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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS KINNICUM FISH AND GAME CLUB

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the club shall be Kinnicum Fish and Game Club Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the club shall be:

To promote and assist in the conservation of our natural resources, particularly those resources relating to sport hunting and fishing.

To promote the proper use and handling of firearms in all shooting sports.

To encourage cooperation and good will between sportsmen and property owners.

To promote proper ethics and sportsmanship in all sports.

ARTICLE III CLUB OFFICERS

Section I: The officers of the club shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and six directors. Of the directors, one shall be elected chairman. However, if the immediate past president is elected as a director, he shall serve as chairman.

Section II: The officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section III: No member shall hold more than one office at the same time, except for Article IV: Section VI.

Section IV: No member shall hold any office in the club until three years from date of membership.

Section V: Directors shall serve three year terms on a rotating schedule of 2 replacements per year.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

Section I: The president shall preside at all meetings of the club, preserve order and enforce the by-laws of the club. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall have the casting vote in the event of any tie. He shall have the authority to cause the Secretary to call a meeting when requested by not less than five club members in good standing and shall perform such other duties as are required by the office of President.

Section II: The vice-president, in the absence of the president, shall perform all duties of the president. He shall sit with the Board of Directors without a vote and shall be responsible for the club publicity, advertising and public relations.

Section III: The secretary shall keep true minutes of each meeting, read and preserve all documents and conduct all club correspondence. He shall receive and keep a record of all dues and applications for membership. He shall turn any funds received over to the treasurer and perform such other duties as the club may direct.

Section IV: The treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate account of all club funds. He shall issue receipts for all funds received, pay all bills authorized by the Board of Directors and present a report at each

monthly meeting of all funds received, paid out and due. He shall submit the club books at any time as requested by the Board of Directors.

Section V: The Board of Directors shall have general charge of and shall oversee all club property, real estate, and personnel. They are also responsible for establishing and maintaining rules, policies and procedures for all club operations. They may authorize expenditures of up to \$1000, without membership approval. They shall review all applications for membership prior to members voting on the applicant.

Section VI: The president shall act as treasurer in the event of the treasurer's death, illness or termination until a successor is elected.

Section VII: All contracts, notes, bonds, certificates of indebtedness, bills of sale, deeds, mortgages and leases of the club shall be signed by the president and treasurer as authorized by the membership.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES; STANDING AND APPOINTED; DUTIES AND POWERS

Section I: The president shall have the authority to appoint any permanent and/or temporary committee as may be deemed necessary. This may be done without modification of the by-laws.

Section II: The Rules Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section III: The Membership Committee shall consist of at least three Board of Directors. They shall have charge of interviewing potential candidates for membership and accepting or denying such candidates.

ARTICLE VI NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section I: The president shall appoint a nominating committee of three members at the October meeting. Said committee will present a slate of officers at the November meeting. Nominations shall be closed at the end of the meeting.

Section II: Officers shall be nominated at the November meeting each year. In addition to the nominations presented by the committee above, nominations may be made from the floor.

Section III: Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the December meeting each year and shall be installed at the January meeting. Until the new officers are installed, the officers from the preceding year shall continue the duties of their respective offices.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Any person legally qualified to possess a firearm may be eligible for membership in the club. They can show eligibility by presenting any of the following: proof of a background check in the past 12 months or a receipt of a firearm purchase within the last 12 months. A current hunting license or an approved firearm safety class must also be presented. They must provide a government issued photo ID and be sponsored by a member, who has been in good standing for 2 consecutive years, prior to being accepted for an interview. If they do

not have a sponsoring member, the membership committee may establish alternate requirements.

Section II: Election to membership will occur only after a successful interview with the membership committee, completing a safety orientation briefing, and approval of the Board of Directors. Application will then be presented to the membership at a regular meeting of the club and approval shall be by majority vote of those present and voting.

Section III: Honorary members may be elected. Such members shall enjoy all of the privileges and obligations of regular members of the club, but without payment of dues or work requirement.

Section IV: Life Member is any member in good standing for ten consecutive years preceding age 68 shall become a life paid member after age 68 with all club privileges.

Section V: A junior member is one who has not reached the age of sixteen. A junior member shall have a voice in meeting discussions, but shall not be privileged to vote.

Section VI: Any member whose words or actions show him/her to be unfit to carry on the purpose of the club may be expelled by the Board of Directors with all fees forfeited.

Section VII: Any member failing to pay his dues on or before the March meeting shall be dropped from membership without further notice.

Section VIII: An initiation fee must accompany application for interview. Annual dues shall be paid after the applicant has been voted into the club

Section IX: All members shall be required to work for the club in accordance with the schedule set by the rules committee. Those with 16 years and over active membership, shall have no work requirement.

Section X: Those members not wishing to participate in the work program after the first year shall be assessed a surcharge equal to the amount of one year's normal dues which is payable before membership will be extended. First year work requirement is mandatory.

Section XI: Membership limits shall be set by the Board of Directors. Failure to renew membership by the March meeting will result in being placed on a waiting list if the membership limit has been reached.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

Section I: The annual dues shall be the amount voted by the membership, payable to the club on January 1 each year. Due increases may be proposed by the Board of Directors at any time during the year but increases shall not go into effect until January 1st of the next year. Likewise, an initiation fee shall be established and increased in the same manner. Such increases must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at the meeting when the proposed increase is moved. The Board of Directors must notify the membership 30 days prior to proposing an increase.

Section II: A junior member must fill out an application. No initiation fee shall be charged a junior member when joining the club or when he/she

converts to regular membership after completing Article VII: Section I and II. A junior member is not required to work but is encouraged to do so.

Section III: Members who have not paid by the March meeting will be dropped for nonpayment of dues. They may reapply as a new member. Hardships may be reviewed by the Board of Directors but the Board must be notified on or before the March meeting.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS

Section I: Regular club meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated, at 7:30 pm.

Section II: The annual dinner meeting of the club shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Section III: A quorum must be present to hold any business meeting. Said quorum shall consist of eleven members, six of whom must be officers.

Section IV: The club's fiscal year shall end on December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE X

RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS

Section I: Resignation of officers must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing prior to a regular meeting at which time the same to be acted upon.

ARTICLE XI

ACCESS TO CLUB

Section I: All members shall be given access to the club grounds. Use of ranges for club members shall be curtailed only in the event of club sponsored functions which entail range use.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section I: These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a stated meeting of the club. Provided that prior written notice of the proposed change(s) have been submitted to each voting member.

Section II: Amendments or changes to these by-laws may be proposed by the officers or by a petition presented in writing to the secretary signed by ten club members in good standing.

Section III: Notice of proposed amendments or changes in these by-laws shall be given by posting a copy of the same in the club at least one month prior to the date of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

ARTICLE XIII PROCEDURE

Section I: In all questions of parliamentary procedure arising in any club meeting, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

Section II: In these by-laws, use of the masculine gender shall also denote the feminine.

Policy for Dues

1. The secretary working with the treasurer shall receive and keep a record of all dues and applications for membership. The secretary shall provide the treasurer a list of all member dues and work status so that it can be checked as funds come in.
2. All work sheets and hours for members must be turned over to the treasurer or secretary.
3. Hardships or any other cases concerning dues or work time must be referred to the Board.
4. Any complaints from members concerning dues or work time must be referred to the board before any funds are accepted.
5. Members should check benefits list for any exemptions in dues or work time they may be eligible for before dues notices go out.
6. All Officers and Directors will have their dues waved for as long as they are in office.

Work Policy

1. New members must work 5 hours in their first year.
2. Any member who has failed to fulfill the full 10-hour work time will be assessed a prorated fee for every hour not worked unless exempted.
3. Any member after 16 consecutive years as a member may apply for work exemption and work fee exemption. It is the member's responsibility to apply for such exemption to be eligible.
4. Members must have their hours documented by either the worksheet sheet present during a scheduled workday or email. If completing individual projects, it is the responsibility of the member to email the club the hours worked

List of Member Responsibilities

1. Have correct dues amount paid in 30 days from expiration.
2. Make sure work requirement is kept up to date (be it work or fee instead of work)
3. File for exemptions he or she may be entitled to.
4. To make sure oneself and their guest abide by all posted rules and conduct themselves in a safe manner.
5. Report any rule breaking or misconduct they may observe to the Board of Directors. (This club belongs to all of us; let's not let anyone destroy it)
6. Respect all club and personal property
7. To ensure the security of the club by being aware of what is going on around you and closing and locking the gate when you enter and leave.
8. To abide by all rules, regulations, and by-laws of Kinnicum Fish & Game

List of Member Benefits

1. Use of ranges seven days a week except on scheduled events, workdays and other days approved by the Board of Directors. Members are welcome at all scheduled events.
2. Willy Boisvert Memorial Member shoot---- this is a fun, free event for members and their families only. We plan to shoot during the morning and close the event with a BBQ. Donations are welcome and used for kid's events.
3. Member Discount on Tuesday night sporting clays, weekend clays and select events with enough member interest.
4. Use of wobble trap on trap field after going through a safety, operation, and responsibility course and receiving a key to the trap house. MUST BE A MEMBER FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR TO APPLY.
5. Archery practice butts and practice course for members.

Kinnicum Fish & Game Club, Inc. Exemption Application

Name _____ Phone#: _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Date Joined _____

Please check which exemption you are applying for:

Disabled Members: Any member that can be exempt from work time due to permanent or temporary injury. Exemption from work for temporary injuries will be allotted a time frame. Once the time frame has expired, the member must reapply if more time is needed.

Life Member: Any member in good standing for ten consecutive years preceding age 68. They shall become a life paid member after age 68 with all club privileges.

Member Hardship: Member experiences uncontrollable circumstances leaving the member unable to work or pay dues. Each situation will be reviewed independently by the board of directors.

Work Time/Fee: Any member in good standing for 16 consecutive years may be exempt from work time or paying the work fee.

Be prepared to present your case to the board of directors.

For Club Use Only

Approval _____

Rejected _____

Time period for temporary applicants _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**3 TRAMUA KITS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PROPERTY
THESE KITS ARE FOR LIFE SAVING PURPOSES AND NOT FOR SMALL INJURIES.**

1 KIT IS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUBHOUSE TO BE TAKEN AND PLACED NEAR A SHOOTING EVENT. THE EVENT CORRIGNATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE KIT IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY SHOULD AN INCIDENT TAKE PLACE.

**2 KITS ARE AVAILABLE ON RANGES 3 AND 5 (50 YD AND 100 YD RANGES.)
FIND THE FIRST AID KIT SIGN AND FOLLOW THE ARROW TO THE ORANGE BUCKET.**



It is everyone's responsibility to know where the trauma kits are located on the ranges.

A sample trauma kit is available at the clubhouse for every membership meeting and shooting event. If you would like to review contents and touch the items, we will always make time for you to do so. Any in-person review of the contents outside of these times is available upon request.

KINNICUM FISH & GAME RANGE RULES **FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUEST(S)**

SHOOTING HOURS: MON-SAT 8:00AM TO SUNSET,
SUN 10:00AM TO SUNSET
EXCEPT AT ORGANIZED EVENTS

ALL MEMBERS MUST GO THROUGH A RANGE SAFETY CERTIFICATION EVERY 3 YEARS

The following rules apply to ALL ranges at Kinnicum Fish & Game Club:

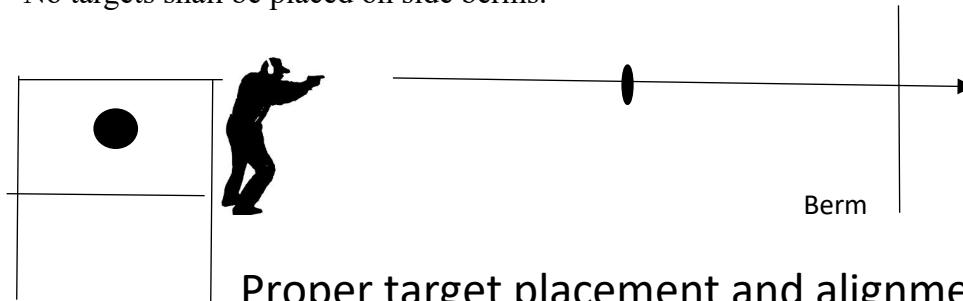
- Shooters and spectators *MUST* wear appropriate eye and ear protection.
- Shooters under sixteen (16) years of age *MUST* be under direct adult (aged eighteen (18) or older) member supervision while handling guns and/or ammunition, and/or shooting.
- All shooters who wish to go downrange must verify the range is “*COLD*”, safe, and firearm actions will be unloaded and open. When any people are downrange, handling of firearms is forbidden. Cased firearms may not be removed from their cases while the range is “*COLD*”.
- When a range has been declared “*COLD*” and anyone is downrange, handling of firearms is strictly prohibited, and shooters must step back away from the firing line.
- Firearms are to be loaded on the firing line only – muzzle pointed down range at all times.
- Magazines and ammunition may be handled away from the firing line during this time.
- Actions and bolts are to be open at all times when not on the firing line.
- *NO HANDLING* of firearms and bows after consuming alcohol.
- The presence, possession, consumption, or evidence of use of illegal drugs is strictly and totally forbidden on Kinnicum Fish & Game Club property.
- Medically prescribed drugs or medicines that impair normal bodily functions or impair judgment needed to be in total control of your firearms or archery equipment is strictly and totally forbidden in the range areas. The use of such drugs prior to using the ranges or on the ranges will be reasonable grounds to bar a person from the ranges.
- No more than two guests per member – for exemptions contact the Board of Directors.
- Guests *MUST* be accompanied by a current club member who will be responsible for their conduct while on club property (except for events open to the public).
- No shooting in an unsafe manner.
- An uncapped or unprimed muzzleloader, which cannot be easily unloaded except by firing, may be considered unloaded. Such firearm must always be pointed in a safe direction.
- No fully automatic firearms allowed.
- For safety reasons, the use of any mechanical aids or accessories whose sole purpose is to increase the rate of fire on a rifle, pistol or shotgun may not be used.
- Firearm silencers or suppressors are permitted on the ranges.

- All spent shells, targets, and shooting debris shall be removed or disposed of in appropriate containers by the person using them. Dumpsters are provided at the clubhouse and at the outdoor ranges. Dumpsters are for club waste disposal only, they are not to be used for member's household trash.
- No live ammunition in trash cans. Place duds into "Duds Bucket" provided on Range #: 3 (50 yard range) and Range #: 5 (100 yard range).
- Range #: 1 Archery only
- No broad heads on archery targets.
- Range #: 7 (Cowboy Town) is *NOT* for individual use.
- Range #: 8 (Sporting Clays Course) is *NOT* for individual use.
- Time limit on ranges is forty five (45) minutes if other shooters are waiting.
- No rifle or pistol shooting on Range #'s: 9 (trap field), 10 (patterning board), 11& 12 (Archery Tower & Archery Butts).
- Any member of the board of directors may, at any time, require any person to leave the property, or close one or more of the ranges.
- All serious injuries and accidents shall be reported promptly to a board member.
- Any member may contact a director to report a safety violation.
- Members shall wear their club membership card in clear view while on club premises. Any Director or club member may request to see the membership card at any time and the membership card shall be produced for inspection.
- **Members must know where the trauma kits are located.**
- **Mag dumps are prohibited. The Board of Directors considers mag dumps the loading of a full magazine into a firearm for the sole purpose of pulling the trigger as fast as you can to see how fast you can shoot until the mag is empty. It is a dangerous practice.**
- **Controlled fire only. Definition: firing a firearm with every trigger pull and every bullet aimed towards a target under control at all times. If you are not sure if what you are doing is controlled fire come to a meeting for clarification. Performing uncontrolled fire or any unsafe act with a firearm is strictly forbidden. The B.O.D. has final say on what is controlled fire.**
- **Rapid fire pertaining to Guests. Allowing guests to perform mag dumps or uncontrolled and reckless fire is strictly forbidden.**
- **Purposely blocking surveillance cameras and the destruction of any club property is strictly forbidden.**

Target Rules:

- No using trash for targets – *PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF!* Trash includes, but is not limited to glass, cans, scrap wood and aluminum.
- Only One target in center of club frames
 - 100 yard targets are placed between the horizontal boards
- All targets must be placed and positioned so that shooting is level with the deck (approximately four (4) feet from ground to center of target), (except when approved for a special event).
- Kinnicum supplied target frames and/or Kinnicum approved target frames *ONLY*.
- Paper targets and cardboard silhouettes may be used.
- **No steel core or armor piercing allowed on Kinnicum supplied steel targets. Steel core and armor piercing can be used on paper targets.**

- Metal, Metal Spinning, Knockdown, or suspended gong targets may be used. They must be placed immediately in front of the terminal berm. These targets must *NOT* be placed directly on the ground.
- Any steel targets that are not hanging as originally designed, are no longer safe targets. Know what you are shooting at and inspect steel targets before use.
- Personal metal targets and personal target frames must be approved by the BOD.
- Clay and other targets may be placed against the terminal berm.
- No targets shall be placed directly on the ground, including, but not limited, commercial ground targets (balls, etc.).
- Shooting at non-targets, to include but not limited to such items as rocks, trees, buildings, signs, lights, cameras, etc. is not allowed.
- Shooting on designated ranges only – no cross-range shooting, no shooting in non-range areas.
- No clay targets are to be thrown on any ranges except the trap field and sporting clays course unless otherwise specified.
- Exploding bullets or targets are not allowed.
- No targets shall be placed on side berms.



**FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN
SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP WITH ALL FEES
PAID FORFEITED.**

List of Ranges:

<u>Range #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Range #: 1	Archery Range
Range #: 2	45 Yard Range
Range #: 3	50 Yard Range
Range #: 4	Fixed Distance 11 Yard Range
Range #: 5	100 Yard Range
Range #: 6	200 Yard Range located <i>in</i> Range #: 5 (<i>Closed to Non-Event use</i>)

Range #: 7	Cowboy Town (<i>Closed to Non-Event use</i>)
Range #: 8	Sporting Clays Course (<i>Closed to Non-Event use</i>)
Range #: 9	Trap Field
Range #: 10	Patterning Board located <i>in</i> Range 9
Range #: 11	Archery Tower
Range #: 12	Archery Butts

Map of Kinnicum Fish & Game Club follows Range Rules and Safety Sections

The following rules apply to specific ranges at Kinnicum Fish & Game Club:

1. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 1

- Archery Range – No Broadheads allowed

2. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 2 (45 Yard Range):

- Acceptable firearms on this range are .22 rim fire rifles, handgun and center fire pistols only. Acceptable ammo is .22 rim fire and center fire pistol calibers only.
- Prohibited on this range are all center fire rifles, center fire rifle cartridges and shotguns. Prohibited ammo is all armor piercing and steel core bullets.
- Target holders may not be placed any closer than twenty (20) yards (except when approved for a special event). The twenty (20) yard line is marked on either side of the range at twenty (20) yards.
 - Each one degree of error in aim produces a miss of six inches off target at ten yards. Each one degree error in aim results in a shot more than thirty one (31”) inches off target at fifty (50) yards!
- Shooters wanting to shoot closer than twenty (20) yards must set up their targets immediately in front of the terminal berm.
 - Shooters must designate a range safety officer to establish the firing line and maintain safety and order on the range. A shooter shooting alone will act as their own range safety officer.
 - In the event others arrive at the range desiring to shoot from the bench the firing line will be reestablished at the bench and the distance of shooting must be from twenty (20) to forty five (45) yards within 45 minutes.
 - There is to be no handling of firearms behind any established firing line.
- No targets are to be placed directly on the ground.

3. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 3 (50 Yard Range):

- Acceptable firearms on this range are center fire and rim fire rifles and pistols, black powder firearms and shotguns using slug or #4 buckshot or larger (i.e.: #3, #2, #1, 0, 00, 000).
- Target holders may not be placed any closer than twenty five (25) yards from the bench (except when approved for a special event).
 - Each one degree of error in aim produces a miss of six inches off target at ten yards. Each one degree error in aim results in a shot more than thirty one (31") inches off target at fifty (50) yards!
- Shooters wanting to shoot closer than twenty five (25) yards must set up their targets in front of the terminal berm and behind the target frame holder protective berm.
 - Shooters must designate a range safety officer to establish the firing line and maintain safety and order on the range. A shooter shooting alone will act as their own range safety officer.
 - In the event others arrive at the range desiring to shoot from the bench the firing line will be reestablished at the bench and the distance of shooting must be from twenty five (25) to fifty (50) yards within 45 minutes.
 - There is to be no handling of firearms behind any established firing line.
- No targets are to be placed directly on the ground.

4. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 4 (Fixed Distance 11 Yard Range):

- Acceptable firearms on this range are pistol caliber only.
- **Maximum number of active shooters is limited to two (2).**
- All targets must be placed in the fixed target frame holder.
- This is a fixed distance range *ONLY*. The firing line is collinear with the bench on Range #: 3 or closer. There is no shooting allowed from behind this line.
- No targets are to be placed on the side berms.
- No targets are to be placed directly on the ground.

5. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 5 (100 Yard Range):

- Acceptable firearms on this range are center fire and rim fire rifles and pistols, black powder muskets and shotguns using slug.
- **This range is closed when Range #: 6 (200 Yard Range) is in use.**
- Target holders may not be placed any closer than fifty (50) yards (except when approved for a special event). The fifty (50) yard line is marked on either side of the range at 50 yards.

- Each one degree of error in aim produces a miss of six inches off target at ten yards. Each one degree error in aim results in a shot more than thirty one (31”) inches off target at fifty (50) yards and over sixty two (62”) inches at one hundred (100) yards!

- Targets are to be placed between the boards and not on the boards themselves.
- No shooting the boards.
- No targets are to be placed directly on the ground.

6. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 6 (200 Yard Range - Closed Range):

- This range is closed and may *NOT* be used by members, except during Kinnicum sanctioned events.
- **Ranges #: 5 (100 Yard Range), 9 (Trap Field) and 10 (Patterning Board) MUST be closed when Range #: 6 (200 Yard Range) is in use.**

7. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 7 (Cowboy Town - Closed Range):

- This range is closed and may *NOT* be used by members, except during Kinnicum sanctioned events.

8. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 8 (Sporting Clays - Closed Range):

- This range is closed and may *NOT* be used by members, except during Kinnicum sanctioned events.

9. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 9 (Trap Field):

- Acceptable firearms on this range are shotguns using shot size #7 ½ or smaller (i.e.: 8, 8 ½, 9, etc.).
- **This range is closed when Range #: 10 (Patterning Board) is in use.**
- **This range is closed when Range #: 6 (200 Yard Range) is in use.**
- *ALL* Target throwing devices and shooters *MUST* be in line. Shooters *MUST NOT* be behind throwing devices *AND* throwing devices *MUST NOT* be behind shooters.
- When using manual trap throwers it is not permissible to use the 5-Stand shooting positions.

- No targets are to be placed directly on the ground.

10. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 10 (Patterning Board):

- Acceptable firearms on this range are shotguns using any shot except buck shot or slugs.
- **This range is closed when Range #: 9 (Trap Field) is in use.**
- **This range is closed when Range #: 6 (200 Yard Range) is in use.**
- Time limit on range is fortyfive (45) minutes if shooters are waiting to use Range #: 9 (Trap).
- No targets are to be placed directly on the ground.

11. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 11 (Archery Tower):

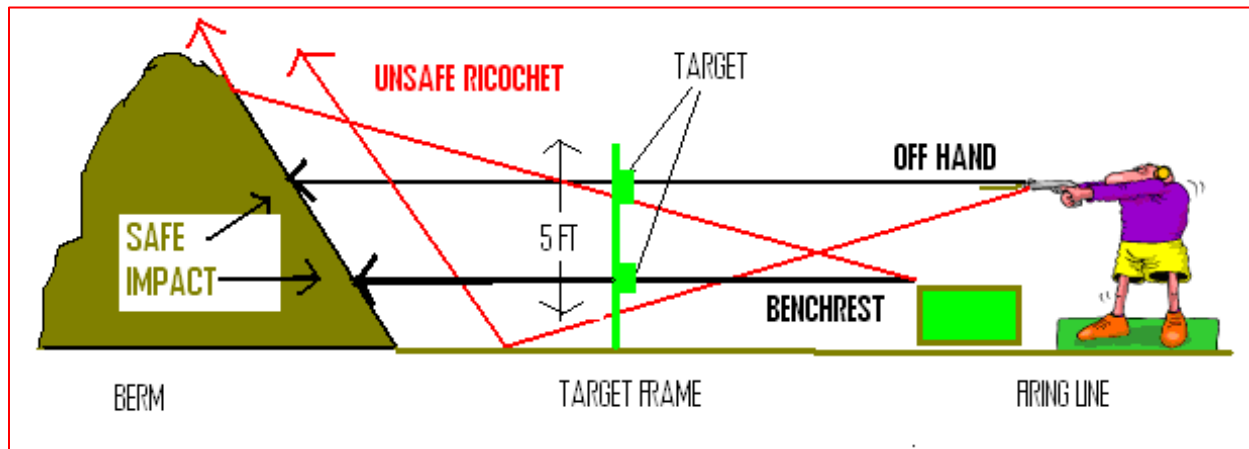
- Broad heads may *NOT* be used on Kinnicum targets or butts.
- **Maximum number of active shooters is limited to one (1).**

12. Range Rules Specific for Range #: 12 (Archery Butts):

- Broad heads may *NOT* be used on Kinnicum targets or butts.
- Maximum number of active shooters is limited to one (1) per target.

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TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP WITH ALL FEES PAID FORFEITED.***

GUIDE TO SHOOTING SAFELY ON OUTDOOR RANGES



In our ongoing attempt to achieve the nth degree of safety, I will cover the proper way to shoot on the outdoor ranges. Now I know what you are about to read is probably redundant, but the club would not be acting to our best safety abilities if the subject was not brought up from time to time.

- ✓ *Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.*
- ✓ *Always keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.*
- ✓ *Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.*

When you are shooting at shorter distances on the range (i.e. 50 yards on 100 yard range or 25 yards on 50 yard range) the instructors have stressed the importance of placing the target frame at the main berm and backing up the distance you wish to shoot from, thus the main berm is immediately behind the target and the bullet will impact safely.

A good rule of thumb for most shooting is to place the target so that the bulls eye is at the same height as the firearm when it is held level and in the position you would be firing from, be it the bench rest or offhand. Hold the firearm in the position you want to shoot and imagine just where the bullet will impact. If you feel the target is positioned properly, fire one round and observe where it lands. If it impacts the berm safely, then continue to fire and have fun.

If it doesn't hit where it should, now is the time to make corrections to the placement of the target. When the line is safe, go forward and raise or lower the target accordingly. Once you have found where to place the target for each position that you shoot from, make a mental note of the height from the ground that the bull's eye is located. Again, fire one round and observe. If

everything is ok, continue shooting. Otherwise, move the target again until it is set properly. Each one degree of error in aim produces a miss of six inches off target at ten yards. Each one degree error in aim results in a shot more than thirty one (31”) inches off target at fifty (50) yards!

This may sound like a lot of needless effort, but believe me, there is no shortcut to safety. Once you get used to the proper placement, the next time you shoot should be a piece of cake!

Look at the above drawing for an example of proper target placement. You will notice that shooting at a high target from a low position or a low target from a high position will more than likely cause a ricochet and the potential for a wayward projectile.

Remember the safety course you took prior to becoming a member? You were told that in informal shooting, you are a Range Officer when you are on the range. This means it is up to you to see that safe practices are observed at all times. If another shooter appears to be having problems in the area that I have just covered, then lend them a hand to correct it and both of you will feel better for having achieved the *n*'th degree of safety.

Ten Commandments of Firearm Safety:

1. Treat every firearm as though it were loaded.
2. Keep firearms unloaded until ready to shoot.
3. Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions
4. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.
5. Do not run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.
6. Check your barrel and ammunition.
7. Always keep the muzzle under control and pointed in a safe direction.
8. Never point a firearm at something that you do not want to shoot.
9. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
10. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

Map of Kinnicum Fish & Game Club



Acknowledgement of Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Kinnicum Fish & Game Club Inc.

I _____ hereby certify that I have read and fully
Print Name

Understand the Rules and Regulations of KFG and that all Rules and Regulations have been pointed out to me on all Ranges and are fully understood. I also fully understand there are surveillance cameras on the grounds for not only my protection but the protection of KFG.

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

This form is to be filled out after orientation before proceeding any further
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