

Safety is our number one priority. All members and guests are responsible for the safety of themselves and others. Common sense, knowledge of your firearm and following safety and club rules will help in making your experience safe and pleasant.

## **NRA Gun Safety Rules:**

- **Always treat all guns as if they are loaded.**
- **Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.**
- **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you are ready to fire.**
- **Know your target and what lies beyond it.**

## **Club Rules:**

- Lake Island Rifle and Pistol Club's hours of operation are from 0800-2200 (8:00 am - 10:00 pm) daily. LIRPC reserves the last half hour 2130-2200 (9:30 pm - 10:00 pm) for .22 caliber rimfire only.
- No magnum loads are permitted (this includes .22 WMR, .17 HMR). Bottlenecked (necked, shouldered) pistol ammunition is prohibited.
- Black powder, shotshells, incendiary ammunition, tracer ammunition, explosive ammunition, armor piercing ammunition, fireworks, flares and explosive devices are prohibited.
- Only .22 caliber rimfire rifles are permitted. No centerfire rifle of any caliber or shotguns are permitted.
- All pistol shooting is to be conducted from the 75-Foot firing line with targets placed on the range turning target holders or on the ceiling mounted hanging target holders. The only exceptions from firing at the 75 foot line are for rifle shooters during Junior and Senior practice and matches when coaches and/or range officers are present.
- Stay behind the red line when red lights are on.
- No more than five (5) rounds may be loaded into a firearm at any time.
- All guns on the bench must be made safe: Semi-automatic firearms - magazines out, slides locked back and open. Revolvers - cylinders open and empty. All firearms must have an empty chamber indicator (ECI) installed in the chamber.
- Before going down range for any reason, all firearms must be on the bench and made safe. No one is to handle any firearm when anyone is down range.
- Only approved bullseye or FBI Q targets mounted on cardboard backers may be used.
- Do not use multiple targets, only one target may be placed on each cardboard backer. The target shall be placed in the center of the backer.
- Our range is for bullseye shooting only. No fast draw, hip, or stunt shooting of any kind.
- No holsters on your person unless you are a sworn law enforcement officer or possess a NJ concealed carry permit. Credentials will be inspected. No drawing from a holster is permitted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Members are responsible for their guests. Guests should sign the range logbook noting they are a guest immediately below the member's name. (John Doe - Guest). Only one person may shoot at a time, all must use the same port and always under the supervision of the member. Guests and Family members are limited to shooting .22 caliber firearms unless accompanied by and supervised by one of the following: Safety Officer, Certified Range Safety Officer, member of the Executive Committee, Certified Firearms Instructor or the guest possess an NRA Precision Pistol certification of Sharpshooter or above.
- No smoking is permitted anywhere in the building.
- Range officers and/or Club members will warn and remove any shooter from the line who does not follow safety rules and range procedures.

## Safety Rules:

- Keep all firearms UNLOADED and in a case or box when not on the firing line.
- The muzzle of a firearm is always to be pointed down range. Never turn around with a firearm.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard until you are on target and ready to fire.
- When you pick up a firearm, open the action and make sure that the firearm is unloaded.
- Know how your gun works. If you don't know how a particular gun works, read the manual, ask the person you got it from, write the manufacturer for a manual or seek the advice of an expert.
- Never rely on the safety on a firearm.
- If you find it necessary to bench and inspect your firearm when shooting, remove the magazine and open the slide and remove any cartridge or swing out and empty the cylinder.
- Never lower the hammer on a live cartridge, do not rely on decocking mechanisms. Remove all ammunition from the firearm before decocking or lowering the hammer.
- If you experience a mechanical firearm malfunction (stovepipe, failure to feed, double feed, out of battery, or failure to eject) or other problem with a semi-automatic pistol, remove the magazine and clear the action before inspecting the firearm.
- If a loaded rimfire cartridge is stuck in the chamber, never attempt to pry it out. Remove the magazine, then push the cartridge out with a rod or dowel inserted from the muzzle.
- Misfire: If firearm fails to discharge or fire properly, keep the muzzle pointed downrange and keep your supporting hand away from the action. Wait 30 seconds before removing the magazine and attempting to clear the chamber. Ammunition has been known to hang fire (delayed fire).
- Squib rounds: A squib round is a firearm malfunction in which a fired projectile does not have enough force to exit the barrel and becomes stuck in the barrel. If this happens, the report may be quieter than usual and the recoil may feel unusual. This type of malfunction can be extremely dangerous, as failing to notice that the projectile has become stuck in the barrel may result in another round being fired directly into the obstructed barrel, resulting in a catastrophic failure of the weapon's structural integrity. Never fire a second round. You should immediately unload the gun and inspect the barrel and firing chamber for a stuck bullet. Use a wooden dowel to remove the bullet. You may want to have a gunsmith examine the gun before you begin firing again.
- Never handle anyone's firearm without their permission.
- When bench shooting or sighting in a pistol, always rest the heel of the shooting hand and the gun butt in your supporting hand. Never wrap your supporting hand around the shooting hand. This can cause a serious injury to the supporting hand.
- Eye and ear protection are required on the range at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS. All persons in the ready room must wear eye protection, whether you are shooting or not. Always wear hearing protection when on the firing line or in the ready room. Failure to protect your ears will result in impaired hearing.
- Shooting while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol is prohibited. Drugs and/or alcohol are prohibited on the premises.