

ELWOOD CONSERVATION CLUB, INC Grounds and Standing Range Rules

1. **All Members must have their current membership visible on their person or range bag when on club property and be signed in. Members have the right to check other member's cards while on club grounds.**
2. Members will treat other members with proper respect when on the property. Loud, profane or boisterous language will not be allowed
3. Ranges are open from 8 AM. To Sunset. (Sunset time varies with calendar)
4. Shooting any form of wildlife or domestic animals on club property is strictly prohibited.
5. Shooting of rocks, glass, bowling pins, concrete or any object that may promote a ricochet is strictly prohibited. Metal free swing targets are permitted. **No explosive targets of any kind are allowed.**
6. All casings, targets, cans, and other trash are to be put in cans provided before you leave. If cans are full, take your trash with you. The range trash cans are not for disposing of your trash from home.
7. Eye and ear protection are required while shooting on any range. This rule applies to non-shooters, such as guests and children, as well. Allowing a child to run loose on any range will result in expulsion from the club.
8. Firearms must be under control at all times. NO uncontrolled, automatic, bursts, sustained or rapid fire will be tolerated including "bump firing". (AIM EVERY SHOT) Be aware of every other shooter's position on the range with you.
9. **NO ALCOHOL OR RECREATIONAL DRUGS ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.**
10. NO aerial targets **period**. Biodegradable clays may be used as **still targets** only.
11. Legal firearms are any caliber, but NO fully automatic. (17 cal through 50 cal except black powder and shotguns) **NO TRACER ROUNDS ARE ALLOWED.**
12. The firing line is considered to be the front of the benches or the edge of the overhead if there is no bench. NO ONE is allowed beyond this point when range is active.
13. Targets must be placed at the base of the earthen backstops. No targets are to be placed above center of the earthen back stops. **ABSOLUTELY NO target set mid range.**
14. No person is to be down range unless the range is safe. **ALL SHOOTING STOPS AND ACTIONS OPEN, CLIPS OUT, ALL GUNS DOWN ON BENCH. NO HANDLING GUNS WHILE ANYONE IS SETTING, CHECKING OR RETRIEVING TARGET.** Each shooter must deem, "IS THE LINE SAFE," before going beyond the firing line.
15. Ranges may close for short maintenance periods. Generally, only the range being worked on at the moment will be closed.
16. No one under age 18 is permitted to use the range without member, parent or guardian with them on the range.
17. All NRA safe firearm practices will be observed while on the range.

Family Membership: This means that you, (dues paid and current), your spouse and all children under age eighteen (18) are included on one card. An ID card may be provided for a spouse. **This means that you, the registered member, must be with them and they must be signed in when they are on club property** but your spouse (with proper ID card) may shoot on the range without the member being present. The member must be present for children to shoot. This does not apply to supervised events open to the general public.

Guest Policy: You may bring guests to the club. **Members are limited to one (1) guest on club grounds at anytime. Guests must be sponsored by you, the member, signed in and be accompanied by you at all times.** Any misdeed incurred by your guest will be your responsibility. You will be held accountable and your membership is at risk of expulsion. **A guest may use the gun ranges if registered by paying a \$5.00 fee for a one (1) day guest pass. This fee is waived for a guest visiting the grounds as a prospective member but no range use will be allowed.** Your spouse is NOT allowed to sponsor guests. Past or delinquent members may use the ranges ONLY as a sponsored guest as outlined above and no exceptions will be made. General public is only permitted during supervised scheduled events.

Rule 17 (NRA safe firearm practices)

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

Elwood Conservation Club Archery Range Rules

Members and Registered Guests Only

L This archery range is open to members and registered guests of the Elwood Conservation Club.

YOU are Responsible for Safe Operation

2. Members and registered guests are solely responsible for safe use of this archery range. Failure to follow these rules may result in ...

A. Severe injury to the archer or bystanders.

B. Loss of privilege of use of the archery range.

Do Not Fire or Handle Equipment While Any Person is Down Range

3. Archers on the firing line must hang (on provided pegs), or lay to the ground archery equipment when any individual is down range beyond the firing line.

Ensure that the Lanes and Firing Line are Clear

4. Check surroundings before firing archery equipment. Tree limbs or other objects may obstruct the action of the equipment, which may result in either injury to archer, bystanders, or may cause the arrow to miss the target.

Point Archery Equipment Down Range

5. Archery equipment must only be drawn and pointed down range towards the constructed targets while on the firing line.

Target Arrowheads Only: Broadheads/Blunt Arrowheads Not Allowed

6. Only target arrowheads are permitted for use with targets provided by the Elwood Conservation Club. Neither broadhead arrowheads (fixed blade or mechanical), nor blunt arrowheads (e.g. judo points), are permitted. The use of "pre-season", unsharpened broadhead arrowheads is also prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in a chargeback to the archer for the full cost of the archery targets) and/or loss of privilege to use the archery range.

Do Not Use Damaged Equipment, Bolts, or Arrows

7. Inspect equipment, and bolts or arrows for damage before shooting. Firing damaged archery equipment, bolts, or arrows may result in serious injuries. Inspect bolts or arrows for cracks, loose vanes, bends, broken nocks or any condition that may cause the bolt or arrow to fly erratically or to rupture when released. Inspect archery equipment for frayed strings, loose pulleys, warped limbs, cracks or other damage that may result in breakage when at full draw.

8. Never dry fire archery equipment. The resistance of a bolt or arrow is needed to prevent damage to the limbs.

Do Not Use Archery Equipment that is Mismatched to Bolts, Arrows, or the Archer

9. Only fire bolts or arrows that have been properly matched to the draw length and spine requirements of the archery equipment.

10. Never draw a bow that was set up for someone else. Draw lengths and weights vary. A person with a 32-inch draw length drawing a bow with a 28-inch draw can cause a bow limb to rupture with sufficient force to cause injury. Additionally, drawing an arrow that is too short may cause the arrow to slip behind the handle, effectively blocking forward travel, rupturing the arrow and causing serious injury to the archer or bystanders.