



## RANGE SAFETY RULES

The following list of range rules were adopted by our club so that we may operate a safe and enjoyable shooting facility. These rules are not meant to restrict anyone from having a good time, but rather are to promote range safety. We are obligated to our members and surrounding neighbors to maintain shooting safety.

**Each shooter should be responsible for the safety of themselves and their fellow shooters.** Besides personal injury, any accident could cause permanent closing of our range.

### General Firearms Safety Rules

**1. To handle firearms safely requires the responsibility to have:**

- a. The proper **KNOWLEDGE**
- b. The proper **SKILL**
- c. The proper **ATTITUDE**

**2. Rules for SAFE GUN HANDLING (ODNR)**

- a. **Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction**
- b. **Treat every gun as if it is loaded**
- c. **Always be sure of your target and beyond**
- d. **Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot**

**\*As much as the management appreciates your patronage and wishes you a safe and enjoyable outing, our greatest concern is for everyone's safety, and we will not tolerate any unsafe behavior. Any person causing damage or injury by willfully violating our rules will be held personally responsible.**

\*Alcohol and illegal substances are not permitted on the range at any time. Anyone under the influence will be asked to leave. There will be no exceptions.

\*Eye and hearing protection should be worn by all shooters and close spectators.

\* All members and guests must read and sign Registration Form / Release and Indemnity Agreement form yearly.

**\*Shooters and spectators ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL LOSS OR ACCIDENT.**

**\*Check for clear background before shooting on all of our ranges.**

\*During all organized shoots, the shoot manager shall be considered the acting Range Safety Officer.

## General Range Rules (all ranges)

- 1) **NOT PERMITTED:** a.) **Persons who are prohibited by law from using firearms** b.) Fully automatic arms of any caliber, armor piercing ammo including steel tipped ammunition, weapons chambered for .50 BMG or larger military calibers, arms or devices that are illegal, exploding targets (Tannerite), or bouncing ground targets.
- 2) **BEFORE SHOOTING:** a) Check that the area around the range is clear. b) Notify anyone in the area of your intent to shoot. c) **BE SURE THE RED FLAG IS POSTED ON THE PISTOL HOUSE SHIELDING-WALL TO ALERT OTHERS THAT SOMEONE IS SHOOTING.** The flag is located on the pistol house shielding-wall -in a PVC tube.
- 3) If anyone is performing maintenance work or mowing in the area, you must first ask them for permission to shoot. Maintenance workers must also use caution when approaching the range areas while they are being used.
- 4) No shooting while the picnic area is rented, or during other public functions, such as scout outings. The rifle and pistol ranges are closed during sporting clay, skeet or trap shoots.
- 5) The general public is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** from shooting on any of the club's ranges, except while shooting at a supervised club function or as a guest of a member (See Member-Guest Exception).
- 6) The range is used on a first come-first served basis and users are limited to 1-1/2 hr. sessions if others are waiting.
- 7) When using the range for non-shooting functions, (dry firing, sight adjustment (or sighting-in), gunsmithing, accessory trials) yield to shooters if they are waiting.
- 8) When sighting-in your firearm on the rifle range, start at a close distance to the backstop such as 10-25 yards, increase the yardage by moving further from the backstop testing accuracy as you go until reaching your desired yardage -with 100yards being the furthest.
- 9) Multiple shooters will all fire from the same firing line, regardless of which range or distance is used.
- 10) Maximum range allowed for shooting is 100 yards back from the 100-yard rifle backstop.
- 11) Cease-fire and yield to any person, animal, or vehicle entering the range area.
- 12) Open gun action if gun is pointed in any direction other than downrange, and **ALWAYS OPEN ACTION AND BENCH ALL GUNS** when you and others are walking down range.
- 13) Shoot at safe, suitable targets only.
- 14) Targets must **ALWAYS** be placed at the dirt backstop base. (Not mid-range), and no higher than five (5) feet above the ground.
- 15) Confirm membership of any unfamiliar person(s) using the range. Ask for identification and record license number. If possible, remain on the grounds to witness any unsafe acts. If a problem occurs, contact the local police immediately.

16) When finished shooting, clean up targets, large brass, shotgun hulls and trash, even if they are not yours. Do not dispose of brass or discarded ammo in the trash burner or burn pile.

17) For rifle, pistol or archery; report any hazardous situations or shooters immediately to the club officers or Police depending on the severity. For **public** shoots or events report any hazardous situations or shooters immediately to the Manager on duty.

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING EXISTS UNDER ONE MILE BEHIND OUR RANGES. Keep that thought in your mind; any misguided bullet could result in disaster. YOU ARE LIABLE

### **Member-Guest Exception**

On the outdoor Rifle-Pistol, and Archery ranges, a member may bring a guest who may shoot. The member is totally responsible for the safe behavior of his guest while on club grounds.

**\*THE INVITING MEMBER ASSUMES ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL LOSS OR ACCIDENT.**

\*An agreement to accept the Registration Form / Release and Liability Indemnity Agreement will be READ AND SIGNED by the guest. \*The inviting member will fill out guest registration form.

The form is located on the front porch in the wooden box by the front door.

### **Specific Range Use Rules**

#### **Shotgun Ranges:**

1. All shotgun shooting in a non-supervised situation will be only at the trap field or the patterning range.
2. When throwing clay pigeons on the trap field, shoot towards the East (E) direction, only.
3. Do not shoot slugs or shot larger than #5 into the air. Shoot these only into the dirt backstops.
4. When using the patterning range, DO NOT USE: deer slugs, lead shot larger than #5, steel shot, handguns or rifles (unless loaded with shot shells).

### **Organized Shoots (Public Shoots)**

#### **Sporting Clays:**

1. Eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators.
2. Keep gun actions open and unloaded while not shooting.
3. No shooting by anyone standing outside the specific stations. Fire only in the normal target flight directions. DO NOT shoot at WILD or BROKEN targets.
4. Confirm that the previous squad is out of your area before shooting.
5. Only one shooter will fire at his or her own targets; NO BACKUP SHOOTING.

6. Verify that the trapper is in position before loading gun. Ask if trapper is "READY" before calling for targets. Let the trapper know of any delays, and signal when your squad is finished.

7. Shooters may be on only one squad at a time.

8. Shells with shot size diameter larger than 7-1/2 are strictly prohibited. Use only 7-1/2, 8 or 9 size shot

9. Only 2 (two) shells shall be loaded at one time. Carry only one gauge of shells at a time.

10. Shooters and pullers are to immediately report to the manager any unsafe condition or behavior.

#### **Skeet Range:**

1. Eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and near spectators.

2. Keep gun actions open and unloaded while not shooting.

3. Load and close action only on station and ready to shoot.

4. Only 2 (two) shells shall be loaded at one time with the exception of station 8 where only one shell will be loaded at a time. NOTE: On station 8, stand in the designated safe location (bench or paver). Also, after shooting the high house target, turn to the right (East) to be in position for the low house target and avoid pointing the shotgun at other shooters (flashing another shooter). Carry only one gauge of shells at a time.

5. No shooting by anyone standing off of the specific stations. Fire only in the normal target flight directions. DO NOT shoot at WILD or BROKEN targets.

6. Confirm that there is no one in the skeet houses before beginning the round.

7. Reload each skeet house after each round. (Exception: the low house trap may be reloaded while shooting station 7.

8. Only one shooter will fire at his or her own targets; NO BACKUP SHOOTING.

9. Shells with shot size diameter larger than 7-1/2 are strictly prohibited. Use only 7-1/2, 8 or 9 size shot

10. Shooters and pullers are to immediately report to the manager any unsafe condition or behavior.

#### **Trap Range:**

1. Eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and near spectators.

2. Keep gun actions open and unloaded while not shooting.

3. Load and close action only on station and ready to shoot.

4. Only 1 (one) shell shall be loaded at one time. Carry only one gauge of shells at a time.

5. All shooters will shoot at the same yardage.

6. An orange cone is placed on the top of the trap house when the targets are being loaded. Confirm that there is no one in the trap house and the orange cone is removed before beginning the round.

7. Shells with shot size diameter larger than 7-1/2 are strictly prohibited. Use only 7-1/2, 8 or 9 size shot

8. Shooters and pullers are to immediately report to the management any unsafe condition or behavior.

### **Pistol Range – Members Only:**

This range is for conventional handguns and .22 short, long, long rifle caliber rifles ONLY.

#### **SHOOT ONLY FROM INSIDE OF THE BUILDING**

**BE SURE THE RED FLAG IS POSTED ON THE PISTOL HOUSE SHIELDING-WALL TO ALERT OTHERS THAT SOMEONE IS SHOOTING.** The flag is located hanging on the pistol house shielding-wall in a PVC pipe w/lid

#### **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES USE:**

\*22 Magnum rim fire rifles

\*Center fire rifles (even if chambered for handgun calibers such as .357, .44, etc.)

\*Black powder rifles

\*Deer slugs

\*Steel shot

\*Handguns chambered for rifle, silhouette, or wildcat calibers

\*Any ammunition having a steel jacket or armor piercing function

1. Shooters are limited to 1 1/2 hours range time if others are waiting.

2. Handgun shooters have priority over other uses of the handgun range.

3. Eye and ear protection is required for anyone inside the building.

4. Breathing respirators are recommended for persons indoors, when the wind direction impairs the ventilation system. The gun smoke produced may contain lead dust.

5. Use paper target ONLY for mid-range shooting. Use the mid-range target holders and post targets at the appropriate heights only to ensure the target is aligned with the backstop and the rounds hit the backstop only.

6. Metal silhouettes must be placed INSIDE the steel back stop overhang, and ON TOP of the target stop.

7. Observe the signs posted inside and outside the pistol building for additional regulations. Check the bulletin board for any changes in policy.

8. On the INDOOR PISTOL RANGE a key holding member may bring one guest who may shoot. The member is totally responsible for the safe behavior of his guest while on club grounds.

9. Do not shoot into the railroad tie baffles at the bottom of the backstop.

### **Archery Range Rules – Members Only**

1. Post 'Range-in-Use' sign behind range near cabin
2. Complete Range & Liability form at clubhouse front door prior to use
3. No Broadheads or Razor tips on arrows
4. If an arrow is on the bow, it must be pointed at the ground or down range
5. Remain behind the shooting line until "Clear" command is given
6. Only shoot from the shooting line stations at each lane's target
7. Never shoot an arrow into the sky
8. No sky-draws
9. Youth shooters must be supervised by a responsible adult.
10. Members may bring a guest. The member is totally responsible for the safe behavior of his guest while on club grounds.