

**MYSTIC ROD & GUN CLUB**

**GENERAL RULES  
AND  
COMMON SENSE PRACTICES  
GOVERNING**

**FISHING, HUNTING  
AND RANGE USE**

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**EVERY MEMBER IS REMINDED TO:**

**PLEASE TREAT THE MYSTIC ROD & GUN CLUB PROPERTY  
AS YOU WOULD IF YOU OWNED IT.  
BECAUSE...YOU DO OWN IT!!!**

**FISHING**

**CATCH AND RELEASE IS ENCOURAGED**

1. The fishing "week" (for creel limit purposes) runs just like the weeks on a calendar from Sunday to Saturday (you may take a creel limit on both Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend but you may not keep any more trout until the following Sunday). Trout caught and kept by your guests count against your weekly creel limit.
2. The use of single hook lures is required for trout. However, any trout accidentally caught on a treble hook lure while bass fishing should be kept because it will more than likely to die from its wounds.
3. The creel limit is two (2) trout per week from Opening Day thru May 31.
4. The creel limit after May 31 is five (5) trout per week
5. You are encouraged to keep all of the panfish (blue gills, bull heads, pickerel, etc.) you catch as this will help prevent over population and stunting.
6. The state size and possession limit for bass apply; the creel limit is six (6) bass of 12" minimum length per day. Catch and release is encouraged for bass as well as trout.
7. Anglers are limited to fishing with one rod with no more that two hooks, lures or flies attached.
8. Children (15 years and younger) may use bait at any time.
9. Adults (16 years and older) are encouraged not to use bait until after 31 May.
10. No live or dead bait fish other than shiners may be used (except when ice fishing). DO NOT dump left over bait into the pond at any time.

11. Enter your name and guests' names in fishing log located in the clubhouse before starting to fish and before leaving, record the number and species caught and kept.

12. Do not use gas motors on the pond. Electric motors are OK. If your boat has a gas motor it must be tilted out of the water while on the pond.

13. Please do not release any chain pickerel caught in the pond back into the pond. Keep them or throw them in the weeds for the wild critters to eat. They are overpopulating the pond.

14. When you are finished using one of the boats or canoes stored at the pond, please leave it upside down and as far off the mowed grass area as possible. This keeps rain out of the vessels for the next user also and lets the care taker mow the lawns efficiently.

## **HUNTING**

1. The club stocks pheasants.

2. The current hunting rules, hours and fees will be promulgated via the monthly newsletter prior to hunting season and posted in both clubhouses.

3. All members hunting the property are required to enter their name and the names of any family members hunting with them into the logbook located in the clubhouse. Before you leave, record all game harvested. There is a separate logbook for hunters using tree stands and ground blinds to alert others where you will be located while in a tree or blind.

4. Only club member's immediate family may hunt as guests (this is limited to spouses, parents and children). **NO OTHER GUEST HUNTERS ARE PERMITTED. REMEMBER - family members pheasants count against your bag limit.**

5. Private land permits for hunting deer and turkey on club property are available at the Stonington Clubhouse on meeting nights. They must be signed by the president or vice president. Private land permits will **ONLY** be issued to club members (no guests are allowed to hunt deer or turkey on Mystic Rod & Gun Club property).

6. A current Connecticut hunting license is required to hunt on Club property.

### **ARCHERY RANGES**

1. NO BROADHEAD ARROWS ARE ALLOWED, unless you provide your own broadhead target. DO NOT SHOOT BROADHEAD ARROWS INTO ANY OF THE CLUB'S TARGETS!

2. Clean up the range after you use it.

3. You are responsible for your guests.

### **FIREARM RANGES**

1. Only .22 short, long or long rifle caliber rimfire rifles may be shot on the indoor range.

2. PROHIBITED FIREARMS: Magnum .22 and .17 caliber rifles and pistols are prohibited (the cartridges are loaded with jacketed bullets which damage the backstop). ABSOLUTELY NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES ARE ALLOWED TO BE SHOT AT ANY TIME ON THE INDOOR RANGE.

3. All calibers of pistols or revolver are permitted on the indoor range; however ONLY LEAD BULLETS ARE ALLOWED. No jacketed or half jacketed or semi-jacketed bullets allowed.

4. On the indoor range, targets must be reeled down all the way to the backstop (50 feet). The only exception is when you are shooting 10 meter air guns or BB guns; there is a bar that will stop the targets at 10 meters.

5. Observe all safety rules while on the range.

6. Eye and ear protection is MANDATORY on ALL firing ranges for EVERY shooter, coach and spectator alike. If you are not wearing glasses and ear muffs or plugs DO NOT SHOOT OR OBSERVE.

7. FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY RANGE AT ANY TIME.

8. Only paper targets are allowed on the indoor range.
9. Glass, cans and plastic containers **ARE NOT TO BE USED** as targets on the outdoor range. Paper, wood blocks, balloons, skeet birds and like targets may be used. Steel silhouette targets and metal spinning type targets are also permitted. Please use common sense when choosing targets.
10. Please clean up your brass and used targets.
11. Combat/quick-draw style shooting is not permitted on the indoor range.
12. Shooting Hours:  
    **INDOOR RANGE - 8AM to 10PM**  
    **OUTDOOR RANGE - 9AM to dusk**  
    **SKEET RANGE - 8AM to 10PM** (when shooting under the lights)
13. **DO NOT PLACE TARGETS ON TOP OF THE BERMS** (dirt piles) on the outdoor range. Only place targets in front of the berms.

### **SKEET AND TRAP FIELDS**

1. The skeet field is open on Thursday evenings and Sundays and other days as determined by the Skeet Chairman.
2. Fees are set by the Skeet Chairman with the Board of Directors concurrence.
3. Members who want their own keys to the Skeet field must request them from the Skeet Chairman and receive instructions in the safe operation of the facilities and equipment.
4. Only use hand-traps on the edge of the field shooting out over the pond. **DO NOT** shoot where you may possibly hit any building or structure.
5. Pick up your empty shells.
6. Night skeet and trap under the lights is currently scheduled for Thursday evenings, weather permitting. The ranges are also open on Sundays **AFTER** regularly scheduled league matches.