

OLD SARATOGA MUZZLE LOADING CLUB

CLUB AND RANGE RULES

1. All shooters at OSMLC events must be current-year paid members only.
2. The range is open daily, but there is to be NO SHOOTING before sunrise or after sunset.
3. The use of motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, or any other motor vehicle for sport is prohibited on Club property.
4. Campers are to use the Club designated camping area for their facilities.
5. Scheduled activities take precedence over informal shooting. When a scheduled event is taking place, the range is closed unless specifically permitted to be open by the director or range officer of the scheduled event.
6. Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction. Do not insert cartridge, or cap, or prime firearm until you are at a firing point and firearm is pointed down range. Do not intentionally fire into or over the tree line.
7. All loading benches are to be placed to the rear of the covered firing line. Never shoot over a loading bench.
8. Propellant – Propellant to be Black Powder or any BATF approved Black Powder substitute only. A separate powder measure or holder will be used to carry the powder charge from container to the muzzle of the gun. Charging directly from powder can, horn, or flask is unsafe and is not permitted. Absolutely no duplex loads using smokeless powder is allowed in any quantity.
9. Absolutely no open powder containers are permitted on the firing line or loading bench at any time.
10. Ammunition – projectile to be patched round ball except as noted in program or special rules.
11. The use of plastic sabots with bullet shaped projectiles is allowed only in designated matches. Plastic sabots with round ball ammunition are not permitted in any competition. Plastic wads and shot sleeves are not permitted in shotguns.
12. A safety shield must be placed next to the vent in all flintlock matches.
13. Never proceed down range until a "Cease Fire" has been called or signaled and all firearms have been made safe by unloading and actions open. All firearms must be stacked in an upright position with the muzzles safely pointed up. Do not handle firearms on the firing line while anyone is down range.
14. Do not use glass bottles, rocks, cement blocks, or other type dangerous materials as targets. Do not shoot at pipes that support target frames. All shooters are responsible for cleaning up their areas when finished shooting.
15. Absolutely no digging in the berm is permitted for the purpose of recovering projectiles unless permission has been granted from the Range Officer. If the Range Officer has granted permission, all holes must be filled in and the berm restored to its original nature.
16. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages allowed on the firing line during shooting hours. Once a shooter leaves the firing line to consume an alcoholic beverage, the shooter cannot return to the firing line to resume shooting the remainder of that day. No person shall be permitted on the range who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol or whose behavior is not conducive to safety.
17. No person shall be allowed to smoke on the firing line during shooting hours.
18. No shooter under the age of 18 shall be allowed to shoot unless under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. If with person other than parent or guardian, written permission from parent or guardian must be filed with the Club's secretary.
19. During a scheduled event, bicycle riding is restricted to the campground area.
20. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children at all times. Children are not permitted on or near the firing line unless they are under adult supervision. Children are not to be on the tomahawk range without adult supervision.
21. The handling or possession of firearms on club property is to be governed by any applicable federal, state, and/or local laws, NRA, NMLRA, and OSMLC rules.
22. The Range Officer has the right to refuse or remove any shooter whose actions are unsafe or who has unsafe equipment.
23. Substantiated charges or serious violations of Fish and Game Laws, unsportsmanship conduct, or conduct detrimental to the Club or contrary to Club Rules and Safety Regulations will mandate exclusion from the Club.