

GUNS N MOSES NJ Ten Commandments (Membership Agreement):

1. You must be 21 years of age to join the club.
2. You must have an active Firearms ID (*New Jersey or New York*)
3. If you had a Firearms ID in any other state, which that ID must NOT have been revoked for any reason.
4. You will be required to pay an \$80 club fee upon admission. **This is an annual fee**

This will be asked of the members annually to help reduce the costs of events, trainings, etc. To note, this fee will come back to members in the form of discounts on firearms, ammunition, and other gear/events as the club grows.

5. You will be required to purchase and wear club merchandise during Range/Training Events.
6. While not required, member donations are also welcome throughout the year to help support organization of events, etc.
7. By becoming a member of "GUNS N MOSES NJ" you will agree to hold all officers and affiliates of "GUNS N MOSES NJ" free of any liability.
8. You must undergo a background check (Group Discretion) and your admission may be denied for any reason.
9. You must agree to uphold the mission of this organization, be safe and respect all members/trainers including the establishments we may visit.
10. One Strike Rule- if there's a breach in conduct, the organization has a right to dismiss/suspend members at the President's discretion.
11. If traveling from another state to our events – Please remember to keep all firearms locked away until reaching our destination. (*Ex: Brooklyn to New Jersey*).
12. Obey all state laws in which we hold our events/courses.

If you agree to the stipulations above and wish to be considered for membership, please fill out completely, the Application:

FIREARMS SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS: Safety is fundamental to all shooting activities. Whether you're practicing at the range, cleaning your gun in your workshop, or defending your family from an attack, the rules of firearm safety always apply. Safe Gun handling involves the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes—knowledge of the gun safety rules, the skill to apply these rules, and safety-first attitude that arises from the sense of responsibility and a knowledge of potential dangers. Though there are many specific principles of safe firearms handling and operation, all are derived from four basic gun safety rules.

FUNDAMENTAL RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY

- 1) **ALWAYS TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED!!!**
- 2) **ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.** This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off, it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending upon the circumstances. If only this one safety rule were always followed, there would be no injuries from accidental shootings.

3) **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.** Your trigger finger should always be kept straight alongside the frame and outside the trigger guard, until you have made the decision to shoot.

4) **ALWAYS Know your target, YOUR BACKSTOP and what is beyond.** Whether you are at the range, in the woods, or in your home, if you're going to shoot you must know what lies beyond your target. In almost all cases, you must be sure that there is something that will serve as a backstop to capture bullets that miss or go through the target. Never fire in a direction in which there are innocent people or any other potential for mishap. Think first, shoot second.

RULES FOR USING OR STORING A GUN

In addition to these four basic firearm safety rules (Above), you must follow several additional rules when you use or store your firearm.

1) Keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use. A firearm that is not being used should always be unloaded. Similarly, a firearm that is being stored in a gun safe or lock box should generally be unloaded unless it is a personal protection firearm that may need to be accessed quickly for defensive purposes. Generally, whenever you pick up a gun, point it in a safe direction with your finger off the trigger, engage the mechanical safety-if the gun is equipped with one, remove the magazine, and then open the action and investigate the chamber to determine if the gun is loaded or not. This also applies to revolvers accessing the action via opening the cylinder. It is incumbent upon the owner/operator to know and understand his or her firearm and how to operate it safely and responsibly before handling and loading. Unless the firearm is being kept in a state of readiness for personal protection, it should be unloaded.

2) Know how to use your gun safely. Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Read the owner's manual for your gun. Know your gun's basic parts, how to safely open and close the action, and how to remove ammunition from the gun. No matter how much you know about guns, you must always take the time to learn the proper way to operate any new or unfamiliar firearm. Never assume that because one gun resembles another, they both operate in the same way. Also, remember a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Guidance in safe gun operation should be obtained from the owner's manual or a qualified gunsmith.

3) Be sure your gun is safe to operate. Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question regarding a gun's ability to function, it should be examined by a knowledgeable gunsmith. Proper maintenance procedures may be found in your owner's manual.

4) Use only the correct ammunition for your gun. Each firearm is intended for use with a specific cartridge. Only cartridges designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have ammunition type stamped on the barrel and/or slide. The owner's manual will also list the cartridge or cartridges appropriate for your gun. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the cartridge box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge head. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.

5) Wear eyes and ear protection as appropriate. The sound of a gunshot can damage unprotected ears. Gun discharges can also emit debris and hot gas that can cause eye injury. Thus, both ear and eye protections are highly recommended whenever you are firing live ammunition in your gun. Safety glasses and ear plugs or muffs should also be worn by any spectators or shooting partners during live-fire sessions.

6) Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting. Alcohol and many drugs can impair normal mental and physical bodily functions, sharply diminishing your ability to shoot safely. These substances must never be used before or while handling or shooting guns. Note that these effects are produced not just by illegal or prescription drugs. Many over-the-counter medications also have considerable side effects, which may be multiplied when certain drugs are taken together or with alcohol. Read the label of any medication you take, no matter how innocuous, or consult your physician or pharmacist for possible side effects. If the label advises against driving or operating equipment while taking the medication, you should also avoid using a firearm while taking it.

7) Store guns so they are inaccessible to unauthorized persons. It is your responsibility as a gun owner to take reasonable steps to prevent unauthorized persons, especially children, from handling or otherwise having access to your firearms. You have several options for accomplishing this. The storage method you choose will be based upon your own home situation and security needs.

8) Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions. There are many different types of firearms, some of which require additional safety rules or procedures for proper operation. These are commonly found in your firearm's owner's manual. Also, most sport shooting activities have developed a set of rules to ensure safety during competition. These rules are generally sport-specific; the procedures for loading your firearm and commencing fire, for example, are different in bullseye shooting than they are in Action Pistol competition.

Summary to Handgun Safety: Please understand that Americans enjoy a right that citizens of many other countries do not: The right to own guns. BUT with this right comes responsibility. It is the gun owner's responsibility to store, operate and maintain his or her guns safely. It is the gun owner's responsibility to ensure that unauthorized and untrained individuals cannot gain access to his or her guns. And it is the gun owner's responsibility to learn and follow all applicable laws that pertain to the purchase, possession and use of guns in his or her jurisdiction. Guns are neither safe nor unsafe by themselves. When people practice responsible gun ownership, guns are safe.

MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT USE OF FIREARMS AND/OR OTHER WEAPONS IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY, AND AS SUCH, MEMBER EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISK OF DANGER BY VIRTUE OF ATTENDING A CLUB EVENT WHERE FIREARMS AND/OR OTHER WEAPONS ARE USED. MEMBER FURTHER EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISK OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND/OR USE OF ANY WEAPONS BY WHOMEVER, INCLUDING OTHER MEMBERS, AND THE FIRING OF LIVE AMMUNITION AND/OR USE OF ANY WEAPONS BY THEM AND/OR ANOTHER, INCLUDING OTHER CLUB MEMBERS, AT ANY CLUB EVENT.

WHEN BECOMING A MEMBER OF GUNS N MOSES NJ – YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE ABOVE RULES, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT.

Signature of
Applicant _____ Date ____/____/____
Print
Name _____