

General Club Orientation

General Access, Safety, and Security

- The speed limit on Paradise Road is 25 MPH, please be considerate of our neighbors.
- To enter the gate, place your badge against the keypad, no code needed. To leave, the gate will automatically open when you approach.
- Security cameras are in use for your safety.
- Member badges must always be visible when on club property.
- Guest badges must always be visible. Members are responsible for all guests.
- Guest waivers must be filled out each day a guest is on club grounds. Club members are responsible to ensure that their guests fully and legibly complete waivers and deposit them in the mailbox next to the clubhouse entrance.
- Trespassers should be asked to leave the property. Call the police if trespassers refuse to leave.
- Treat all IFGA property and equipment with respect. Theft and vandalism will be prosecuted.
- IFGA is not responsible for damage or loss of personal equipment used at the club. Do not leave any firearms or equipment unattended while on club property.
- Safety is the first priority on all ranges. Follow all general and range specific safety rules. ALL MEMBERS must have attended an IFGA Range Certification Course to shoot by themselves on any club range.
- Alcoholic beverages and drugs may not be consumed prior or during shooting on any of the ranges. This includes prescription drugs that may impact your mental state.
- Incident reports should be filled out for any problem you find at the club and left in the mail slot to the office or email the Board of Directors at directors@ipswichfishandgame.org.
- No hunting on club Property without express permission from the Board of Directors.
- No shooting of the wildlife.
- Hours of operation; club house and grounds are open 24-7 except when otherwise posted.
- Follow all range use hours as posted.
- The dumpster is only to be used for club trash.
- Check club website and Facebook page for any range closures or events.
- **Anyone found in violation of any of the club rules may face a suspension of club privileges or expulsion.**

- To enter the clubhouse, place your badge against the keypad, no code is needed, and push the door open.
- Turn the alarm off using the code provided, set the alarm when leaving the clubhouse, ensure all doors and windows are locked.
- During winter months heat needs to be lowered to 50 but not turned off.
- In the winter, the sinks must be left dripping slowly to avoid freezing of the pipes.
- The kitchen is available for use, please clean up after yourself.
- Coffee/tea/drinks and snacks are available.
- Please remove all trash from the clubhouse and place it in the dumpster.

Emergencies

- First aid kits are available at the clubhouse and Rifle/Pistol Range.
- An AED is available at the clubhouse.
- **If an ACCIDENT occurs, call 911 or 978-356-4343(Ipswich Police) IMMEDIATELY!! Render first aid and wait for first responders to arrive. Tell the police there has been an incident, NOT AN ACTIVE SHOOTER. Ensure all firearms are cased and ranges are cold.**

Archery Range Rules

- No running or horseplay on the range.
- When more than one archer is present, designate a range safety officer who will call when the range is hot or cold.
- No person may be in front of the shooting line when shooting is active.
- No arrow retrievals are allowed until all archers are finished shooting and the range safety officer designates a “cold”, inactive range.
- Broadhead hunting arrow tips and crossbows are only permitted to be used on the designated broadhead blocks. They quickly damage the standard targets.
- Archers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- No sky-drawing. Bows are only to be drawn at the shooting line and in the direction of targets.
- When there are multiple archers, everyone must shoot straddling the shooting line.
- Make sure no one is standing immediately behind you when pulling out an arrow from the target, as you could accidentally hurt them when forcefully pulling the arrow out. Only one person removes arrows from each target at a time.
- Ensure your equipment is in good working order prior to using it on the range.
- No shooting across lanes, shooting other targets, distracting other archers at the shooting line or intentionally damaging another archer’s equipment.
- Never point your bow at anyone, even if there’s no arrow nocked.
- Keep your bow pointed downrange at all times when an arrow is nocked.
- Never draw an arrow if there are any people between you and your target, even if you don’t intend to shoot.
- No firearms are allowed on the archery range.

3-D Archery Rules

- Sign in at the sign in board next to the club house entrance. Sign out when you are done. Pay the fee in the box below the sign in board. Fees are used to repair or replace the targets
- No broadhead arrows, crossbows, or firearms can be used on the 3D range target animals
- Do not walk the course in reverse!
- Only use the designated locations to shoot at targets. Shooting a target that you cannot clearly see is prohibited and could injure another person
- No using the 3D course an hour before, during, or an hour after designated trap hours
- If you need to search the woods for a lost arrow, please place your bow in front of target so others will know you are out there
- If you plan on shooting the targets around the pond you must sign in at the white board outside the rifle/pistol range house and turn on the blue flashing light. Please be courteous and erase your name and turn off the light when you are done.
- The rifle/pistol ranges have priority over the 3D targets around the pond

Rifle/Pistol Range Rules

- Always follow the NRA three basic gun safety rules:
 - ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
 - ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
 - ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use
- Members are responsible for signing in and signing out THEMSELVES, and their guests at the sign in board next to the clubhouse entrance.
- ALL MEMBERS are responsible for reading signs posted including range closures and adherence to such.
- NO MORE than 2 guests per range certified member at the firing line at a time. MEMBERS must determine the shooting experience level of their guests prior to allowing them to shoot unsupervised.
- If any Member witnesses a rule violation, it is their responsibility to correct the offending member, or report said violation to the Rifle/Pistol committee or Directors. Email addresses are located on the IFGA website.
- EVERY MEMBER is authorized to act as a Range Officer in order to enforce the range safety rules.
- Eye and hearing protection are MANDATORY at both IFGA R&P ranges while shooting.
- NO shooting before 10am. NO shooting after sunset. You are responsible for knowing when sunset is.
- Fires allowed during Club events and range clean-ups only.
- Only ONE firearm is allowed at any shooting Station AT ANY TIME. (With the exception of Club sponsored competition events)
- A Shooting Station for the R&P ranges are; Prone Stations, Rifle Tables, or Pistol Shooting Booths. Shooting from anywhere else is not authorized except for specific club events.
- NO shooting if the flashing blue light is on, meaning archers are on the 3D course, or fishers are at the pond.
- CEASE FIRE may be called at ANY TIME, by ANYONE! The CEASE FIRE light may be activated once everyone acknowledges the cease fire. NO handling of firearms or loading of magazines during a cease fire.
- The minimum target distance for PAPER targets on the pistol range is 7 YARDS. The minimum distance for STEEL targets is 10 YARDS. See distance line markers placed on HESCO barriers.
- If shooters are using the target carrier systems, place targets on cardboard, not directly clipped to the carrier.
- Use only the fixed target stands at 25 yards, 50 yards, 50 meters, or 100 yards on the rifle range. Do not use the pistol stands on the rifle side. This will result in an immediate suspension of club privileges.
- Ensure that all fired rounds impact into the berms. No shooting at ground targets at any distance, moving targets, exploding targets. ONLY shoot at paper targets or APPROVED steel targets.
- Do not walk on any impact berm.

- NO CENTERFIRE rifle, or shotguns at the pistol range. This includes SHORT BARRELED RIFLES shooting rifle caliber ammunition. Only pistol caliber ammunition (e.g., 9mm carbine), pistols and rimfire rifles are allowed at the pistol range.
- NO TRACER, ARMOR PIERCING OR INCENDIARY AMMUNITION ALLOWED! .50cal BMG is prohibited due to range limitations.
- DO NOT USE steel core ammunition on steel targets. Magnets are provided at the rifle shooting stations to allow shooters to verify ammunition prior to shooting.
- NO fully automatic fire, CONTROLLED fire only. Controlled fire is defined as the maximum speed shooters can accurately keep all shots on the target.
- Drawing from holsters is not allowed except during club authorized events. Fanning the trigger (single action revolvers) is also not allowed.
- ALL misfired cartridges MUST be placed in the DUD bucket located on the back wall.
- CLEAN UP WHEN YOU ARE DONE SHOOTING! This includes sweeping brass in front of the shooting house during cease fires. Leave the facility as good or better than you found it. If you find any range issues, cleanliness, damaged equipment, etc. Contact the R/P Committee at range@ipswichfishandgame.org
- ALL firearms not in use must be cased or placed on the rack with actions OPEN. Chamber flags are provided for member use.
- ALL target equipment stored outside of the shooting house are for CLUB EVENTS only, not casual shooting use.
- Use of MEMBER provided steel must be pre-approved by an R/P committee member prior to use.

Trap Field Rules

- Trap shooting may only occur when a Range Safety Officer (RSO) is present and sufficient help is available to open the shot curtains.
- Range Safety Officers are ONLY those appointed by the Trap Committee.
- Trap shooting hours are between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- No release triggers are allowed at the IFGA.
- Firearms must always be unloaded except on the firing line. NEVER walk around the trap field with a chambered round. A shell should only be chambered when you are on the line, preferably just after the preceding shooter fires. If for any reason you have a shell chambered and shooting is halted, you must remove the shell.
- Firearms must be unloaded and pointed in a safe direction when someone is ahead of the firing line.
- Any person may call a “cease fire” at any time. A “cease fire” command shall always be obeyed immediately by the discontinuation of all shooting and removing a shell from the chamber until shooting is authorized by the RSO.
- All unused firearms must be cased or stored unloaded in the gun rack with actions open if possible.
- Shooting shall be at the firing line only, once all shooters are present and ready, no one is ahead of the firing line, and Range Safety Officer notifies all that the range is “hot”.
- You may only shoot at the clay birds.
- If you have a misfire wait the appropriate amount of time (30 seconds for smokeless powder, 2 minutes for black powder), then unload the shell.
- Please clean up after yourself after shooting. Pick up shells, ammunition boxes, and trash.
- Ammunition-Shot size #8 or #9, Length 2 ¾ inches, Speed/Velocity 1250 feet per second or slower.
 - ***Requirements must be met due to our lead management system***

Pond Rules

- Please enter your member information, date, and time on the white board outside the range facility and turn on the blue light prior to using the pond.
- Use of the pond is limited to non-range hours, before 10AM and after sunset. Sh
- Limits and Bait

Target Species	Allowed Methods	Take Limits
Trout	Persons 13 and over - Artificial bait only. Children under 12 - Any bait	1 fish per member per day
Bullhead & Other Species	Any	All

- Barbed hooks are allowed. All anglers are encouraged to use methods which maximize the survival rate of any fish released including but not limited to the use of circle hooks for bait fishing.
- Members' understanding and adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of these rules is appreciated.



Ipswich Fish and Game Association
Attendance at Combined Range Orientation Session

Date: _____

Member Name: _____

Member Number: _____ (if available)

LTC/FID number: _____ (if available)

Member signature: _____

Instructor signature: _____

Instructor Name: _____

(Only one name is required if multiple instructors)

Instructor: Return all forms for this session in one package to the IFGA secretary.