

Isabella County Sportsman's Club Member Handbook and Range Regulations



These regulations were adopted by the ICSC Board of Directors on
October 18, 2016
and supersede all prior regulations

The joint ICSC/SCI Mid-Michigan
Chapter firearms and marksmanship
training facility/range complex

The Isabella County Sportsman's Club is located on the
northeast corner of Winn Rd. and Millbrook Rd. in Winn, MI 48896

Isabella County Sportsman's Club

P.O. Box 383, Winn, MI 48896
www.isabellacountysportsmansclub.com

Dear New Member,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to extend a warm welcome to you. We are excited to include you in our growing membership.

The purpose of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club is to assure the continuation of organized shooting sports and to provide safe facilities for those sports. Safety has always been, and will always be, our absolute number one priority, and the rules and regulations found in this handbook were developed with those safety issues in mind. Whether you are a firearm or bow enthusiast, we are a cohesive group who work together to promote all shooting sports, and to participate in those sports in a safe manner..

We have put together this Member Handbook for your easy reference. If you have any questions, suggestions, or requests, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Board of Directors. Current Board of Director contact information can be found on our website at www.isabellacountysportsmansclub.com, or in the current issue of our club's newsletter.

Again, we welcome you to the club and hope you will enjoy your membership with us.

Sincerely,

Scott DeFrain

President of ICSC

All correspondence should be sent to:

ICSC
P.O. Box 383
Winn, MI 48896

or the club president at the email below:

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This handbook was prepared and issued by the Board of Directors of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club to establish guidelines and regulations governing the activities and conduct of members of ICSC and SCI Mid-Michigan Chapter and their guests.

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

A. Board of Directors

- Are all volunteers who donate their time to the club.
- Meet once per month.
- Are elected by the membership in November of each year for the following year.
- Are a group of 16 which includes 4 executive officers and 12 trustees.

B. Monthly Meetings

- Are generally held the third Tuesday of each month.
- Begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Are held in the clubhouse.
- All members are welcome to attend.

C. Membership

- The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.
- Current dues are \$55.00 per year.
- All memberships include the entire family (spouse and children under the age of 18).
- Membership application forms are available from any Board member, at the clubhouse, and on the website.

D. Guest Policy

- Each member is allowed to have 2 guests with them while on the range.
- Members are responsible for their guests' conduct and must be with their guests at all times.
- No person, guest or observer, is to be on the range complex without having signed an "ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT and RELEASE" form.
- Members and their guests must follow ALL club and range regulations.
- Members should strongly encourage their guests to become members.

E. Club Facilities (specific information about these facilities can be found further back in this handbook.)

- Hand Gun Range
- Combined Arms Range
- Bench Rest Range
- Action Range
- Trap, 5-Stand, and Sporting Clays Ranges
- Field Archery Range
- Multi-station 3D Archery Range
- Law Enforcement Range
- Fishing Pond and Pavilion
- Clubhouse (available for members and non-members to rent)

F. Club Communications

- Website: <http://isabellacountyssportsmansclub.com/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Isabellacountyssportsmansclub/>
- Monthly newsletter (posted on website and emailed)
- Twitter account that is used to notify members of changes to the sporting clays schedule and the rimfire benchrest shoot schedule. To receive these notifications, text ICSCClays to 40404 for sporting clays updates or ICSC2shoot to 40404 for benchrest updates.

G. Volunteering

- All club activities and events are run by volunteers.
- The strength and success of the ICSC depends on active participation from its members.
- Volunteers are vital to performing the maintenance work and other club activities. Please consider being a part of the club's future success by donating at least one day of your time to make our club a better place.
- Contact any Board member to become more involved.

H. Annual Events

- Hunter Safety Education courses are offered in both spring and fall
- Gun Show held annually in October
- Cabin Fever Auction and fundraiser in March
- Public Sight-In days the two weekends before firearm deer season
- Kids Fishing Derby

I. Club Sponsored Shooting Activities

- Rimfire Benchrest Matches and Egg Shoots
- Centerfire Benchrest Matches
- CPL Classes
- Project Appleseed
- Shotgun Leagues
- Trap
- Sporting Clays
- 5-Stand
- Shooting Sports 101

J. Clubhouse Rentals

- Accommodate up to 200 people
- Rental fee \$250 for members, \$350 for non-members
- \$100 deposit is required and will be returned if cleaning by club staff is not necessary following the event

CLUB POLICIES

1. **Safety** is always the first and foremost consideration at the ICSC!
2. New members must take a range safety and orientation training before receiving range privileges.
3. Absolutely no controlled substances allowed on these premises.
4. Any person under the influence of any impairing substance, controlled or prescribed, is prohibited from entering, or using, any part of this facility.
5. The ranges are open to all ICSC and SCI-Mid Michigan members in good standing and their guests.
6. If the range is busy, time is limited to 1 hour at any one station.
7. Failure to observe proper conduct may result in disciplinary action.
8. Do NOT share the lock combination with anyone!
9. Hunting is NOT permitted on club property! ICSC members violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Non ICSC members hunting on the property will be prosecuted for trespassing.
10. All ranges are closed until 5p.m. on the four days (2 days in the spring and 2 days in the fall) when we hold our Hunter Safety Classes. Specific Ranges may be closed for club sponsored events on other dates. See the website for specific dates.
11. People and pets are not allowed on the side berms or back stops at any time.
12. Children must be supervised, kept quiet while shooters are firing, and kept at a safe distance behind the firing line.
13. Each shooter is responsible for cleaning up his or her firing point area and changing targets.
14. Be courteous and considerate of your fellow shooters and range officers.
15. Treat all ICSC property and equipment as if it were your own, because, as a member you are a part owner.
16. Fully automatic firearms are not allowed on ICSC property.

THREE FUNDAMENTAL RULES OF GUN 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.

GENERAL FIREARM SAFETY REGULATIONS

4. Know your target and what is beyond.
5. Eye and ear protection are required.
6. Know how to use the gun safely.
7. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
8. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
9. Carry only one gauge/caliber of ammunition when shooting.
10. Handle and load firearms only at designated shooting areas.
11. **NEVER** handle your firearm when anyone is down range.
12. Anyone may call a “**Cease Fire**” if they observe an unsafe condition.
13. During a “**Cease-Fire**”, **IMMEDIATELY** stop firing, unload your gun, leave action open, and step back from firing line. **Do not handle your gun during a cease fire condition.**

GENERAL RANGE REGULATIONS

1. Members and guests **must** sign the “Range Use Log.” Members will make sure that their guests have signed an “Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release” form prior to using any range. Members have signed forms on file. Guests must sign a form for each visit.
2. Firing, or discharging, of any firearm will take place from the cement firing point, or designated area, and the line of aim must be toward the backstop of the range on which firing is taking place.
3. Know where others are at all times.
4. Shoot only at authorized targets using approved target holders.
5. Targets must be attached to the cardboard backers. Do not shoot at target frames or attach targets directly to the frames.
6. Treat fellow shooters with courtesy and respect.
7. Every firearm must be cased and/or the action must be open upon entering or leaving this facility.
8. Be alert for any dangerous conditions behind or near your target. Be absolutely certain your bullet will impact the backstop before you fire each shot.
9. **Target Changes:** A “Cease-Fire” **must** be called and all shooters made aware of the cease fire condition before changing targets (See rule 13 in previous section). Someone acting as range officer should inspect the line and declare the line clear. Shooters may then proceed with caution downrange to change or retrieve a target. **When shooters are down range, no one is permitted on the firing line and absolutely no one may handle firearms.** When target changes are complete, the acting range officer remains in control until all shooters are behind the firing line. The acting range officer makes one final check, moves to the area behind the firing line, and declares the line is hot.
10. All shooters are expected to police their area, picking up trash, brass, or hulls. Used targets should be removed from the target backers and placed in the trash receptacles. Brooms and dustpans are provided to sweep up small brass.
11. **No firearms are allowed ahead of the firing line** (except on Range 4 or during an approved sanctioned event).

INDIVIDUAL RANGE REGULATIONS

General Rifle/Pistol Range Rules

1. Shooting at targets thrown into the air is strictly prohibited.
2. Shooting from an unstable position, like shooting from the hip, is strictly prohibited.
3. Any ammunition or targets considered incendiary, or explosive, is strictly prohibited.

A. HANDGUN RANGE

This range is designed for handguns only at approved targets. Target frames must be positioned at 7, 15, or 25 yards.

The firearms permitted on this range include:

- Handguns of any caliber
1. Approved targets include: paper bullseye or paper silhouettes, no larger than 24 x 24 inches, attached to backers, and inserted in the supplied standard target frames. Other targets may be approved for use during club sponsored events.
 2. "Quick Drawing" or the firing of a pistol, revolver, or any handgun, from the holster is strictly prohibited.
 3. Use controlled, aimed fire only, no speed shooting!
 4. After firing is complete, all firearms must be unloaded, placed on the bench with the slides back, magazines out or cylinders open, and the chamber empty.
 5. 7 Yard target placement **MUST** ensure bullets impact the berm.

B. COMBINED ARMS RANGE

This range is designed to conduct firing events consisting of several types of firearms at approved targets. Target frames may be positioned at 25, 50, or 100 yards only.

The firearms permitted on this range include:

- Centerfire rifles of any caliber
- Muzzleloading rifles
- Shotguns with slugs only
- Rimfire rifles and air rifles
- Hunting handguns - .357 magnum or larger with minimum barrel length of 4-½ inches

COMBINED ARMS RANGE (continued)

1. Approved targets include: paper bullseye or paper animal silhouettes, no larger than 24 x 24 inches, attached to backers, and inserted in the supplied standard target frames. Other targets may be approved for use during club sponsored events only.
2. Target Distances on the Combined Arms Range
 - a. Shooting from the bench and standing position are approved for all distances at approved targets.
 - b. The prone, sitting, and kneeling positions are approved at 50 and 100 yards only. **Shooting from the prone, sitting, or kneeling positions at 25 yards is prohibited.**
3. Muzzleloader guidelines
 - a. Never discharge a muzzleloader over, or near, a designated loading area.
 - b. Load muzzleloading firearms with black powder or black powder substitutes ONLY.
 - c. Keep powder stored in proper container and tightly closed when not loading.
 - d. Do not prime or cap any muzzleloading firearm until in position on the firing line.
 - e. Once a muzzleloading firearm is primed or capped, the muzzle must be pointed down range.
 - f. In the event of a misfire, keep the muzzleloader pointed down range for at least one minute to ensure it is not a hangfire.
4. Hunting handgun guidelines
 - a. Shooting is permitted from the bench or off hand position only.
 - b. "Quick Drawing" or the firing of a pistol, revolver, or any handgun, from the holster is strictly prohibited.
 - c. Use controlled, aimed fire only, no speed shooting!

C. BENCH REST RANGE

This range is designed to accommodate the serious shooter interested in accuracy or precision shooting at longer ranges. **Shooting on this range is limited to 100, 200, or 300 yards**, with emphasis on the longer distances.

The firearms permitted on this range include:

- Centerfire rifles of any caliber
 - Rimfire rifles capable of at least 100 yard accuracy
1. Approved targets include paper targets no larger than 24 x 24 inches, attached to backers, and inserted in the supplied standard target frames. Other targets may be approved for use during club sponsored events
 2. Target distances on the benchrest range
 - a. Shooting from the bench and standing position are approved for all distances at approved targets.
 - b. The prone, sitting, and kneeling positions are approved at 200 and 300 yards only. **Shooting from the prone, sitting, or kneeling positions at 100 yards is prohibited on this range.**
 3. No person may sit at, stand at, or be within 5 feet of, any bench during changes of targets.
 4. All actions are to remain open until all shooters are ready to shoot.
 5. The muzzle of every bench rifle, when in the firing position, must be in front of the front edge of the bench upon which it rests.
 6. **ALWAYS** ensure that your target and firing point are aligned with the backstop berm.

D. ACTION RANGE

This range is designed to accommodate the shooter who wants to fire at targets other than the standard regulation paper targets.

1. Examples of approved targets include:
 - Plastic jugs filled with water
 - Spinner targets
 - Non-standard paper targets of any size, such as animal silhouettes
 - Shotgun patterning target
2. Absolutely no glass or tin cans allowed in this area. Shooting at rocks, computers, electronic equipment, or skipping or chasing ground targets along the ground or up the berm is prohibited.

ACTION RANGE (continued)

3. All targets must be attached to the orange barrier, or placed on the ground directly below it.
4. **On this range only**, firing may be done ahead of the firing line. The shooter may step back to the distance you wish to shoot (10 yard minimum to avoid bullet splash).
5. Multiple shooters **must** coordinate among themselves to ensure a safe environment.

E. TRAP, 5-STAND, AND SPORTING CLAYS RANGES

The trap range is the standard layout with fan shaped firing points. The sporting clays course and 5-stand course is laid out, and was constructed, in accordance with the plan selected by ICSC.

1. Shooters will fire from the designated firing points.
2. Use only regulation targets.
3. Firearms must be unloaded and the actions kept open at all times except when at the firing station. Loading is performed only when it is the shooter's turn to shoot.
4. All firearms must be unloaded and opened immediately after shooting and BEFORE the shooter turns to leave the shooting station.
5. Only one shotshell is to be loaded at a time, unless doubles are to be thrown.
6. Retrieving shotshell hulls is allowed only when the round is complete.
7. Shooters must collect used hulls and clean up their area prior to leaving
8. Inspect equipment for damage before shooting.
9. No one is allowed past the firing line or the most forward shooting position until the range is clear.
10. The practice of tracking targets with an unloaded gun behind other shooters, or when other shooters are on the line, is prohibited.
11. In the event of a misfire or a hangfire, do not open the gun for at least 30 seconds.
12. The Range Officer, or the Trap Thrower, is in charge; their authority will not be questioned!

General Archery Range Rules

1. Broadheads are prohibited on club property.
2. Check the surrounding area for others or hazards prior to drawing the bow to shoot.
3. If looking for an arrow, hang your bow in a visible spot.

F. FIELD ARCHERY RANGE

The Field Archery range includes two backstops for sighting and practicing. The larger backstop is filled with excelsior bales and is designed for recurve and compound bows. The smaller backstop is made of block style targets and is designed primarily for crossbows.

1. Excelsior bales are to be used for recurve and compound bows only (no crossbows).
2. Crossbows are to be used on block style targets only.
3. All bow types can be used on the block style targets.
4. Shooting at block style targets requires field tips be the same diameter as the arrow to prevent damage to the target faces .

G. 3-D ARCHERY RANGE

The 3-D Archery course includes multiple stations along a walk around trail, offering an opportunity to shoot in life-like hunting situations.

1. Crossbows are prohibited on the 3-D range.
2. When shooting the 3-D course, follow the numbered range signs and directional arrows.
3. Stay on the marked trails and shoot from the designated distance markers.

H. LAW ENFORCEMENT RANGE

This range is designed to accommodate the local law enforcement organizations.

1. Only local law enforcement members may use this range.

INFRACTIONS

While on the grounds of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club, we ask that you exercise the maximum level of firearm safety at all times. It is only with your help that this facility can meet your needs and give you the level of services that you deserve. If, at any time, a careless or dangerous situation is observed, we ask that you contact the chair of the range committee. A list containing the names and phone numbers of committee members is posted outside the range office. A supply of "Range Incident Report Forms" is also available at the range office.

The Range Officer, any member of the Range Committee, or any Board Member, has the authority to question any individual, and/or their guests, on the range property about their actions, membership, or guest status. Upon properly identifying themselves, the range officer, range committee member, or board member has the right to evict any individual from the range who is acting in an unsafe way or is violating any of the established range regulations.

Range officers shall prepare a brief written report of the violation, or violations, and shall submit that report, along with a "Range Incident Report" form to the ICSC president for consideration at the next board meeting. Reports (written and incident form) should be mailed to ICSC, P.O. Box 383, Winn, MI 48896. The ICSC Board of Directors will hold a hearing and determine, on a case by case basis, the action to be taken on any reported violation of the regulations. The Board of Directors reserves the right to permanently suspend a violator's membership and privileges.

If a member violates the club regulations and a report is submitted to the Board of Directors, the member will be asked to appear before the Board of Directors at a monthly meeting to discuss the situation. A membership will not be renewed until the member has appeared before the Board of Directors and the situation has been resolved.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE RANGE USE LOG

MEMBERS:

1. Enter today's date in the DATE column
2. Print your name (first and last) in the NAME column
3. Put a √ in the MEMBER column
4. Leave GUEST OF column blank
5. Enter the current time in the TIME IN column
6. When you are finished shooting, enter the current time in the TIME OUT column

GUESTS:

1. Enter today's date in the DATE column
2. Print your name (first and last) in the NAME column
3. Leave MEMBER column blank
4. Print the line number of the member you are a guest of in the GUEST OF column
5. Enter the current time in the TIME IN column
6. When you are finished shooting, enter the current time in the TIME OUT column

EXAMPLE:

LINE NUM	DATE	NAME	MEMBER (If member, place √ in this column)	GUEST OF # (Print the line number of the member)	TIME IN	TIME OUT
...
12.	9-5-1 3	Tom Dooley	√		7:15 am	8:20 am
13.	9-8-1 3	Joe Smith	√		10:00	11:00
14.	9-8-1 3	Ted White		13	10:00	11:00
15.						

REMEMBER! Every guest on the range **MUST** fill out an “Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release” form. Violations of this regulation will result in disciplinary action against the member.

This is a copy of the actual form that you signed when you became a member. Please do not tear this page out of the handbook as you may need it for future reference. Copies for guests to sign are available at each range.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT and RELEASE Isabella County Sportsman's Club

Read carefully the entire release before signing

I, the undersigned, assume all responsibility for, and all risk of, danger, injury, or death that may occur to me as a member or guest upon the premises of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club or in the use of any of its premises, facilities, or equipment.

In consideration of being allowed to use the premises, facilities, and equipment of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club, including, but not limited to, its target ranges, clays and trap shooting facilities, archery facilities, and clubhouse, I hereby release and discharge the Isabella County Sportsman's Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and other members, (herein after collectively referred to as releasees), from all liability to me or my spouse, legal representatives, heirs, and assigns from any and all loss or damage, and any claim for damages resulting there from, on account of injury to my person or property, even injury resulting in my death, whether caused by negligence of the releasees, or otherwise, while I am upon the premises and using any of the facilities and equipment of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club.

I agree to indemnify the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to my presence in or upon the premises, the facilities, or equipment of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club and while using the premises, the facilities, or equipment of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club.

I expressly agree that this release, waiver, indemnification agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan and that if any portion thereof is held to be invalid it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I am aware that the use of the premises, equipment, and facilities of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club are dangerous activities, and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to accept and assume any and all risk of injury or death.

I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and the Isabella County Sportsman's Club and have signed it of my own free will.

If I am signing this Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release as a member, I understand that it will continue in full force and effect throughout my membership. I hereby certify that I am over 18 years of age, have not recently consumed alcoholic beverages or taken medications which would impair my judgment, and that I am acquainted with necessary safety regulations in the use of these premises, facilities, and equipment.

This Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release is executed on this date: _____

Name (please print) _____

(Signature) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (with area code) _____

Are you currently a member of the Isabella County Sportsman's Club? Yes No

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