

# Alliance Rifle Club, Inc.

## Range Rules and Code of Conduct

(Effective January 1, 2018)

1. Alliance Rifle Club (herein 'ARC') requires NRA membership as a prerequisite to ARC membership. Proof of NRA membership must be submitted annually by applicants at time of application and by members at the time of annual membership renewal and of application. Current NRA membership cards or NRA magazine mailing labels are sufficient for NRA membership verification.
2. The official ARC club calendar year is January 1 to December 31.
3. ARC operates as a NRA High Power Rifle club and to that end it is our policy that new member applicants will obtain an NRA High Power classification (National Match Course, Mid-Range, Intl Fullbore, Long Range or F-class) or an NRA temporary score book with supporting signatures within first full calendar year of membership. Existing members are required to maintain their classification and show proof of classification to ARC Club Secretary in that same period, or upon membership renewal. Should classification, or temporary score book, not be obtained, or proof submitted within same time frame, membership will be revoked. 'At will' ARC Officers and Trustees (the ARC Executive Board) may grant classification exemptions for membership. The ARC Executive Board will consider written exemption requests addressed to the sitting ARC Club President by the submitter. The ARC Executive Board will convene and review submittals no less than semi-annually. Exemption request submission is not a guarantee of membership. Exemption submitters will be advised of their membership disposition.
4. Club applicants must submit a complete application package (completed application, signed rules/conduct and liability form) for membership. Incomplete forms will be returned with any remittance. Each page of the application package must be completed as noted, signed off as required and returned as a complete package to address noted before the application will be processed. Retain a copy for your records.
5. New members must be in good standing for three (3) calendar years prior to becoming eligible to hold office (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Trustee) within Alliance Rifle Club.
6. On 'non-scheduled' days (no planned Club or League events) and including the regular Wednesday practice day, ALL members and guests are required to sign in and out on the log sheet located inside the green sign-in booth located at the gate using your legibly printed FIRST and LAST NAME. Guests must write "GUEST" after their name. All columns on the sheet must be filled out with the date, range or ranges being used, the time entering and the time leaving the range property.
7. While on ARC grounds, all members and invited guests are required to identify themselves by displaying an ARC membership card (for members), or valid driver's license or state issued identification card upon request. Requestors of identification will reciprocate in kind. Those unable to do so must leave ARC grounds immediately or be subject to trespassing violations by local law enforcement.
8. Hunting activities on ARC grounds are for club members ONLY with at least one (1) full calendar year of membership. NO GUESTS ARE PERMITTED even for purposes of hunting activity observation. All Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) rules apply. Camping is not permitted on ARC grounds. Members hunting must sign in and out on the log sheet at the sign-in booth at the gate using legibly printed FIRST and LAST NAMES. You must include your cellphone number with your name during sign-in so that you can be called by someone wanting to use the range. This is a safety issue. You can scratch out your cellphone number when leaving. Hunting activities are done at member's assumption of risk.
9. Safety is everyone's responsibility. First and foremost, protect yourself and others by using firearms responsibly:
  - Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
  - Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
  - Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.
  - Know your target and what is beyond.

- Know how to use the firearm safely.
  - Use only the correct ammunition in your firearm.
  - Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
  - No usage of controlled substances before or during range use.
  - Chamber rounds with muzzle pointing at the ground at all times.
  - Ensure your firearm has a working safety and it is on when the rifle is not in use.
  - All rifles must have an empty chamber indicator (ECI) placed into the action (or bolt removed) before being un-cased on the range.
  - Loaded rifle must be pointed down range (muzzle below top of berm) at all times.
  - Bolts on rifles may be closed after sights have been aligned on the target area or into ground ahead of you.
  - Ensure that firearms are made safe (ECI) prior to going forward or leaving the firing line.
  - Know where everyone is before commencing with firing.
  - If using target pullers during firing, use reliable communication to control firing and pit areas.
  - Handling and movement of loaded/unloaded rifles must be done with extreme care.
10. Target frames will be used for Highpower practice only.
  11. Firing on any day can begin at 08:00 hrs. All firing will cease at sunset.
  12. No automatic weapons of any type are allowed.
  13. Firing of .50 BMG caliber rifles is ONLY permitted at the 600 yard firing line into the 600 yard target berm.
  14. Do not disclose combination of gate locks to anyone, unless directed by club officers or trustees. Lock gates after entering and leaving grounds. Reset lock dials to '0000' upon entering and leaving.
  15. Abuse of club grounds and property will not be tolerated.
  16. Scheduled Highpower shooting events, followed by Highpower-related practice activities by club members, take precedence over all other range uses at all times. When sharing the range, communicate with fellow members and any contractors on the property.
  17. Vehicles may be driven on roads only and up to in front of the 200-yard firing line. Do not drive over any firing points.
  18. If you require an orientation to this range and range safety practices, contact an Alliance Rifle Club Officer or Trustee.
  19. "Plinking" is allowed providing it does not interfere with Highpower practice activities. When plinking, rounds must be absorbed into a backstop. Clay shooting is permissible below tree tops. No firing in a southerly direction (towards S.R. 43).
  20. Range is closed on selected Thursday mornings for lawn mowing until service is completed. No exceptions. Members will not handle or otherwise adjust firearms until lawn mowing is complete and they have left the range. If you arrive before lawn service on a cutting day, make firearm safe, case firearm and remove your equipment from firing point. Give mowing service access to all area of the range.
  21. Remove trash you bring to the range – the club does not have trash removal services. Remove all paper targets from the pistol range backstop before leaving. Pick up all fired brass.
  22. Muzzle brakes are not allowed during matches.
  23. All rifles must be bore-sighted before all matches and practicing at 1,000 yards. The bore-sighting procedure is explained on the club website or ask any club officer.
  24. When you sign-in and there are outside contractors on the property, you must contact them and work out a safe agreement with each other before shooting.

25. Any family member who is 21 years of age or older must obtain his or her own membership in the Alliance Rifle Club.
26. A member may bring two shooting guests to the range at a cost of \$10.00 per person each time. Guests are allowed to use the range only twice (twice only - not twice a year) to determine if they want to become a member. The \$10.00 guest fee must be sent to the ARC Secretary within two weeks after each visit. Guests must write GUEST after their name on the sign-in sheet. Send the \$10.00 guest fee to: Kimberly Rowe, ARC Secretary, P.O. Box 53, Wadsworth, OH 44282.
27. If you are unsure of any of the above noted items, it is your responsibility to obtain clarification from ARC Officers or Trustees.
28. Violations of rules or code of conduct will be reviewed by ARC Officers and Trustees and appropriate actions taken (letter of caution, suspension or membership revocation).
29. Dependent members, or juniors:
  1. Per the NRA definition, a 'junior' is a club member that is twenty (21) years of age or younger.
  2. If a member parent is unable to accompany a junior while on the range, the member parent must arrange 'Power of Attorney' with an existing ARC club member to accompany the junior.
  3. Junior sixteen (16) years and older may attend scheduled club events without a family member, providing a release of liability is on file and co-signed by the member parent or legal guardian.
  4. All juniors must be noted on the release of liability form.
  5. Parents or guardians are responsible for juniors under eighteen (18) years of age.
30. Juniors who are not club members, but invited guests:
  1. A parent (or family member) must accompany the junior(s) while using the range.
  2. If a parent (or family member) is unable to accompany a junior while using the range, the parent (or guardian) must arrange a 'Power of Attorney' with an existing ARC club member to accompany the junior.

I have read and understood all aspects of these rules and codes of conduct, understanding I am responsible for them. My signature below verifies this fact.

Submitter Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter Name  
(Signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign, date and mail to:**

**Kimberly Rowe  
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