



LAKE CHARLES

GUN CLUB

**Range Rules
&**

Procedures

Web Site:

www.lakecharlesgunclub.net

RANGE PROCEDURES AND SAFETY RULES

The following rules will apply to all shooters participating in any shooting activity at the Lake Charles Gun Club.

I. GENERAL:

1. **It is your range! Keep it Clean.** Pick up your brass and put it in the 2Gallon buckets, Steel & Aluminum cases go in the white trash cans. When you are finished shooting, remove your paper targets and put them in a trash can. If you shoot 20 rounds, then you are responsible for picking up 20 rounds no matter where they fall.
2. All shooting will be done shooting into the wooden 4 X 4 frames. If you can't hit the 4 X 4 impact board frames, you shouldn't be shooting at that yard line.
3. Hours of operation may be modified from time to time at the discussion of the Club Management to accommodate shooting events in rifle, pistol or shotgun. When same is necessary, advance notice will be given if possible to minimize inconvenience to club members. Membership cooperation in these matters will be most appreciated.
4. No shooting will be conducted between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM unless prior approval has been granted by Club Management.
5. One Saturday per month is reserved for 4-H events all Day.
6. The Lake Charles Gun Club shall be closed on Mondays until noon for down range maintenance and mowing.
7. Membership cards should be carried always.
8. Eye and Ear protection must be worn always by shooters.
9. Pistols (Handguns) may be shot on the rifle range at the target stands set-up by the club manager. Rifles or shotguns cannot be shot on the pistol range under any circumstances.
10. Only range frames and steel targets are to be used. No personal frames or steel can be brought in and used at the Lake Charles Gun Club.
11. Flags for the rifle range are designed to be lowered when hanging or checking targets and they should be raised when the range is ready for firing. When the flag is down then everyone should leave their table alone, don't fill magazines, adjust scopes, Etc. Flag is UP the range is HOT/Live. Flag is down the range is COLD.
12. No targets are to ever be hung on or above the yellow tape. The tape ensures the steel is not shot up and prevents possible ricochets.
13. You cannot bring your own target stands or use any unapproved items as targets on any of the ranges.
14. No BMG .50 caliber gun can be shot at the Lake Charles Gun Club at any time.
15. Non-members shooting rifles or pistols must be shooting as the guest of a member who is present at the Gun Club and shall pay a daily fee of \$25.00 before they begin shooting. The immediate family of members (under 18 years of age) and spouses are considered members. If no member is present, the one-day fee for non-member is \$50.00.
16. All guests are required to check-in at the clubhouse before shooting and check-out before exiting the club.
17. Any member or guest caught not cleaning up or violating any of these policies are subjecting to forfeit of their membership.
18. Remove old paper targets when you are finished shooting to prevent trash from being spread around the property.

19. NO LIVE AMMO is to ever go in the trashcans. Any round that misfires should be placed in 2-gallon buckets so they can be properly disassembled.
20. Rapid fire can only be shot at the 25 yd and 50 yd line. 100-600 is for slow accurate firing only.
21. Any member who observes any safety violation is required to report to management immediately. Members are only allowed to call a cease fire until management deems range safe.
22. Memberships are granted and can be revoked according to managements discretions For any unsafe Acts.

II. MEMBERSHIPS:

1. Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun & Archery membership fee is \$250.00 per year (full 12 months).
2. Cowboy Club (Up the Creek Gang), Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters & Active-Duty Military membership fees are \$200.00 per year.
3. Clay Shooting per box of shells: Members \$15.00, Non-Members \$20.00.
4. *Non-member shooting rates for Rifle & Pistol are \$25.00 as posted above and a member must be present. If no member is present, the one-day fee for non-member is \$50.00.

III HOURS OF OPERATION:

Members Hours:

Monday thru Sunday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Non-Member Hours:

Monday thru Friday 9:00AM to 6:00PM

Saturday and Sunday only permitted when clubhouse is open.

Call 337-513-7447 for Appt times.

1. SHOTGUN SHOOTING:

- a. Shotgun shooting will take place Monday through Sunday at the times listed above on the Skeet – Trap fields and 5-Stand field.
- b. Only shotgun slugs may be used on the rifle range. Any other shell type must utilize the pattern board provided on field beside the pistol range.

2. RIFLE SHOOTING:

- a. Rifle shooting will take place Monday through Sunday at the times listed above.
- b. Rifle shooting will take priority on all days other then the days listed as Shotgun priority.

3. PISTOL SHOOTING:

Pistol shooting shall take place Monday through Sunday at any times listed above.

IV RIFLE AND PISTOL SHOOTING RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Always keep weapons pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep actions open and firearms unloaded until ready to use.
4. Know your target and what is beyond.
5. All shooting should be done in such a manner that all projectiles will strike one of the backup berms.
6. **Cross-target shooting is not permitted on the range, e.g., all shooting should be done from west to east, so all projectiles should travel in an absolute easterly direction as opposed to northeast or southeast.**
7. Be sure your weapon is safe to operate, particularly in the presence of others.
8. Know how to operate your weapon safely and ensure that those shooters accompanying you as shooters are familiar with gun safety.
9. Use only the correct ammunition for your weapon.
10. When shooting more than one firearm, use one at a time and, when finished, store that firearm and its ammunition before using the next one.
11. Always wear ear and eye protection when shooting or when near other shooters.
12. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
13. Store weapons so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
14. The shooting of rifles at distances more than 100 yards shall be progressive. That is, the 200-yard target must be shot accurately prior to shooting the 300-yard target – the 300-yard target must be shot accurately prior to shooting the 400-yard target – the 400-yard target must be shot accurately prior to shooting the 500-yard target, and the 500-yard target must be shot accurately prior to shooting the 600-yard target.
15. Do not handle any loaded firearm while others are down range.
16. Unload open the action or remove the magazine when walking down range.
17. Always ensure that the “firing line hot” flag is raised prior to shooting.
18. Shoot only during designated times and days for rifles and pistols.
19. Repair or replace any target frames that you may damage.
20. No Rifles can be shot on the pistol range at any time.
21. Pistols can be shot on the rifle range at the targets pre-set by management.
22. When anyone is down range lay your gun on the bench and do not touch it, do not adjust scope, load magazines or anything else. Place it on the bench and back away from it, no touching a gun when someone is down range!
23. You must pick up your spent shells and place them in the buckets attached to the poles on both rifle and pistol ranges.
24. You may keep your own spent brass, but do not take any other spent brass from the range.
25. **We have steel targets at the 3, 4, 5, 600-yard lines. These steel targets can only be shot with 30 calibers or less bullets.**

V SHOTGUN SHOOTING RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Shoot only within the times prescribed or approved by the club manager.
2. All shotguns should be either broken open or bolts locked back in the case of semi-automatic shotguns when not on a shooting station.
3. Shotguns should not be loaded until on a shooting station ready to shoot.
4. Departing a shooting station with a loaded firearm is absolutely prohibited.

5. Firearms should always be pointed down range and never in the direction of another shooter, whether loaded or unloaded.
6. All NSSA and NSCA Rules of Safety should be observed always.

Do's and Don'ts for Range Knowledge

Being a responsible firearm owner comes with many responsibilities, safety being the most important, of course and understanding range etiquette is an integral part of firearm safety.

Following and practicing good range etiquette, whether an indoor or outdoor range, is always the way to go. It only takes one bad apple to reflect poorly on all responsible firearm owners.

So, you bought your first pistol and can not wait to get some rounds down range? Congratulations- welcome to the exciting, wonderful world of firearms and shooting sports. If you are like most of us, you probably don't have your own private land to shoot on , which means you will be heading to a range on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of stories out there about poor shooting- range conduct. When range rules get broken, it is usually because of the lack of education and the lack of practice of proper techniques.

So, we are here to help you avoid being “that person”- the unsafe and disruptive shooter at the range.

Here are a few simple rules and courtesies to keep in mind when you hit the gun range

- **Fundamental safety- first and always**

While this may seem obvious, its vital to learn and always practice firearm safety. Sometimes even experienced shooters get too comfortable in their routines and become lax with gun

safety. This is never acceptable. You should always be a good student and ambassador of the universal firearm safety rules.

- a. Treat all firearms as if loaded
- b. Keep your finger off the trigger until the sights are on target
- c. Never point a gun at something you are not willing to destroy
- d. Know your target and what is beyond

• Follow range rules

This goes without saying, but we'll say it anyway- follow the rules of the shooting range you are on. Shooting ranges operate on similar rules, but each individual range will most likely have unique rules. If you have a specific question, call the range before heading over. This could save you some time and grief. If you're wanting to shoot your new SAINT, some indoor ranges do not allow rifles. Most ranges have specific rules about ammunition also, and don't allow steel-core (armor Piercing) ammo.

• Listen to the Range Safety Officer

Range safety officers (RSO's) are present for everyone safety. Unfortunately, they sometimes get a bad rap for yelling (remember we all have ear protection on) or being mean. Trust us – they have a hard, risk filled job where they occasionally get guns pointed at them. A job most people would probably not want, so why not help make their jobs a little easier. If you follow the firearm safety rules, practice good range etiquette and are always listening for and following the RSO's commands, you should never get singled out or yelled at by the “mean” RSO's.

• Slow and Easy

If you are a beginning shooter you are undoubtedly experiencing a lot of new rules, terminology, techniques, and procedures. Flat- out it can be overwhelming.

Kippi Leatham instructs her new shooters to “slow-down- take the extra time to think about what you are always doing -. Think about where the muzzle is pointed. Think about where your trigger finger is.

Safety is always No. 1 priority when handling firearms. Once you make the commitment to learn proper gun safety and get some experience under your belt, you will realize that it’s the best investment you can make.

- **Loading and Unloading**

When you are on a shooting line, there are going to be other shooters next to you. For this reason, it is of the utmost importance that the muzzle never points to the right or left of you.

Take extra care when loading and unloading your firearm, making certain to keep the muzzle pointed downrange. If you need leverage to manipulate the slide, turn your body sideways (versus the gun). This enables you to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, as opposed to pointing it at the person next to you.

- **Cease Fires**

During a “cease fire” RSOs require you to unload your firearm and lock the slide/cylinder open and then ask you to step behind the visible line on the ground while shooters go downrange to tape and set targets. Firearms are NOT allowed to be handled during a cease fire. Once unloaded, leave the

firearms alone and grab anything you need from the line before backing away from the table (phone, water bottle, etc.). Cease fires are a good time to chat with the shooter next to you, hydrate, send a text, or check an email. Just do all of this behind the cease-fire line.

- **Don't Backseat Shoot**

How many people are fans of backseat drivers? Probably not many. The same goes for the gun range. Unless someone asks, it's courteous to keep techniques corrections and tips to your own lane, even if the person next to you isn't using the stance you would.

However, if someone is doing something dangerous it needs to be addressed immediately. Report the incident to the RSO, or, if you are comfortable, deal with it directly.

- **One Last Thing**

Make sure to clean up after yourself when you're done shooting. Any brass, ammo boxes, or miscellaneous trash should be picked up. It might seem like a small ordeal but leaving your mess for someone else to clean up is frustrating for the next person and leaves less than stellar impression.