

Guest Policy

Due to the many questions, we are again publishing the Guest policy for the MWA.

Guests (nonmembers) will only be allowed on the Manhattan Wildlife Association facility when accompanied by a current member or participating in a club sponsored event.

1. General Provisions. This policy does not apply to nonmembers during open trap and skeet shooting held on Wednesdays and Sundays. Guests participating must complete liability waiver forms and pay nonmember fees associated with these activities. Sponsored shoots and other events are also required to have all participants complete the waiver form. These activities usually occur when the main gate or the event gate is open.

2. Periods of use. Members may bring guests to the range without limitation. **Exception: No guests are permitted on weekends from August through November.**

3. Procedure. All guests are required to complete a MWA waiver form and pay a fee for the day they are using the range with a member. **The liability forms are located in the drop box on the Main Club House, outside next to the bathroom entrance.** The signed completed form will be deposited in the box along with the day use fee. The guest will retain the stub indicating payment for the day and will have it available to show as proof of payment.

4. Fee. The fee will be \$10 per guest

5. Member's responsibility. At all times the club member will be responsible for the conduct of their guest. Members will remain with their guest for the entire time they are on the range. No guest will be allowed on the range unless accompanied by the member.

6. **During periods of high use members and their guest are limited to one shooting point on the long range and pistol bays.**

7. Members may not bring guests to the range for training as a business or for profit.

Safety Reminders

Safety will be of primary concern throughout all aspects and activities of this shooting range. It is each person's responsibility to conduct him or herself in a safe manner at all times, and not endanger anyone else. This includes shooters, workers, and spectators; and covers gun handling, driving, equipment use, and maintenance, and any other dangerous activity. Safe operation of our shooting ranges requires strict adherence to the following safety protocols. All people using the range are always responsible for safe facility use and must take action to stop an unsafe situation.

General Gun Safety

Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Always keep firearms unloaded until ready to use.

Know your target and beyond.

Know how to operate the firearm.

Ensure firearm is safe to operate.

Ensure use of correct ammunition in the firearm.

Eye protection is required for all persons on the firing line and hearing protection is **STRONGLY** recommended

Be aware that certain types of firearms and many shooting activities required additional safety precautions.

All guns are to be unloaded, completely clear of ammo at all times except when on the firing line ready to be fired.

At all times, except when on the firing line ready to be fired, all firearms shall have actions open with magazine empty. If the firearm is equipped with detachable magazine the action shall be open and the magazine shall be removed or be holstered with magazine removed. If not then they shall be unloaded and cased. Firearms with break-open type actions may have their actions closed if in a gun rack or cased.

No cross shooting, your bench must be in line with your target. Shoot only proper targets set directly in front of berm. Bullets should not hit the steel target supports. Bullets must impact the BERM. Be aware of the fact that bullets striking the ground in front of a berm may ricochet over the top of the berm creating an unsafe condition for anyone behind a berm (such as in the easternmost pistol bay when people are downrange changing targets on the rifle range). Always set your targets directly in front of the berms and ensure that your bullets impact the berm and not the ground. Do not shoot glass

Cease-fires, Before going down Range:

Verify the calling of a cease-fire with every shooter on the firing line, be cognizant of all people and their locations on the range at all times.

Make all firearms safe with actions open, magazines removed, and completely clear of ammunition. Do not handle firearms in ANY

fashion on the firing line while anyone is down range. When more than

one person is on the range, those present may appoint a Range Officer

to give "Cease-fire" and "Commence-fire" commands. Shooters on the

range must ensure that everyone is back from down range before the

"Commence-fire" command is given. Please be courteous when you

ask other shooters for a cease-fire. Ask for cease-fires at appropriate

times and frequencies. Always give the other shooter the opportunity to

complete his string of fire before commencing the cease-fire.

NO tracer ammunition may be used during high fire danger.

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Alcohol and Gunpowder don't mix. No alcohol is permitted on the firing lines. No one visibly impaired by alcohol or drugs will be allowed to shoot. Let's help each other keep shooting sports safe by correcting any unsafe condition that may arise due to alcohol or drug use. Do it now. Later may be too late!

Always control your muzzle. Point your gun down range and into a berm during loading, unloading, or when making adjustments or repairs, remember we have safe gun handling area, PLEASE USE them. Dry firing is to be in a down range direction and only from the firing line.

Clean up after yourself. Pull your targets after use and police your brass. Put all dud ammunitions in specially marked containers