



MEMBERSHIP MANUAL

Effective SEPTEMBER 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cocalico Sportsmen Association was founded in 1947 to further the outdoor sports of hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting. Occupying over 110 acres of beautiful, wooded land in Northern Lancaster County, the club and its over 2000 Members today maintain and promote our Founders' spirit of outdoor sportsmanship, with outstanding facilities for shotgun, rifle, handgun, and archery shooting, as well as fishing and hunting.

Please visit our web site, www.cocalicosportsmen.org for a current list of Officers and Trustees, dates and details of scheduled activities, schedule changes and cancellations, range closings, news, and other important information.

The monthly meeting takes place the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00PM and is open to Members and guests.

The Club is located 585 Sportsman Rd. in Denver, PA just off PA RT. 897 between Blainsport and Kleinfeltersville approximately (9) miles West of Rt. 272 and (8) miles East of Rt. 501.

GPS Settings: Latitude 40° 16' 422" N - Longitude 76° 10' 245" W.

Information in this manual is subject to change without notice. Please refer to the website for the latest information.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Cocalico Sportsmen Association operates almost exclusively through the generous help of volunteers. We do not maintain regular hours of operation that the clubhouse is open, but it is generally open during various activities, the schedules of which are listed on our website.

You may call 717-336-2997 and leave a message and someone will return your call.

Members in good standing are entitled to host guests to use our facilities, under their direct supervision at all times, and are responsible for the conduct of their guests while on club property. Host Members with guests should be considerate of interfering other Members using the facilities. Members are limited to a maximum of (3) guests per visit. A guest is permitted to use club facilities a maximum of (3) times, after which they should join as a Member.

Guests may use the pond but may not keep fish; catch and release only. Members may not use the Guest Pass for commercial purposes including charging guests for admission or firearm training purposes. Guests must complete and sign the Guest Liability Waiver prior to using the facilities. Detach and display the Guest Pass with the Host's membership card while using facilities and deposit the signed Waiver in the box at the clubhouse entrance.

Facilities may be closed occasionally for maintenance, please see the website for closings and obey all Range Closed signs.

The club property is open for hunting to Members only during the normal hunting seasons and hours established by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Hunters shall comply with all game laws and regulations while hunting on club property.

GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. Violations of any range rule may result in loss of range privileges, membership suspension or dismissal.
2. A current membership card must be displayed at all times on all ranges except on the shotgun ranges where Members and the general public pay a separate fee to shoot.
3. Children under 18 years of age must be directly supervised by a parent Member at all times. The term "parent" shall include grandparents or person in loco parentis.
4. No firearms or bows shall be handled while anyone is down range. Whenever anyone is down range all firearms shall be unloaded, with the action open and lying on the bench.
5. Shooters must ensure the firing line is clear before going down range.
6. Muzzles must be pointed down range at all times.
7. Shoot together and check targets together.
8. Spectators shall not distract or interfere with shooters.
9. No person shall use any range while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. No cross-range shooting on any range.
11. No glass or other "plinking" type targets on any range.
12. No firearms, bows or other equipment shall be handled without the owner's permission.
13. Fully automatic and .50BMG firearms are prohibited.

14. All shooting must be done from the established firing lines or benches with the following exception: Positional shooting (standing, sitting, kneeling or prone) may be done immediately in front of the shooting bench provided no other shooters are shooting from the benches. Bench shooters have priority and a positional shooter must yield the range to a bench shooter. Firing lines vary on the Handgun Range.
15. Please police the range; pick up spent casings and remove targets when finished shooting. Put all trash in the provided waste barrels. Firing lines and targets shall be cleaned up after use. Do not discard dud or live ammo in the waste barrels.
16. **Eye and ear protection is mandatory** on all Rifle and Handgun Ranges and Trap and Skeet Fields.
17. Do not monopolize a range or field while other Members are waiting to shoot.
18. **ABSOLUTELY NO SHOOTING** over any backstop or berm.
19. Observe posted range rules at each range.

RIFLE RANGES

1. Upper Rifle Ranges are closed:
 - 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00am to 3:00pm
 - WEDNESDAYS APRIL thru AUGUST – 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 - WORK PARTY SATURDAYS - 8:00am to NOON
2. Lower Rifle Ranges are closed:
 - 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 8:00am to 3:00pm
 - WEDNESDAYS: 11:30am to 2:30pm and 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 - THURSDAYS: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 - SATURDAYS: 11:30am to 2:30pm
 - WORK PARTY SATURDAYS: 8:00am to NOON
 - SKEET FIELDS in use for COMPETITIVE EVENTS – CHECK WEBSITE for DATES/TIMES
3. NO SHOOTING ON ANY RANGES BEFORE 8:00am OR AFTER SUNSET.
4. The Rifle Ranges are restricted to rifles, hunting style handguns, and shotguns using slugs only.
5. Any load firing a single bullet is allowed, however tracers or incendiary ammunition are prohibited.
6. NO STEEL CORE BULLETS ON REACTIVE TARGETS.
7. Only paper type targets are allowed. No “plinking” targets of any kind are permitted except air rifle or rimfire caliber swing type targets are permitted but must be set up immediately in front of the backstop.
8. Paper targets must be attached to the backer within the target frame. No targets may be attached to posts or railings at any time.

HANDGUN RANGES

1. Handgun Ranges are closed:
 - 1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00am to 1:00pm
 - WORK PARTY SATURDAYS - 8:00am to NOON
2. NO SHOOTING ON ANY RANGES BEFORE 8:00am OR AFTER SUNSET.
3. Firearms allowed on the Handgun Range are limited to handguns only, in handgun calibers only. No shoulder fired firearms are allowed, including rimfire rifles, pistol caliber carbines, nor AR Style pistols in rifle calibers.
4. AR Style pistols in pistol calibers only are allowed and attached arm braces may only be used as designed for bracing, but they cannot be used as a buttstock and fired from the shoulder mounted position.
5. Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCC) and Defensive Shotguns (DS) can only be used on the cordoned off right side of the Handgun Range, or on the Rifle Ranges.
6. Single shot style handguns such as the T/C Encore may only be used on the Handgun Range if chambered in pistol calibers. If chambered in rifle calibers they must be used on the Rifle Ranges.
7. The delineation of handgun versus rifle calibers can be found on the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI) website, www.saami.org.
8. NO STEEL CORE BULLETS ON REACTIVE TARGETS.
9. Do not shoot from a position less than 10 yards away from steel targets due to ricochet hazard. It is recommended that you do not shoot full metal jacket ammo at the steel targets due to ricochet hazard.
10. NO FULLY AUTOMATIC FIREARMS.

SHOTGUN PATTERNING RANGE

1. Patterning paper shall be mounted on the provided wire backer.
2. Shot of any material can be used, but no slugs allowed.

TRAP AND SKEET FIELDS

1. Hours for Trap Fields are as follows:
 - Monthly Trap shoot the second Sunday of each month from 8:00am to 3:00pm
 - Trap practice Thursdays starting at 6:00pm until 8:00pm
2. Hours for Skeet Fields are as follows:
 - Wednesdays-11:30am to 2:30pm and 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 - Saturdays-11:30am to 2:30pm

3. Trap and Skeet Fields are open to Members and the general public.
4. Eye and ear protection is mandatory for shooters and spectators on the Trap and Skeet Fields.
5. Shotgun actions shall be open at all times when not on the firing line unless the gun is in a gun rack or case.
6. Loading more than two shells at a time is prohibited.
7. Shotshells only with maximum Size 7 ½ shot.
8. Pick up fired hulls only when the shooting is finished.
9. Unorthodox or trick shooting is prohibited.
10. Use of a "hand trap" to throw clay targets by hand is permitted directly behind the first trap house closest to the clubhouse, except during organized shoots.

ARCHERY RANGE

1. The Archery Range is open to Members at all times and Guest Privilege Policies apply.
2. This range is restricted to archery equipment only, including crossbows.
3. Any type of field point arrow is allowed, broad head points are not allowed except on targets specifically marked for use with broad heads.
4. Nocked arrows must be pointed down range at all times.
5. No one shall nock an arrow while anyone is down range.
6. When searching for arrows behind targets, place your bow against the target face.
7. Members may bring their own targets but shall set them up so as not to interfere with archers shooting at the club provided targets.
8. TOWER FOR USE BY ARCHERS ONLY – NO ADMITANCE OTHERWISE – NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 ALLOWED – ARCHERS UNDER 18 ALLOWED ONLY WITH MEMBER ALONGSIDE.

FISH POND

1. The Fishpond is open to Members sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted. Guest Privilege Policies apply, but guests may not keep fish; catch and release only.
2. A current membership card shall be displayed prominently on an outer garment or on the display board provided for that purpose.
3. A Pennsylvania fishing license is required; however, Pennsylvania creel limits and tackle restrictions do not apply.

4. Creel and tackle restrictions are established by the Officers and Trustees and are posted on the club web site and on signs at the pond.
5. Between the winter stocking in October and the April Fish Rodeo, catch and release fly fishing with barbless hooks only is allowed. Please take care to ensure all fish are released alive and unharmed.
6. From the April Fish Rodeo until the winter stocking in October any tackle is allowed and (3) trout only per member per day may be kept.
7. Large algae eating carp are placed in the pond to help control weed growth. Other fish species exist as well and no fish other than trout may be removed from the pond and kept. Please carefully release alive and unharmed any species other than trout.
8. Camping, swimming, boating, ice fishing and fishing with a bow and arrow are strictly prohibited.

CLUB GROUNDS HUNTING PRIVILEGES

1. The club property is open for hunting to **Members only** during all Pennsylvania hunting seasons, with proper PA hunting license, permits and tags for the game being hunted required.
2. Hunters must comply with all Pennsylvania hunting laws, rules, regulations and bag limits and club hunting rules.
3. Hunters shall not interfere with normal club activities and functions, including all daily use of the rifle, handgun, shotgun, and archery ranges.
4. The safety of all hunters and persons using the ranges must be the most important consideration. Hunters must be aware that club members will be using the ranges and shall stay well clear of the danger zones. Members using the ranges must be aware there may be hunters in the area and shall be alert for persons walking onto the range unexpectedly.
5. Tree stands may not be erected before September 1st and must be removed by February 1st and identification requirements of the PA Game Commission are required.