

TRI-COUNTY GUN CLUB



SAFETY AND RANGE RULES

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INTRODUCTION

Tri-County Gun Club Inc. is one of the premier shooting venues in the Northwest. Over the years, the club membership has grown considerably and neighborhoods have grown up around us resulting in an ever changing world for us. These changes, together with the normal risks associated with the handling and using of guns, require we adopt rules and procedures for our members and their guests to follow to insure that no injuries occur and no projectiles leave our property. It is each member's responsibility, as a condition of membership, to know the rules and follow them.

The fundamental responsibility for your safety, the safety of other members and guests and the safe operation of the Club lies with each member and these rules exist because of our peculiar location and incidents that have occurred here and elsewhere that have indicated to us that we need to have our shooting behavior codified more specifically.

Each of the rules of Tri- County Gun Club, Inc. has been carefully considered by the Rules Committee and the Board of Directors and is designed to provide a safe, pleasant place to shoot or to protect our surrounding neighbors, and to prevent unauthorized and inappropriate use of our facilities. The Board of Directors of the Club takes each rule seriously and has developed a disciplinary policy to deal with members who violate them.

Our Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are here to help members with problems and to insure the safety and enjoyment of all. Members must comply with these rules and with instructions of the RSOs. The RSOs are employees of the Club and, while their primary role is to insure safety by reminding members and guests of the rules, they are also empowered by the Board to enforce these rules and to temporarily suspend a member by taking their card if necessary. The conditions under which this can occur are spelled out in our Policy on Rules Violations, which is available to all members.

Should a member disagree with the interpretation of a rule, or with the rule itself, you should contact the Supervising Range Safety Officer whose name and contact information is in the Newsletter each month, and that person will take the issue up with the Discipline Committee, the Safety Committee or the Board as appropriate. While you may seek further explanation of a rule, refusal to comply or extensive or abusive argument with an RSO could result in suspension.

Members who have been suspended by an RSO are required to appear before the Discipline Committee or the Board, as directed, to regain their privileges. Members who are required to appear before either the Committee or the Board and who fail to appear as requested can face termination of membership.

SAFETY RULES

These rules apply to all guns (pistols, rifles, shotguns), air guns, BB guns, as well as archery equipment, all of the time, under all circumstances!!! There are no exceptions to these rules, and violations will be treated as serious.

Always follow these four basic rules:

All guns are always loaded and we treat them that way.

Never point your gun, whether loaded or not, at anything you are not willing to destroy.

Keep your finger off the trigger and alongside the frame until your sights are aligned and you have made the decision to shoot.

Know what your target is and what is beyond it.

Eye and ear protection is required on all gun ranges at all times while shooting or within a shooting shed or bay. Eye protection is required at all times and areas on the Action Ranges because of the increased possibility of ricocheting rocks or bullet fragments.

Alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are forbidden on Club property. Persons appearing intoxicated, disoriented, or otherwise not in complete control may be asked by the RSO or other Club officials to stop shooting or to leave the premises.

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

1. NEVER allow the muzzle(s) of your gun to point at any person, regardless of whether the gun is loaded or not. This is one of the most basic of all actions to prevent accidents. ALWAYS be aware of where your gun is pointed!
2. All rifles, pistols and shotguns being carried from a car to the shooting sheds on rifle and pistol ranges or to the Action Range safe areas must be cased (gun case, gun rug, stocking, wrapped or holstered) in such a manner that the receiver and trigger are not

exposed. If you want to show someone a gun offered for sale, deliver a gun, or just show it off, take it in a case to a range suitable for that gun and handle it only at the firing point, muzzle downrange, only during a hot range. Shotguns being carried to the shotgun fields must be cased or broken open or bolts locked back with a shotgun chamber flag in place. Muzzles must be pointed down for break-open guns and straight up for all others.

3. Persons should never be in front of the firing point on a hot range whether others are shooting or not.

4. TCGC photo membership cards are the property of the Club and must be worn at all times in plain sight and can only be used by the member whose name and photo appear thereupon. The card must be surrendered when requested by an RSO or any official of the Club.

5. Shooting hours start at 8:00am. The time to stop shooting on ranges without lighted targets is posted on signs at the entry gate, at the first intersection leading to the lower ranges and at the Action Range. At that time all shooting must stop. The Indoor Range shooting hours will be posted on the door to the range.

6. For ranges with lighted targets, the time to stop shooting is posted at the range.

7. Loaded guns are NOT permitted in the clubhouse, office trailer or Indoor Range ready room except for concealed handguns carried by those legally allowed to carry them. Such guns must remain concealed.

8. Open carry of handguns is permitted only for law enforcement officers in uniform or when prominently displaying their agency badges. The same applies to uniformed military personnel during official training.

9. Shooting at wildlife, rocks, berms and backstops (without a target in place), buildings, baffles, supports, signage, and anything not a Club-approved target is strictly forbidden.

10. Exploding targets or incendiary targets are not allowed at any time on any range.

11. Shooting anywhere but on a designated range is strictly forbidden.

12. All firing must be done at the designated firing point, never in back of it or in front of it.

13. Guns may be loaded only on the firing point just prior to shooting.

14. Loaded guns (except for shotguns on the shotgun fields) must never be pointed above the backstop on open ranges. An accidental discharge here could result in a projectile leaving our boundaries. Loaded guns must never be pointed at the baffles on the Conventional Pistol, General Purpose, Black Powder/Silhouette/Rimfire or 200-300 Yard Ranges or above the target area on the Indoor Range, as an accidental discharge will result in property damage. A gun is loaded if one or more cartridges is/are either in the chamber, cylinder or magazine if the magazine is inserted. A gun is unloaded if there are no cartridges in the chamber, cylinder or fixed magazine and/or the removable magazine is fully removed from the gun.

15. Full automatic fire is always strictly forbidden for anyone at all times, including three-round bursts, crank-fire, bump-fire, slide-fire, and any mechanical devices that simulate auto fire.
16. All shooting must be done in a controlled manner, aligning the sight system with the target.
17. The following types of ammunition cannot be used at any time on any range: .50 BMG, Simunition, tracer, incendiary, paintball, airsoft plastic pellets, or any projectile containing an explosive charge or any other type of ammunition which may reasonably be expected to damage berms, backstops, or other Club property.
18. Be courteous to all members and guests at all times: No music, loud talking, horseplay, or other behavior which is disturbing to others is allowed.
19. If you bring a pet to the Club, keep them safe and do not allow them to roam on a hot range. Clean up after your pet. Plastic bags are available outside the clubhouse.
20. Smoking is not allowed by law in any building, structure with three or more sides, within 10 feet of an entryway, windows that open, ventilation ducts or where posted.
21. Vehicles should not be parked in any manner which interferes with the flow of traffic or which will obstruct access for emergency vehicles to any part of the premises. "No Parking" areas will be enforced during shooting hours. Loading zones will be enforced during normal business hours.
22. No one is allowed to uncase or case or otherwise have an uncased gun if they are not on a firing point on a hot range. If a gun is not in a case it may not be touched (including putting it in or taking it out of a case) off the firing point unless it is a shotgun at the shotgun fields.
23. Unattended guns on the firing line must have magazines out, slides or bolts locked back or cylinders open and a chamber flag placed in the chamber or in the breech end of a revolver barrel. An "unattended" gun is one left on the bench when the shooter is away from the bench for any reason.
24. Do not leave unfired center or rimfire ammo on the ground. Do not place live unfired ammo, including duds, in the trash. These should be placed in the cans marked "duds" on each range or at the clubhouse.
25. Do not use ammunition with bullets that are marked "Armor Piercing", attract a magnet or have a tungsten core on any steel targets on any range.
26. While children are welcome at the club, they must wear eye and ear protection while on any range, whether shooting or not, and must be carefully monitored at all times by their parents or guardians so as not to become a danger to themselves or an inconvenience to other shooters.
- 27. Children under the age of 8 years are not allowed on the Indoor Range because of potential lead hazards.**

Shooting on indoor and outdoor ranges can result in exposure to lead which can cause health problems in both children and adults. Adults and especially children should wash

hands before eating anything or before leaving the range. Information on lead exposure is available in the TCGC Policy and Procedures Manual on the Clubhouse bookshelf.

CLEANING GUNS

1. Guns must be cleaned only at the firing point or in designated or permitted areas.
2. Cleaning of guns is not allowed in the Indoor Range ready room or in the clubhouse!
3. Guns being cleaned must be pointed downrange and not point across the range or muzzle up under any circumstances. The only exception is cleaning muzzle loading guns with closed breeches only on the Black Powder, Silhouette and Rimfire Range.
4. Guns may point down at a 45 degree angle facing down range for cleaning.
5. Pick up and dispose of all cleaning patches in red safety cans. Do not put other materials in these cans and be sure the cans close tightly.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES

1. TCGC hosts a number of Law Enforcement and Military Agencies. Because of the specialized needs of their formal training or qualification sessions, these groups are allowed to do a number of exercises that break our general safety or range specific rules. These exceptions include targets, gun type, and movement and have been reviewed by the Board of Directors and have been determined to be safe practices under the strict professional supervision under which these units shoot. They are not allowed unless they are in official training sessions under the supervision of training officers.
2. Certain approved matches and tournaments and organized practices for them have requirements that are not consistent with the general or specific rules. These have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and have been determined to be safe practices under the supervision of match and practice directors. These may involve guns generally prohibited on a range, certain types of movement and specific targets. They are only allowed at approved supervised matches and supervised or authorized practice sessions.

GENERAL CEASE FIRE RULES

A note on Chamber Flags: These are required for two reasons: first, by placing one, you are insuring that the chamber of your gun is open and empty, and secondly, your fellow members and guests can tell at a glance that your gun is safe.

The following rules apply on the Conventional Pistol Range, General Purpose Range, the 200-300 Yard Range, the 600 Yard Range, the Blackpowder/Silhouette/Rimfire Range and

the Indoor Range. Cease fire rules for shotgun and action ranges are discussed in the Range-Specific Rule Section below.

1. When entering a range during a cease fire, remain behind the yellow line, do not approach the bench and do not uncase or otherwise handle guns.
2. When a cease fire is called all shooting must stop immediately. Shooters must unload all guns, remove detachable magazines, lock back slides and bolts or open the cylinder as appropriate and place chamber flags in chamber or in the breech end of the barrel on revolvers. When your position is safe, move behind the yellow line and acknowledge the cease fire audibly or visually before proceeding downrange.
3. Gun handling is strictly forbidden anywhere within the range area during a cease fire, as is approaching the firing point except as noted below for brass recovery.
4. Guns on the firing point must be placed on the shooting bench or table with the muzzle pointing downrange and chamber flag in place. Barrels may be rested on sandbags and rifles with bipods may rest on the bipod.
5. All persons not going down range must remain behind the yellow line. This point is strictly enforced!
6. During a cease fire, brass may be recovered from behind the yellow line. Brass in front of the yellow line and around and ahead of the firing point may be recovered when everyone has returned from downrange and is behind the yellow line and before the range is called "hot".
7. Where warning lights are present on a range, they must be turned on before anyone goes downrange. If a caution flag is present on the range, it should be put in place by the first person going downrange, and brought back by the last person returning. Warning lights should be left on while brass recovery is ongoing, but the flag may be brought in.
8. Chronographs may be set up during a cease fire after everyone has returned from downrange. This may be done during the period of brass recovery as outlined above. No guns should be handled during this operation. If it is necessary to be sure that the gun, chronograph screens and target are properly aligned, this may only be done after everyone is back and behind the yellow line. At this time, the unloaded gun may be moved, and if needed, the screens moved. When all is ok, the range may be called hot.

GUEST POLICY

1. Each member is entitled to bring up to 3 guests. A guest is anyone who is not a member, and that includes the immediate family of a member (other than Additional Household Members). See rule 6 below for multiple members with guests.
2. Guests, including family members, must sign the Releases (provided at each range and the clubhouse) once during each visit to the Club. It is the member's responsibility to see this is accomplished. Guests under the age of 18 must have their parent or legal guardian sign the Junior Release. If you bring a guest under the age of 18 to the range who is not

your child or ward, you must have their parent or legal guardian sign the release beforehand. The Junior Release can be printed from the web site (www.tcgc.org).

3. Members are responsible for their guests knowing and observing TCGC rules.
4. Only one guest may shoot at a time. Guests may shoot only when the sponsoring club member is not shooting and is monitoring every shot of the guest from a position within arm's length.
5. Guests shall not handle guns without the member being present and must be well behind the firing line when not shooting or being instructed. Members and their guests must not split up to go to separate ranges. Members and their guests may separate to score targets, place targets, retrieve targets, for bathroom breaks and retrieving or placing of gear in vehicles.
6. In the event that more than two members with three guests each wish to join together for a special shoot such as a birthday, celebration, Boy Scout function, or any other reason, they must apply to the Executive Range Officer for authority to conduct such an event. Please consult the on-line calendar to be sure that the date and range you want are not already scheduled. The Executive Range Officer will then schedule the event, if it meets the objectives of the Club, when range space is available. Please plan such events as far ahead as you can as that will increase your chances of getting the date you want.

RANGE SPECIFIC RULES OF CONDUCT

GENERAL PURPOSE RANGE

50-100 YARDS

1. This range is for centerfire and rimfire rifles, shotguns with slugs and handguns with barrels of at least 5.5 inches.
2. Target holders shall only be placed at the 50 and 100 yard line holders.
3. Rapid fire, defined as more than 2 shots in one second is strictly forbidden on this range.
4. Targets shall be attached to the supplied carriers and must not extend above or below the carriers. Do not place targets over the center support.
5. When finished shooting, return the carriers to the proper place.
6. Sweep up all spent cartridge cases. Brass cartridge cases may be donated to the Club by placing them in the containers provided.

200 – 300 YARD RANGE

1. This range is for rimfire and centerfire rifles and scoped handguns with barrels of at least 5.5 inches.
2. Paper targets shall be placed only on the 200 yd and 300 yard target holders. Targets shall be attached to the supplied backers and must not extend above or below the carriers. No targets are allowed at any other distances except for the club provided steel targets.
3. The 100 yard carriers are for scheduled law enforcement training and scheduled events only. DO NOT use these targets and do not place any target at the 100 yard line.
4. When finished shooting, remove all paper targets from the carriers.
5. Sweep up all spent cartridge cases. Brass cases may be donated to the Club by placing them in the containers provided.
6. Carriers must be pinned in the down position when not in use.
7. Target backers should remain in the carriers.
8. Shooters may fire at the steel targets (when available) from any numbered position where the entire target is clearly visible. Do not shoot at these targets with ammunition that has bullets that attract a magnet or that have tungsten cores.
9. When someone is shooting offhand (from the lowest level in front of the prone/sitting "plateau"), only offhand shooters can be firing, all other rifles must be chamber flagged and all other people must be behind the yellow line. Offhand shooters must be courteous and give up the range after a reasonable time, especially when there are several other shooters present.
10. Rapid fire, defined as more than 2 shots in one second is strictly forbidden on this range.
11. Rimfire rifles and centerfire rifle and handgun ammunition with muzzle velocity under 1300 feet per second may be fired at the 300 yard targets only from the prone position or when sitting on the ground.
12. If the gates leading to this range and the Action Rifle Range are closed, the 600 yard line is in use. **DO NOT ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE GATES ARE CLOSED!**

SPECIAL RULES FOR MOVING TARGETS AT 300 YARDS **BOD Approved May, 2013**

1. Club-supplied moving targets may be engaged at 300 yards only.
2. Engaging moving targets at 200 yards presents a risk of impacts short of the back berm and therefore is strictly prohibited.
3. Moving targets are defined as the Club-supplied extension poles to which a cardboard or paper target can be mounted. All other forms of moving target are strictly forbidden. These targets are raised by a Club member only in the 300 yard pit to a height such that the orange placard is clearly visible from the firing line.

The long axis of the target carrier must remain vertical while targets are being engaged.

4. Moving targets may be engaged by a stationary shooter from anywhere in the bench-free area at the center of the range. The absolute limit of the movement area is clearly marked and visible from both the firing line and the 300 yard pit.
5. Shooting at moving targets is designated as a secondary use of this range and must not interfere with the use of the range for shooting at stationary targets. It may be necessary for shooters to constrict the actual boundaries of the movement area in order to accommodate the activity of other shooters on the range.
6. A buffer zone equal to the width of one stationary target holder must be maintained between the boundary of the movement area and any target holder in use. Engaging targets outside of the boundaries of the movement area is prohibited.
7. Stationary Target holders not in use must be retracted and pinned down.
8. Shooters are reminded that Rapid Fire, defined as more than 2 shots in one second, is strictly forbidden on this range.
9. Remember that members and their guests may not split up. This requires that 2 members be available to shoot at the moving targets. Only a member is allowed to move the target, and another member must be with any guests on the firing line.

600 YARD RANGE

1. This range is generally not open as it overlies the 200-300 yard range. **When this range is in use, the 200-300 yard range and the Action Rifle Range and the gates leading to them must be closed.**
2. This range is available for scheduled events only and shooters must be able to show that they and their equipment can be used safely at this distance. To obtain information on 600 yard prone and bench practice and matches, consult the Discipline Chairpersons for 600 Yard Prone and Bench, F-Class Rifle and Highpower listed in the newsletter.
3. It is absolutely forbidden to use this range at any other time!

ACTION RIFLE RANGE

1. Only Action Rifle certified members and Action Rifle certified immediate family members may use the Action Rifle range.
2. No uncertified members or uncertified guests may use this range.
3. Centerfire rifles and shotgun slugs only may be used on this range.
4. Do not use ammunition with bullets that are marked "Armor Piercing", attract a magnet or have a tungsten core on any steel targets.
5. Guns may not be handled when anyone is downrange!

6. Rifles and shotguns must be carried from your car to the range in a case. Rifles and shotguns may only be uncased when no one is downrange. Rifles may be left in the rifle racks with chamber flags but cannot be left on the benches or tables when someone is downrange.
7. Except when in the racks, muzzles of rifles and shotguns must be pointed downrange and never break the 180 degree line.
8. Muzzles of loaded rifles and shotguns must never point above the back or side berms.
9. The following are approved targets: cardboard and paper targets on approved carriers, rifle-rated steel targets on carriers that do not pose a ricochet hazard, stationary clay pigeons (not airborne) placed on approved stands (not on ground, props or wood target stands), bowling pins if placed on stands near the backstop. Cardboard and paper targets must be removed when finished shooting.
11. Member supplied steel targets have a minimum distance of fifty yards.
12. Club provided steel targets have minimum distance of seventy-five yards.
13. Rotating targets and target stands that pose a ricochet hazard are not allowed. Steel should be placed within ten feet of the back and/or side berms toward which you are shooting.
14. Care must be taken to place targets so that all bullet impacts are in the back and side berms. Bullets must never bounce off the ground or impact target stands or props such as barrels.
15. All shots must be aimed fire with the sight system aligned with the target.
16. Controlled, sighted rapid fire is allowed.
17. Fully automatic firing is not allowed at any time by anyone. This includes three round bursts, crank-fire, bump-fire, slide-fire, and any mechanical devices that simulate auto fire.
18. This range is primarily intended for action rifle (and shotgun slug) practice and matches and law enforcement training. If a certified shooter is doing something that can be done on another range, upon request by another certified shooter, he/she must release this range for action rifle practice.
19. If additional shooters want to use the range at the same time, attempt to integrate your practice with theirs. If not practical, you must give up the range sixty minutes after a request. The person requesting it must put their name and time of request on the grease board after notifying you.
20. Anyone attempting to monopolize the range by switching back and forth between buddies every sixty minutes will lose their action rifle certification. Any person or group on the range is subject to the sixty minute bump.
21. Violation of any of these rules is grounds for loss of Action Rifle certification.
22. Pick up all spent cartridge cases. Brass cases may be donated to the Club by placing them in the containers provided.

For information on becoming certified contact the Discipline Chair for Practical Rifle listed in the newsletter.

CONVENTIONAL PISTOL RANGE

1. This range is for handguns .50 caliber and under and .22 rimfire rifles. No bottleneck rifle cartridges or shotshells are allowed due to the nature of the backstop and intermediate berms.
2. Conventional pistol target carriers shall only be placed at the 25 and 50 yard lines.
3. Targets on 25 yard carriers need to be placed so the top of target does not extend above the carrier and the bottom of target does not extend below the carrier. Do not place targets over the center support.
4. Drawing from a holster and firing, whether concealed or not, is NOT allowed on this range. When removing a pistol from a concealed holster for practice on this range the gun may only be removed once to place it on the shooting bench. During the draw, the muzzle must not sweep, point to the rear of the firing line or adjacent firing points. Guns must be withdrawn from the holster in a manner that does not allow the muzzle to point at any person. Guns may be returned to the holster only once at the end of practice.
5. Rapid fire, defined as more than 2 shots in one second is strictly forbidden on this range.
6. Sweep up all spent cartridges behind the firing points. Brass cases can be donated to the Club by placing them in the containers provided.

SHORT DISTANCE PISTOL RANGE

NOTE: Action Range Certification is **not required** in order to use this range

1. This range is for handguns only, .50 caliber and under. No bottle neck rifle cartridges are allowed due to nature of the range construction.
2. Rapid fire (more than 2 shots in one second) is strictly forbidden on this range.
3. Only paper and cardboard targets may be used on this range. Targets must be attached to the supplied target carrier system.
4. Drawing from a holster and firing whether concealed or not is not allowed on this range. Concealed handguns may be drawn only to place it on the firing bench.

ACTION RANGE

1. When shooters are downrange in a Bay, there is to be no handling of guns behind them.
2. Uncased guns must not be handled outside the Bays.
3. Gun muzzles must never break the 180 degree plane.
4. Loaded guns must never point above the backstop or side berms. A gun is loaded if one or more cartridges is/are either in the chamber, cylinder or magazine if the magazine

is inserted. A gun is unloaded if there are no cartridges in the chamber, cylinder or fixed magazine and/or the removable magazine is fully removed from the gun.

5. Shooters must be Action Range Certified, except guests. Certified members must instruct guests on all safety procedures and supervise their guests at all times. Certified members and certified guests may shoot at the same time in the same bay if desirable or practical. Uncertified persons must not shoot while the member is shooting and the member must closely supervise them when they are shooting. Uncertified members shooting on this range as the guest of a certified member are not allowed to bring other guests to this range.

6. Permitted guns include handguns, pistol caliber rifles, pistol caliber carbines and shotguns.

7. Do not shoot steel shot at steel targets!

8. Not all cartridges may be fired on this range due to its open configuration. A list of approved cartridges can be found posted on the Stat Shack wall and on the Club website.

9. Controlled, sighted rapid firing is permitted.

10. Paper, cardboard, stationary clay targets and approved metal targets (IPSC, Cowboy, or Speed types) only. Cardboard and paper targets must be removed when finished shooting.

11. All targets must be placed on the berm or within 10 feet of the berm, but never on the ground. All bullets must impact on the target or on the berm.

12. Exceptions may be granted by the Board of Directors for certain approved shooters to place targets further away from the berms for practice for approved disciplines. These activities have been determined by the Board to be safe under specified circumstances and the members permitted to do this will be provided with a unique sticker on their badges. All bullets must still impact on the target or the berms.

13. All targets shall be placed in a manner that ensures bullets, slugs, birdshot and buckshot will not skip off the ground or impact into target stands, barrels or any other props. Barrels and other props may not be used as target stands. Paper and cardboard targets must be placed between sticks rather than over the sticks.

14. Steel targets must not be set less than 21 feet from shooter.

15. Any targets that tilt, rotate or spin in a manner that could cause bullets (or shot) to ricochet and leave the bay are prohibited, as are targets with horizontal round bars of one inch or greater diameter or any angled surfaces that could cause bullets (or shot) to ricochet and leave the bay. If a Range Safety Officer determines a target to be of this type, stop using it and contact the Executive Range Officer for assistance.

16. Shooting from outside the mouth of the bay is not allowed.

17. Holstered guns outside the bay may only be carried with the chamber or cylinder empty, magazine out, and hammer down.

18. When drawing from concealed carry, the muzzle must never break the 180 degree plane. When drawing from concealment with a cross draw, shoulder or horizontal small of

the back holster it may be necessary to turn the body so that the muzzle never points at others in the bay and so the 180 rule is not violated.

19. Safety Areas are identifiable as "alcoves" to the side of each bay and are clearly marked with "Safety Area" signs. Each Safety Area contains a red table. These areas may be used for casing, uncasing and holstering of unloaded guns, cleaning, repairs and maintenance of unloaded guns and accessories, practicing insertion and removal of unloaded magazines, practicing the draw and dry firing unloaded guns and any other reasonable activity with an unloaded gun and unloaded magazines. These Safety Areas may be used while shooting activity is taking place within the bay under the following conditions ONLY: The person using the Safety Area must be completely within the alcove before uncasing or otherwise handling a gun and the gun must always be pointed at the wall of the alcove behind the table. Absolutely no ammunition, real or dummy or snap caps, or anything resembling ammunition is allowed in the Safety Area. Pointing the gun in any direction other than the wall behind the table is strictly forbidden.

INDOOR RANGE

THE VENTILATION SYSTEM MUST BE ON WHENEVER ANYONE IS IN THE RANGE FOR ANY REASON IN ORDER TO LIMIT LEAD DUST EXPOSURE.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Centers for Disease Control warn that pregnant women and children under the age of 6 should be extremely careful about lead exposure. Because of the risk of lead exposure, pregnant women and children under 8 years of age are not allowed in the indoor range.

1. Range hours are posted on the range door.
2. .22 rimfire (.22 CB, short, long, long rifle), BB and air guns only.
3. .22's must be shot from the red line only at targets placed at 50 feet.
4. BB and pellet air guns must be shot from the red line. Moveable targets may be placed on the blue line which is 10 meters from the firing point. To reduce lead exposure to young shooters, these targets should be moved by adults.
5. Signage for positional shooting must be followed. This describes where targets must be placed for standing, sitting (on the floor), kneeling and prone positions and sitting at a bench.
6. No loaded guns are allowed in the ready room area.
7. Cleaning of guns is forbidden in the ready room.
8. Do NOT sweep the floor, this stirs up lead dust. Leave brass on the floor. If necessary, brass may be gently pushed to the side of the range with the tool(s) provided in the range. Leave brass on the floor! Ventilation system must be turned on whenever brass is moved. Moving brass must only be done by adults.

10. Eating and drinking are not allowed in the ready room or on the range.
11. All persons, but especially children, whether shooting or not, should wash hands thoroughly before eating, drinking, or leaving the Club.
12. Guns must not be uncased or handled in the ready room. Uncase all guns on the range itself.
13. Rapid fire, defined as more than 2 shots per second is not allowed on this range.
14. Loaded guns must never point above the target area or beyond the area covered by the black shredded rubber. A gun is loaded if one or more cartridges is/are either in the chamber, cylinder or magazine if the magazine is inserted. A gun is unloaded if there are no cartridges in the chamber, cylinder or fixed magazine and/or the removable magazine is fully removed from the gun.

SHOTGUN FIELD RULES

General

1. When carrying shotguns to and from vehicles and whenever crossing the parking lots, break open shotguns must be carried with the gun broken open. Pump, bolt guns and semiautomatics must have bolts open and locked back with chamber flags in place carried with the muzzle straight up or be carried, unloaded, in a case.
2. Due to the varied layout of the various shotgun fields, shotgun shooters must be especially diligent to avoid pointing their shotguns at anyone. This is one of the basic gun safety rules, and is strictly enforced.
3. Personal target throwers are not allowed due to the inability to adequately control target trajectories and the subsequent resulting shot fall.
4. Only one person may shoot at a time from any of the shooting stations. Backup shooting is not allowed.
5. Except when shooting Skeet, the maximum shot size on the shotgun fields is limited to #7 ½ lead or #7 steel. When shooting Skeet, the maximum shot size is #8 ½ lead or #8 steel. The maximum velocity of any ammunition must not exceed 1,350 FPS.
6. Range equipment must not be moved or adjusted.
7. Shoot only those targets thrown from the point you are shooting from.
8. Shotguns will be completely unloaded, including magazines, when moving from one station to another or to another part of the shotgun fields.
9. Do not shoot at targets that break when they were thrown or at target fragments.

SHOTGUN CEASE FIRE PROCEDURE

1. When a cease fire is called, all shooting must stop immediately.

2. Shooters must unload their shotgun, open its action to ensure that it is unloaded, and then store the unloaded shotgun in the gun rack provided with the muzzle up.
3. Place the yellow cease fire flags or signs that are provided in the appropriate holders at the shooting stations, or in front of the shooting positions as the field may require.
4. Due to the configuration of the shotgun fields, care must be taken to ensure that any adjacent field is also put in a cease fire mode. This is to ensure that anyone going downrange is properly protected.
5. When your position is safe, move behind the shooting station and acknowledge the cease fire audibly or visually before allowing anyone to proceed downrange.
6. All persons not going down range must remain behind the shooting station(s). This point is strictly enforced!
7. Firearm handling is strictly forbidden anywhere within the affected range area during a cease fire.

PATTERNING BOARD (PAPER)

The patterning board is for determining the pattern of a shotgun. It is not to be used as a target for practice! Do not fire slugs at the patterning board!

1. Unroll a suitable length of paper from the roll and attach it to the frame using the clamps provided.
2. Shoot only from the cage and shoot only at the paper.
3. Move, or roll, the cage to the yardage from which you wish to shoot.
4. Only load your gun while in the cage when you are ready to shoot.
5. Shoot from a standing position only.
6. Before going downrange to check your pattern, use the gun rack or the notches in the shooting cage to store your gun, unloaded, action open and muzzle up. Break open guns may be unloaded and closed.
7. After shooting, please return the cage to the designated yardage indicated by the "Return Cage Here" sign.
8. Please clean up the area of any shell casings and used pattern paper before you leave.

POINT OF IMPACT PATTERNING PLATE

The Patterning Plate is for determining the pattern of a shotgun. It is not to be used as a target for practice!

1. Lead shot only... NO STEEL SHOT!!
2. No shot size larger than #7 1/2 lead.

3. Use the materials provided to "coat" the pattern plate before shooting.
4. Shoot only from the shooting station, which is 16 yards away from the plate.
5. Shoot only from the standing position.
6. For detailed explanation on how to interpret the results of your pattern, please see a Shotgun Program Representative or read the material on the club website under the Shotgun Program tab.
7. Before going downrange to check your pattern, use the gun rack or the notches in the shooting cage to store your gun, unloaded, action open and muzzle up. Break open guns may be unloaded and closed.
8. Please clean up the area of any shell casings before you leave.

SCHEDULED TRAP SHOOTING

1. No shot larger than 7 ½ lead or #7 steel.
2. Observe cease fires. A yellow flag means someone is inside the trap house and the entire field is in cease fire.
3. No more than 2 shells may be loaded at any time.
4. Follow all directions by the Discipline Chair.

SCHEDULED SKEET SHOOTING

1. Only # 8 ½ and #9 shot are allowed.
2. No more than 2 shells may be loaded at any time.
3. Follow all directions of the Discipline Chair.

BLACK POWDER, SILHOUETTE AND RIMFIRE RANGE

This is a multi-purpose range accommodating black powder shooting, NRA type centerfire and rimfire silhouette match shooting and practice, and rimfire and air rifle shooting only. All shooting must be done from the firing line.

Guns allowed on this range are limited to:

1. Muzzle loading pistols and rifles including percussion and flint ignition.
2. Black powder handguns including black powder cartridge or percussion and flint ignition handguns using black powder or black powder substitutes ONLY.\
3. Centerfire rifles limited to the following types of ammunition:
 - a. Pistol caliber rifle ammunition such .44-40, .357 and .44 Remington Magnum etc. (No cartridge more powerful than .44 Remington Magnum) using full metal jacketed round nose, soft nose or hollow-point bullets, lead or plated lead bullets.

- b. Bottle-necked rimmed cartridges with muzzle velocity below 2500 fps, with cast or soft point bullets: .30-30, .32sp, .348 Winc., .38-55, .45-70, etc.
 - c. Bottle-necked rimmed cartridges with muzzle velocity above 2500 fps, with cast lead bullets ONLY: .30-40 Krag, .303 British, 7.62 Russian, etc.
 - d. Bottle-necked rimless cartridges with cast or soft point bullets: .35 Remington only.
 - e. Bottle-necked rimless cartridges with cast lead bullets ONLY: .250 Savage, .300 Savage, .308, .270, .30-06, .358 Winchester, etc. No belted or other magnum cartridges allowed.
- 4. All .22 and .17 rimfire rifles.
 - 5. Air rifles.

NO OTHER HANDGUNS OR AMMUNITION ARE ALLOWED ON THIS RANGE.

A. BLACK POWDER SHOOTING

- 1. Do not load guns at the firing point, only at the loading line.
- 2. Cap or prime only on the firing point. Containers of priming powder (cans, horns, etc) must be closed and placed in a pouch or pocket before firing.
- 3. Powder cans must be closed on the loading line, firing point or in any buildings.
- 4. Guns shall be carried muzzle up between the loading benches and the firing point.
- 5. Flintlocks must have shields on the side of the gun where the lock is located. Shooters must supply their own shields.
- 6. Wipe the bore of muzzle loaders between each shot. This should be done at the loading tables.
- 7. Shooters shall not blow down the muzzle of a gun.
- 8. Extreme caution shall be used when clearing black powder guns that will not fire.
- 9. No smoking is allowed under the covered shooting area, the loading area or within 10 feet of any black powder container.
- 10. Handguns must NOT be used to shoot steel silhouettes.
- 11. Paper targets on approved target frames may be placed at all distances beyond 25 yards.
- 12. Discard cleaning patches and targets in the containers provided.
- 13. Do not shoot at the animal shaped metal targets with handguns.

B. METAL SILHOUETTE OR PAPER TARGET SHOOTING

- 1. Shooting silhouette is not allowed with handguns.

2. Shooters may fire at the larger/thicker rifle caliber animal targets with any rifle action following the ammunition limitations listed above.
3. Shooters may fire at the smaller/thinner (pistol caliber) animal targets only with rifles using rimfire or pistol caliber ammunition with cast lead, plated lead, or jacketed round nose, hollow point or softnose bullets ONLY.
4. Paper targets on supplied target frames may be placed at all distances beyond 25 yards.
5. Club supplied metal animal shaped and geometric shaped silhouette targets must be on supplied holders at set distances. Steel silhouettes must not be moved to other distances.
6. Allowed cartridges may be shot at all distances greater than 25 yards.
7. Minimum range for steel silhouettes is 40 meters.
8. Only club supplied steel targets may be shot on this range except for small metal spinners set up under the metal backstops provided.

C. RIMFIRE RIFLE AND AIR GUN SHOOTING

1. Paper targets on approved target frames may be placed at all distances beyond 15 yards for air rifles and 25 yards for rimfire rifles.
2. Small metal spinners must be set up under the metal backstop (see photo on the range wall).
3. Targets may be engaged out to 200 meters.

ARCHERY RANGE

1. Archers must shoot from a common shooting point.
2. No cross range shooting.
4. Broad head arrows and bolts are not allowed for use on the large white "block" TCGC targets. "Block" targets are for field or target-tipped arrows only.
5. Broad head arrows and bolts may be used with your personal target or on the 3d targets provided by the club.
6. Shafts shall be spined appropriately to the bow being shot.
7. Cross bows may be used provided they do not generate over 200 ft./lbs. of energy.
8. Never nock, draw, or shoot or handle a bow when anyone is down range.
9. Always point a bow downrange with arrow parallel to the ground when drawing it.

10. Never point a bow skyward (sky-draw) when drawing it. If one needs to "sky draw" a bow, it is too heavy for that individual and should be replaced with a lighter bow.
11. Cross bows must be pointed down range at all times, including when being cocked and/or unloaded. If not fired, the bolt must be removed and the cross bow uncocked.
12. If you need to look for lost arrows, place the yellow flag in front of the firing points and place your bow on the hanger in front of the target so others know you are down range.
13. Do not move or remove targets.



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