

Monroe Township Conservation Club

Club Rules

General Club Rules

1. Membership – Your membership is a family membership. This membership applies to spouses and children under 18 years of age. This does not apply to extended family, or children over 18. The member must be present.
2. Please keep the club grounds free of litter. Anything transported to MTCC must be taken home when you leave.
3. When youth groups are using the grounds, all ranges will be closed. When the trap field is being used for club sponsored events, the rifle range/pistol range will be closed. When club meetings, work details or grounds maintenance, 4-H, Hunter Education class range day, are scheduled, all ranges will be closed.
4. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on MTCC grounds. Empty containers and/or alcoholic beverage packaging should not be used for target materials.
5. Club Management or other members may ask to see proof of membership. You must be prepared to prove membership and identity.
6. Always lock the gate when entering or exiting club grounds. Do not leave the gate open for someone who is coming to the club later.
7. You may bring a guest with you, to introduce the guest to the club. Guests are not allowed to use club grounds for hunting purposes until they have their own membership.

Range Rules

1. Hearing and eye protection are **REQUIRED** on all shooting ranges.
2. When using the rifle/pistol range, all bullets must go into the dirt bank. Targets shot at less than 100 yards must be placed so that the bullets go into the dirt bank. If MTCC's target frames do not accommodate this, you must bring you own target frame.
3. While downrange, firearms are to be left at the firing line, unloaded, with the action open. **Absolutely no firearms are to be handled in any way, including muzzleloaders or loading magazines, while persons are downrange. Handling firearms while persons are downrange may be grounds for immediate removal from the club, and loss of membership.**
4. When going down range, be sure that other persons know of your intentions. Communication on the range is essential when more than one person is present.
5. Children under 18 must be accompanied to the range by an adult, and may not be left unattended at the firing line.
6. All target shooting, including shotgun slugs will be done on the rifle range. MTCC has a location for shooting shot-shells behind the storage barn. A target frame is provided. Any handguns shooting shot-shells must be used at the shotgun patterning range, and are not to be shot at the pistol target frames.

Trap shoots are held every Tuesday afternoon. All Tuesday trap shoots begin at 4 P.M., and last until complete, which is generally around 5:30 or 6:00 P.M.

7. Dangerous or illegal firearms, such as sawed-off shot guns or guns in poor condition are prohibited.
8. MTCC requires that State and Federal laws pertaining to the use and carry of firearms, are followed on club grounds.
9. No glass, rocks, concrete or other hard target materials are to be used. Steel targets made for that purpose are allowed, so long as they are placed at the base of a dirt bank, and bullets will not skip out of the club grounds.
10. Full automatic firearms, including those that are selectable, are strictly prohibited.
11. All hang-fires must be kept pointed down range for at least ten seconds.
12. Black powder must be covered when not being poured.
13. Handgun shooters must exercise great care when shooting and handling handguns. Muzzle blast and shavers can be dangerous to persons on the line.
14. **50 BMG caliber firearms are not allowed.** (50 caliber pistols and muzzle-loaders are permitted)
15. No shooting before sunrise or after sunset. **No shooting allowed before 9 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday.**
16. When shooting semi-automatic firearms, please be mindful of other shooters and their property. Hot brass can be dangerous or damaging to other firearms. Consider the use of a brass catcher or other device to keep brass off of other shooters.
17. Drawing holstered handguns to shoot rapidly is not allowed.
18. No smoking on the rifle range.
19. Leave the club grounds in better condition than when you arrived. MTCC is a completely volunteer organization, and needs your help to maintain a nice facility.

Hunting Rules

1. **No tree stands of any kind are to be used on MTCC property.**
2. If you are hunting on club property, park on club property so that other members are aware of your presence. If you are hunting off of club property, park there.
3. Clearing of trees or brush is prohibited, unless permission is given by club management.
4. **Deer Hunting**-Anyone member wishing to hunt deer on club property must register to do so. Members may register, beginning at the August club meeting for dates and times. The number of dates members may register for is up to club management discretion and is limited to two hunters per day.
5. Hunting privileges are reserved for members only.
6. As a courtesy to the club, please notify MTCC of game taken from the club grounds.

Remember to be courteous to your fellow shooters. If someone points out a dangerous situation or unsafe range conduct, thank them, and correct the mistake.

Willful disregard of club and or range rules may lead to loss of membership. Some rules may vary when club organized activities are taking place, and range safety officers are present.