

Beaverbrook Sportsmen's Club

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Club Rules & Policies

- These rules and policies **MUST** be adhered to for you to maintain a membership in our club. The Executive Committee (aka The Board of Directors) is determined to enforce these rules with a firm hand. Do not underestimate the severity and swiftness of the committee's actions upon the member who decides to ignore any rule. If you have an issue with anything, come to a meeting of the Executive Committee and make your case.
- **New Rule:** --- **NO** consumption of **Alcohol** or **Intoxicating Substances** are allowed before or during any shooting, period!
- Listed here are some of the rules that lead to swift and severe discipline. Please take heed and just obey all the rules and stay safe.
 - Members **MUST** swipe their card when entering the club, even if the gate is locked open.
 - Members **MUST** swipe their card when leaving the club, even if the gate is locked open.
 - Member **MUST** pause when passing through the gate to prevent others from driving through behind them. This does not apply when allowing guests to follow the member.
 - Members using any of the rifle or pistol ranges **MUST** sign-in with the RSO at the range building before moving to any range. If the RSO on duty is not there, wait for them! The RSO will assign a range for you to use.
 - Members using any of the rifle or pistol ranges **MUST** sign-out with the RSO at the range building before leaving the club.
 - RSO's are not to be argued with. If you feel what you were doing or want to do should be allowed, email the Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) at crso@beaverbrook.us or come to a meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - Bump Stocks, Binary, Bi-Phase Triggers, etc. are **NOT** allowed. Nor any **other** method used to manipulate the trigger pull.
 - Intentionally or recklessly causing a bullet to leave club property. e.g. Shooting over the backstop or shooting at the ground down range causing a ricochet to possible skip over the backstop.
 - Failure to show anyone your membership card and / or a photo ID.
- Disregarding any of the rules listed anywhere in this document may be very detrimental to your membership. These rules apply to all members including those serving on the any Committee.

Membership

- The membership year is from January 1st through December 31st. This is for all members no matter what month you joined.
- Renewal dues are due on or before December 31st. On January 1st all work credits are canceled and renewals are allowed through January 31st by paying the club's processing fee of \$100.00 in addition to the full annual dues.
 - After the last day of January non-renewing members will be dropped from the membership rolls and be classified as a 'Former Member.'
- Membership types
 - **Life:** Granted by the Executive Committee and only with approved requirements. Life membership cannot be pursued by individuals.
 - **Emeritus:** For current General members 65 years and older with total dues paid equal to ten times the current annual dues. Emeritus status is granted by the Executive Committee and cannot be declared. The Emeritus membership will be discontinued in 2033.
 - **General:** This is the regular annual membership for individuals joining the club. This membership is maintained by payment of annual dues and remaining in good standing.
 - For any member above, their spouse, children, grandchildren, and sibling (under 21 years) will be non-voting members. This membership is only maintained while the regular member remains a member in good standing.
 - These family members **MUST** be accompanied by a regular member while on club property.

- **Spousal:** This membership for the spouse or life partner of a club member. This membership is for the “spouse” to have a membership card for individual club access. This is a non-voting membership and is maintained by payment of one-half of the annual dues and remaining in good standing. This membership is also linked to the regular member and will expire when the regular member’s membership expires.
- **Club Meetings** (*Members are welcome at any regularly scheduled meeting*)
 - **General Membership:** These meetings are held in the clubhouse each January, April, and July on the third Wednesday of the month at the time listed on the club’s website calendar. At the January meeting we typically set the club’s calendar for the year.
 - **Executive Committee (Board):** These meetings are held on February, March, May, June, August, September, and November on the third Wednesday of the month at the time listed on the club’s website calendar.
 - **Annual Membership:** This a General Membership meeting and is for holding elections for the open Executive Committee positions. The voting starts at 5:00pm and closes at 7:00pm, the meeting follows the voting.

Your Membership Card

- Your electronic membership card is only to be used by the regular member it was assigned to. To do otherwise is grounds for loss of membership.
- Each member will receive their first membership card without cost. If that card becomes non-functional it will be replaced free unless it appears to have been abused. If you lose, destroy, or abuse your card to cause it to fail, a replacement will be provided for a \$15.00 fee.
- You must have an ID and your membership card with you while on club property. If asked you **MUST** produce them, or you’ll be asked to immediately leave the property. Without a membership card you will be considered a trespasser.
- Don’t feel uneasy asking to see a membership card and don’t feel insulted if asked to see yours. If they fail to show their card, ask them to leave if they don’t, please note or photograph their vehicle license number. Report the incident to the Executive Committee, you can remain anonymous.
- On January 1st of each year the card of all members that have not renewed will be deactivated.

The Gate

- To open the gate, you are allowed to approach the gate on the road’s left side. This will allow you to swipe your card from your driver’s side window. **Please be very careful that your vehicle’s side mirror does not hit the reader!**
- Your membership card only needs to be placed within close proximity (within an inch or two) to the reader. You should hear three beeps; this indicates your card was read. If the gate does not open, please call one of the numbers shown on the gate.
- Always allow the gate to close behind you before you move on. If another person approaches the gate --- you should **NOT** allow them to pass through behind you, they need to swipe their membership card separately.
- If the gate is locked open (possible for an event) do not attempt to close it. But you **MUST** swipe your card before you pass through.
- As you leave again, you **MUST** swipe your card. If you are the last to leave and the gate is still locked open, please call one of the numbers shown on the gate to report the situation and get instructions.
- Remember all members **MUST** swipe their cards at the gate when entering and leaving the club.

Range Safety

- The club is here to give us all a safe place to shoot. Courtesy of other users is expected and required.
- While on the ranges everyone is responsible for **safety**.
- We live by the NRA Safety rules you need to live by them too.
 - **Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. That is up or “Down Range.”**

- **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
- **Always keep the gun unloaded and action open until ready to use.**
- Remember all the ranges are to be shared with other members. You do not have exclusive rights to a range unless you've cleared it with the Executive Committee first.
- Everyone on the range needs to coordinate their actions. The first member to use a range will be considered the Designated Safety Officer (DSO) and will control the range.
- When someone wants or needs to go "Down Range" the RSO or the DSO will call cease-fire and require everyone to unload, open actions, place firearms on the bench or rack, step away from the firearms and are **NOT** to touch the firearms until everyone is back behind the firing line. Only then may the RSO or DSO declare the range "Hot."
- If the DSO is the person wanting to go down range, assign someone else to watch that no one else touches any firearms, even those that are cased.
- Never guess about anything. When in doubt **DON'T!** Ask for help! People are always willing to help.
- **ANY** blatant and/or willful disregard for safety will **NOT** be tolerated and will result in severe disciplinary action. The club cannot and will **NOT** tolerate any **STUPID** actions by **ANYONE!**
- If you witness anything you feel is unsafe or just makes you nervous, please talk to the person and express your concern. Ask to see their membership card, remember their name / number. Please contact the RSO on duty, the CRSO by email and / or the Executive Committee and inform them of the situation.
- Holster Work (*The Club may alter this policy at any time*)
 - Your use of the ranges means you acknowledge the inherent dangers in holster work with loaded firearms.
 - The club highly recommends and the RSO may require that you have another person present to render aid in the event of an accident. Please verify you have cell phone coverage before shooting.
 - You may not perform any holster work if anyone on that range objects. **Period**. Ask the RSO to move to a different range / bay.
- If you are approached because another member feels that your targets, or actions, are unsafe, you need to stop using them immediately. Don't argue, just **STOP!**
 - If you disagree with their opinion, take the issue up with the RSO, CRSO, or the Executive Committee at a club meeting first, do not argue with them.
- The club has assigned a Range Safety Officer (RSO), that person has complete authority over all range operations. Everyone including members **MUST** obey the RSO if approached. To argue with this Range Officer is grounds for severe disciplinary action against the member.
- As a member your first responsibility is always **SAFETY**.

Range Administration

- The online calendar of our website (www.beaverbrook.us) is the approved and official schedule for all our club facilities including the buildings as well as the ranges and all grounds. If a group or event is on the calendar, the range / facilities are reserved for the listed group or event. Remember we are trying to be friendly to the shooting community.
- Online the firearms ranges will be listed as:
 - The 120-yard ranges shooting east. "R1" (north range) and "R2" (south range)
 - The 200-yard range shooting east. "R3"
 - The 60-yard by 100-foot Wide Bays --- The 100-foot-wide bays number "W1" (north) and "W2" (south)
 - The 40-yard by 50-foot Wide Bays --- The 50-foot-wide bays number "S1" (north end) through "S4" (south end)
- Remember all members and their guest must sign-in with the RSO in the range building **before** using the ranges.
- Remember all members and their guest need to sign-out with the RSO in the range building **before** leaving the club property.

- Remember all the ranges are to be shared with other members. You do not have exclusive rights to a range unless you have cleared it with the Executive Committee first.
- The hours allowed for shooting are as follows:
 - Absolutely **NO** shooting before 9:00am, no exceptions! Groups may set-up for events before 9:00am.
 - All shooting must stop by Sunset or 9:00pm, which-ever comes first September 1st through May 31st. From June 1st through August 31st shooting is allowed until Sunset or 9:30pm, which-ever comes first. The trap fields may be in operation after sunset but only when the lights are on.
- Regular members can bring a maximum of two (2) guests to use the range at a time. These guests **MUST** fill out a waiver, located in the range building, each time they visit the club. These guests are always the responsibility of the member, and the member is accountable for their actions. This provision does **NOT** apply to the family members included with a regular membership. See the separate “Guest Policy” found on the club’s website for complete information.
 - There is a \$5.00 daily fee for any guests that accompany members that use the ranges.

Range Operation

- First, we need to make **SURE** all bullets **IMPACT** the backstop, not in front, not the ground or worse the sky.
- On **ALL** the ranges, the “**Target**” line is always directly in front of the backstop, this includes all the “**R**,” “**W**,” and “**S**” ranges. The “**Firing**” line on the “**W**” and “**S**” ranges is the movable line. This means that the target is always in front of the backstop, and “**You**” move to the distance you want to shoot.
- On the **R1**, **R2** and **R3** ranges the firing line is fixed at the benches and is not allowed to move. Targets may only be set in front of the backstop. Groups may have permission from the Executive Committee to be exempt from this range rule.
- All these ranges can be used for rifle and handgun calibers. (Note: 50-BMG or cartridges based on this case are not allowed)
- Tracer and armor piercing ammunition, no matter the caliber, is **NOT** allowed.
- Full-Auto firearms are **NOT** allowed.
- Suppressors (silencers) are allowed, but the owner must have a copy of the tax stamp with them.
- Rapid fire is difficult to define so the Executive Committee will allow shooters to use their own discretion. The RSO may control rapid fire.
- Devices and / or methods used for trigger manipulation (bump-stock, etc.) will **NOT** be allowed even if legal to use. Firearms with these devices installed will **NOT** be allowed on the club’s ranges.
- Targets
 - Target stands are the responsibility of the individual members. Please bring your own targets and target stands. The club may have stands available, but not guaranteed.
 - Explosive (Tannerite) targets are **NOT** allowed.
 - Ground targets are **NOT** allowed. The plastic targets that bounce along the ground are **FORBIDDEN!** Think about it...
 - Absolutely **NO** “Garbage” targets which means cans, bottles, chairs, benches, coffee pots, other make-shift junk etc. Also, Clay Pigeons are **NOT** allowed as targets on the Rifle or Multi-purpose ranges.
 - Some targets (Milk Jugs filled with water) used as a “**Firepower**” demonstration for DNR Firearms Safety classes. Other special event targets can be allowed if the proper precautions and clean-up are observed, and these are approved by the Executive Committee on an individual basis. If you wish to use non-traditional targets you will need approval of the Executive Committee or RSO on duty.

- Steel targets are allowed if they are manufactured by a company whose normal business is to manufacture this type of target. We do not want “Home Made” steel targets. Also, these targets **MUST** be used per the manufacturer’s instructions. The RSO on duty has the final word on the use of all steel targets.
- If you are approached because another member who feels that your targets, or actions, are unsafe, you need to stop using them immediately. Don’t argue, just **STOP!** If you disagree with their opinion, take the issue up with the RSO, CRSO, or Executive Committee at a club meeting first, don’t argue with them.

The Clubhouse & Grounds

- The clubhouse, garage and storage buildings are all secured with electronic alarm systems.
- The clubhouse porch and the picnic pavilion are available for members to use to escape the elements.
- Please keep these areas clean and litter free.
- There are **NO** grills allowed on the concrete floor of the pavilion or range building.
- For group events or special access to these areas a member needs to get prior approval from the Executive Committee.

The Range Building

- The building is for members to use to get out of the sun or the Minnesota winters.
- The door combination will be announced. Your membership card will open either door. To open -- swipe your card then first give a slight pull on the door, then push the door open.
- Be sure to turn off the lights and lock the building behind you as you leave.
- Currently the building heat is paid by the club, but that could change if it is abused.
- To turn on the heat.
 - Turn the timer on the south wall to 15 to 30 minutes. Then set the thermostat to a reasonable temperature, trust us 50 degrees is plenty warm considering you’re wearing jackets.
- Keep the building clean and don’t take advantage of the benefit, remember it can be removed which means you’ll be left in the cold.

Trap & Skeet Fields

- The club is open to members and the public for Trap & Skeet shooting on Sunday afternoons and during all trap leagues.
- During most events and leagues, we try to have a trap field for open shooting. Please come out to shoot.
- Members will always pay the ‘Member’ fee for a round of trap, and this is at a very deep discount.
- Currently the club does **NOT** allow members access to the trap machines for personal use. For special events access to the trap machines can be granted by the Executive Committee and only with an operator approved by the Executive Committee.
- The trap fields are open to personally thrown birds during range hours whenever the club isn’t open for trap & skeet shooting.

Archery Range

- The archery range is available to all members and their guests.
- The \$5.00 daily fee is still required for guests.
- Crossbows are **NOT** allowed to be shot at the club’s target butts as the bolts are detrimental and many times are lost inside the butt. You may bring your own crossbow target butt to use.
- Also, **NO** broadheads allowed to be shot at the club’s target butts these will destroy the target butts. You may bring your own target butt to use.

Mounted Shooting Arena

- The arena is used for Mounted Shooting events and training / practice.
- This arena is **NOT** for any other use without Executive Committee approval.

The 'Field'

- The open field is free to use to train / exercise your dogs or yourself if you feel the need.
- This field is **NOT** for recreational use with an ATV or similar off-road vehicles.
- Please let the Executive Committee know if you plan to do something other than this occasional activity.
- Always remember that everyone needs Executive Committee approval for any activity outside the normal.

Club Help

- Work credit can be earned by helping the club with scheduled activities.
- You can also get credit by serving on a committee. Email the club for information.
- If you think something needs to be done, get Executive Committee approval or it may not count toward your work credit.
- We do not want to discourage club improvements. We just need to know what you want to do. If the Executive Committee approves the work, it will count toward your work credit. And if materials are involved and the Executive Committee approves the work the club will reimburse you for any expenses.
- We do have three “**Clean-Up**” days each year, one in the spring and two in the fall.
- During weekends in October, we need lots of help with the club’s “**Deer Rifle Sight-In**” If you are interested in helping with the sight-in please email the club for scheduling a date.