

Delaware Rifle & Pistol Club

Holster Rules

Effective: December, 2022

Members of the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club may practice drawing and firing using a holster under the following rules. *Please note that Guests are not allowed the use of holsters at Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club.*

- All holsters must be strong sided belt mounted holsters that:
 - hold gun securely at all times
 - fully cover the trigger and trigger guard
 - not have any feature that could get inside the trigger guard when re-holstering that could accidentally depress the trigger
 - be worn nominally on the side of the body (i.e., at or slightly behind the point of the hip bone, but not in front of the body or behind the back)
 - not be canted to the rear more than 5 degrees from vertical.

- No one other than the shooter engaged in holster practice is permitted forward of the 50' benches when the range is "Hot", unless the person is an NRA certified pistol instructor or range safety officer and is engaged in training or support of the person performing the holster practice.

- Movement with a holstered firearm is permitted within the range area in front of the 50-foot bench and behind the 21-foot line, loaded or unloaded, whenever the range has been declared to be in a "no longer safe" or "hot" condition. Firearms equipped with an external safety must have the safety engaged prior to being holstered. Double Action/Single Action firearms equipped with a decocker must be decocker prior to being holstered. All firearms being used on the range must be un-holstered, unloaded and properly benched any time the range is declared to be in a "safe" condition or when a "cease fire" command is given. No firearms being used on the range, whether loaded or unloaded, are allowed to be holstered while there are shooters downrange.

- All shooting following drawing from a holster must be done between the front of the 50' bench and the 21' safety line. The only motion permitted while shooting is advancing directly toward the target. Lateral or rearward motion is not permitted. Turning and shooting is also not permitted.

- Cross-Lane Shooting – At no time shall a shooter, engage a target more than 1 hanger position different from the position in front of which he or she is standing (e.g., a shooter at position 4 may only engage a target at position 3, 4 or 5). No targets may be engaged on lanes 1 or 8 when shooting cross lanes.
- All reloading must be performed at a bench or table forward of the 50' benches and behind the 21' line. Tactical speed reloads are not permitted. Proper muzzle control must be maintained while reloading.
- Use of the range facilities at DR&PC is on a “first come” basis. It has long been club custom, however, to give priority to shooters wishing to do static shooting from (second priority) the 50-foot line and (first priority) the 21-foot line. Since holster practice limits the number of people who can actively shoot at the same time, members engaged in these activities shall finish their holster practice within not more than 30 minutes if other members are waiting to shoot. Members and their guests already engaged in static shooting activities may not be pre-empted by members wishing to engage in holster practice. As always, members are encouraged to communicate, and to use common sense and courtesy in using the range facilities.
- Safe Un-holstering of Firearms Being Carried Concealed - Legal concealed carry is allowed on the grounds of the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club, including inside all Club facilities. There are no restrictions on how members may carry a concealed firearm, however, for purposes of practicing with it, a firearm being carried concealed may only be taken from concealment on the range, at either the 50-foot or 21-foot shooting benches, while the range has been declared “HOT”. It is the responsibility of the individual to keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction during the complete act of taking it from its concealed carry position and to not allow the muzzle to sweep either themselves or anyone else on the line. At no time while being taken from the holster may the firearm be pointed up range or at a side wall in the range. Once clear of concealment, the firearm must be safely pointed down range, unloaded and benched prior to any further handling or use. These steps must be followed in reverse sequence when returning the firearm to its concealed carry position, whether loaded or not. If you are unsure of whether your firearm can be safely taken from its concealed carry position in accordance with this rule, do not attempt to do so.

At no time may a concealed firearm be drawn, loaded, unloaded, or holstered in any portion of a Club building or on Club property, except the range proper.

Clarification: (12/2022) Holster work cannot be performed from concealment, cross draw or from behind the back. All holster work must be open, strong side, outside the waist.