourn.

Section 2 - The York Rifle Range Association Inc. will use Roberts Rules of Order in all matters not covered by the Constitution or the Rules and By-Laws.

Article II

Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President -

It shall be the duty of the President to:

1. Preside at all meetings of the Corporation,
2. Call special meetings when necessary,
3. Be a member of all Committees,
4. Have general supervision over all matters pertaining the Corporation,
5. See that harmony prevails and that the “Rules and By-Laws” and the “Constitution” of the Corporation are enforced.

Section 2 - Vice President -

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to:

1. Conduct meetings of the Corporation in the absence of the President.
2. He or She shall assist the President whenever possible.

Section 3 - Recording Secretary -

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to:

1. Keep accurate minutes of proceedings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors.
2. To keep true and just account with the Treasurer and with each member of the Corporation.
3. To carefully preserve and file his or her records of all monies received and paid out by the Treasurer.
4. All correspondence shall be conducted by the Secretary.

Section 4 - Membership Secretary -

It shall be the duty of the Membership Secretary to:

1. Keep a list of all Members with address, age, occupation, ect.
2. Have necessary forms and cards printed as required.
3. Collect dues, keep record of dues collected and turn receipts over to the Treasurer at monthly meetings or when needed and have totals announced at monthly meeting.

Section 5 - Treasurer -

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

1. Keep just and accurate account of all monies received by him or her and to deposit the same immediately or when appropriate. after receipt thereof in the name of the Corporation.
2. He or she shall pay out such monies as authorized by the Corporation.
3. He or She shall keep an accurate account of all his or her disbursements.

Section 6 - Board of Directors -

It shall be the duty of the Board of Director to:

1. Shall hold title to all property real and real estate in the name of the Coporation.
2. To approval or deny any bill or payment over \$400.00 except replacement bills.
3. Committees of the Association shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as needed.
4. Approve or deny any improvements or upgrades to the building or property of the Corporation.

5. Be responsible for supplies used on the range such as targets, ammunition and other expendable items.
6. He or She shall look after the scopes, rifles rests, sand bags, rifles and other equipment used by our members. This shall be accomplished by active inventory and hand receipts for all equipment loaned out.
7. He or She should notify the President of the condition and need for this equipment as required.
8. He or She will collect when necessary cash from the containers provided for items sold on the honor system and keep record of thereof. The funds with record thereof shall be turned over to the Treasurer at the monthly meetings or when appropriate.

Range Rules

General Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation and Conduct of the Range and Club Facilities

1. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises at any time.
2. Cars should be parked in appropriate parking locations. No cars allowed on the firing lines or down range.
3. This club operates on the honor system. All targets, ammunition, eats and drinks should be paid for at the time of use. Prices are posted and containers are provided for the money. PAY YOUR OWN WAY!!!
4. **Club Membership cards MUST be carried at all times while on club property and shown upon request;** those individuals not able to prove their membership may be asked to leave the premises. Please be courteous and respectable to all individuals on the premises. **DO NOT LOAN YOUR CARDS TO ANYONE TO USE FOR ACCESS TO THE RANGE OR BUILDINGS!!**
5. Members are allowed to bring TWO, (2), guests per visit to the Range. Guests must read the Range Waiver Agreement, sign in and deposit the Range Guest fee in the money box upon arrival. Guests should not be left at a range to shoot without the Member they came with. Remember: we do NOT have family memberships!
6. Children **MUST** be properly supervised at all times; pets on the range are to be kept leashed and not allowed to roam free; clean up after your pets!

7. Our Range Officers are appointed for your safety and to see that range operations are carried out smoothly and with due order. Please heed their orders and advice when on the firing line.
8. The Range is CLOSED and off limits from the hours of **11:00pm to 6:00am**. There will be NO SHOOTING permitted before 8:00am with the exception of 22LR rimfire rifle practice on the indoor and outdoor ranges.
9. It is the responsibility of the last person departing the club and grounds to see that all equipment is put away properly, all lights are turned off, stove and water faucets are turned off and doors and gate are locked and secured.
10. Junior members must be accompanied by a qualified Senior or Life Member while on the range property.
11. All members are urged to attend the business meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. The business transacted at these meetings is your business. We need your support to conduct these meetings properly.
12. This club is yours, regard and care for all property as you would you own. We have no paid employees so each member is asked to act as a range custodian. Please do your part to keep our range orderly and in good repair.
13. Senior dues are \$20.00 and Junior dues are \$5.00. They are due by December 31st for the following membership year. The York Rifle Range does not mail invoices for membership dues. Do not mail your dues or anything to the Range Road address. Mailing information is printed on the back of your membership card, is in every issue of the newsletter and notices are posted at the range.

14. No incendiary or tracer ammunition is permitted on any of the ranges.
15. Willful destruction of club property and/or willful disobeying of club rules will not be tolerated and are grounds for immediate dismissal with loss of membership! Intentionally firing into any target frames or parts of the facility is not permitted under any circumstances!
16. It is up to each member to ensure these facilities are used SAFELY, properly and kept clean. Please do your part and clean up after yourself.

ALWAYS THINK SAFETY!!!!

INDOOR RIFLE RANGE

1. **Willful destruction of Club property and / or willfully disobeying club rules will not be tolerated and are grounds of immediate dismissal with loss of membership.**
Intentionally firing into target frames or parts of the facility is not permitted under any circumstances.
2. The Indoor Range is limited to .22 Short, .22 Long & .22 LR rifle and pellet guns no larger than .22 rifle only. **ABSOLUTELY NO HANDGUNS OF ANY KIND PERMITTED ON THE INDOOR RANGE!** The impact plates are not designed to handle larger calibers or positioned to handle pistol shooting.
3. Unless a Range Officer is present, the shooter located at the **center position** is in charge of the firing line and all shooters will obey his/her directions and commands.
4. Rifles will be pointed down range or in a safe direction at all times. When not actually shooting, rifles will be unloaded and actions kept open. Do not handle rifles when persons are forward of the firing line.
5. Only **paper targets** placed on the proper frames may be used; targets should be placed where impact will not hit the target frame or holding pins. No other targets are permitted on this range. **DO NOT SHOOT AT FRAMES, PINS, OR ABOVE/BELOW IMPACT AREA!**
6. **No indiscriminant rapid fire or uncontrolled firing permitted at any time.**
7. You are expected to clean up the area, (pick up all cases and other debris, targets removed from the frame, and lights turned off), prior to departure.

SHOTGUN RANGE

1. **Willful destruction of Club property and / or willfully disobeying club rules will not be tolerated and are grounds of immediate dismissal with loss of membership. Intentionally firing into target frames or parts of the facility is not permitted under any circumstances.**
2. The use of the Shotgun range is limited to shotguns and shot shells for clay bird shooting ONLY! Shot size should not be larger than 7 1/2
3. Slugs/sabots cannot be used on this range at any time.
4. Do not fire directly into or place patterning boards on any trees or parts of the facility.
5. Shotguns should be kept unloaded and actions open when not actually shooting.
6. Spent shells and shell boxes should be cleaned up and discarded properly. Do not place empty clay bird target boxes in the range cans. Please take those with you and place with your recyclable materials.
7. Throwers (traps) should be left in the “un-cocked” position when finished shooting.
8. Please clean up the area, (cases and other debris picked up and deck cleared of broken clay birds), and the trap covered prior to departure.

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RIFLE / HIGHPOWER RANGE

1. **Willful destruction of Club property and / or willfully disobeying club rules will not be tolerated and are grounds of immediate dismissal with loss of membership. Intentionally firing into target frames or parts of the facility is not permitted under any circumstances.**
2. Prior to anyone going down range, the full line of shooters will cease firing, firearms unloaded and made safe with actions open. The **audible range alarm will be activated**. Even if you are the **ONLY** person on the line you **must** follow these rules. **No one will handle or load any firearm while persons are forward of the firing line.**
3. Unless a Range Officer is present, the shooter occupying the **left-most bench** is in charge of the firing line and all shooters will obey and respond to his/her directions and commands. That person is responsible for ensuring the range is safe before declaring the line hot for firing.
4. The bench range consists of 7 benches with target frames at 50, 100 and 200 yards; there are two (2) target frames per bench at 50 yards, one (1) per bench at 100 yards; targets are to be properly mounted on the frame corresponding to the bench you are using; no “cross-firing” is permitted; all bullets fired **MUST** impact the backstop.
5. Keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed down range or in a safe direction at all times when at the bench or transporting firearms to or from the range; firearms not being fired will be unloaded, magazines and clips removed, safeties on, and actions open. You are responsible for your own equipment and safety of it.

6. Targets used are limited to paper targets only and must be positioned where the intended impact point is centered between the upright frames. NO OTHER TARGETS ARE AUTHORIZED (i.e. no cans, bottles, clay bird, exploding targets, etc.). **Club installed frames are the ONLY AUTHORIZED TARGET HOLDERS allowed on this range.**
7. Indiscriminate burst firing or automatic firing is **prohibited**; rapid fire must be part of a recognized course of fire (matches only) and must not be indiscriminate.
8. No one will fire from a position forward of the benches or the established firing lines.
9. No tracer or incendiary ammunition permitted at any time.
10. Only handguns legal for hunting in the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania may be fired on this range; all other handguns must be taken to the handgun range.
11. Please clean up your area when you have completed shooting. Pick up and discard spent cases and other debris and remove your targets from the frames.

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HANDGUN RANGE

1. **Willful destruction of Club property and / or willfully disobeying club rules will not be tolerated and are grounds of immediate dismissal with loss of membership. Intentionally firing into target frames or parts of the facility is not permitted under any circumstances.**
2. **Prior to anyone going down range**, the full line of shooters will cease firing, all firearms unloaded and actions open; **no one will handle or load a firearm while persons are in front of the firing line.**
3. Firearms will be unloaded, magazines/clips must be removed and the action open when not actually on the firing line or transporting firearms to or from the range*. *Exception if you have a valid PA LTCF
4. Unless a Range Officer is present, the shooter occupying the left-most shooting position is in charge of the firing line and all shooters will obey his/her directions and commands.
5. **Club installed frames are the ONLY AUTHORIZED TARGET HOLDERS allowed on this range.**
6. Always fire in the lane in which your target is located. **NO** crossover firing. No shooter will fire from a position forward of the firing line benches.
7. Non-jacketed, lead bullets only, may be used on the Metal targets, **NO** 44 magnum or comparable higher power firearms to be used on the metal targets.
8. One shooter should fire on the metal targets at a time.

9. Uncontrolled or unsafe rapid firing is not permitted; ensure all impacts remain in the impact area and no ricocheting shots can occur.
10. Cardboard backers must be returned to the Rubbermaid container behind the bench.
11. Please clean up your area when you have completed shooting. Pick up and discard spent cases and other debris and remove your targets from the frames.
12. Authorized targets only; targets are limited to paper targets posted on installed backers, installed club provided metal plates, and if desired, shooters may place clay birds on the lower portion of the impact area. **NO other plinking targets are authorized to be used on this range.** Absolutely no rocks, cans, bottles, pins, plates, etc. are to be used as targets!
13. Additionally, 22 short, .22 Long, or .22 LR rifle shooting **is** authorized on this range.

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HUNTING AT THE CLUB

1. **Members only** may hunt on the Club grounds. NO GUESTS. Please remember that we have no “Family” memberships.
2. Hunting of antlerless deer, (Doe), is prohibited.
3. Shotgun ONLY for small game hunting, NO .22's.
4. There will be **ABOLUTELY NO HUNTING** within 150 yards of the Deerhill Estates Property Boundary. In addition, no hunting allowed WEST of the Clubhouse; please obey all hunting and boundary signs.
5. Pennsylvania Game and Wildlife code and Club rules will be strictly adhered too. Game law violations will be reported to the Wildlife Conservations Officers and individuals who disobey club rules may be expelled from this organization.
6. As with every other activity within this club, Safety is paramount. Safe handling of firearms along with good sportsmanship will help insure continuing hunting privileges on this property.

It is up to each and every member to ensure these facilities are used SAFELY, PROPERLY and kept clean.
Please do your part.

**Check the website often for Club
Updates and News**

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