

# Parker County Sportsman Club

## Rules

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## PCSC General Rules

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1. The normal membership is a Family Membership, which includes the Member, his or her spouse, and dependent children under 18 years of age that are listed on the membership application or renewal application. The Member is given a gate key and a badge which is to be *worn at all times while on Club property*. The listed spouse and children may accompany the Member for shooting activities and are not considered guests. *Only one member of the family (other than the Member) may shoot at a time*, as the Member is responsible for the actions of their party at all times.
2. Parker County Sportsman Club is for the use of all Members. Treat it and all Members with care and respect.
3. Theft or abuse of Club property shall be reported. Members observing theft or abuse of Club property should record the vehicle license plate number of the Member perpetrating the theft or abuse.
4. Gate shall be kept locked and all Members and guests are required to sign-in and sign-out on the log provided in the gatehouse. Members are required to obtain guest signatures on the Club Liability Waiver forms prior to entering the Club property with a guest. *Please print legibly all requested information*.
5. The first Member on each day shall raise the Red Flag to indicate that Ranges are in use. The last Member to leave shall lower the Red Flag and return it to its storage container.
6. The use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs is forbidden on Club property, and anyone under the influence is prohibited from being present on Club property.
7. Please keep the restroom doors closed and report any water leaks A.S.A.P. Call 817-229-8625 to report any issues.

8. Willful destruction of Club property (shooting at target frames, frame holders, shooting at non-approved targets, digging in berms, driving off graveled area, etc.) may result in loss of membership.
9. Every Member of our Club is responsible for his or her safety as well as the safety of other Members and guests.

Shooting hours are from legal sunup to legal sunset as published in the daily newspaper. **Except with board approval.**

10. All minors 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied **and supervised** by an adult Member at all times.
  11. **Please keep the ranges clean.** Pick up trash and brass, and place trash and used targets in the trash cans.
  12. Wildlife found on the range shall not be shot at, trapped, baited, or otherwise disturbed in any way without written authorization of the PCSC Board of Directors.
  13. Please report all accidents on PCSC property to the Club Manager (Henry Harwood @ 817-229-8625).
  14. **Please bring current rule book in your range bag or vehicle.**
  15. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KNOW THE RULES !!!!!!!!!!!!!**
  16. **RULE FOR PROFIT – Anyone using this club for personal profit or a special event has to ask the board for approval, supply proof of insurance, and give compensation as determined by the Board to the club.**
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## PCSC General Range Rules

Revision: May 2014

### **Gun Safety is our Primary Objective:**

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1. All shooters and non-shooters shall wear protective glasses and proper hearing protection when near a firing line that is declared HOT.
2. Club organized Matches and Events will be posted on the Club Website ([www.parkersportsman.com](http://www.parkersportsman.com)) and in the Club Newsletter. No other use of the Range will be allowed while the Range is hosting a Club organized Match or Event unless permitted by the designated Match/Event Director.
3. Fully automatic firearms are not allowed on any Range. This includes the use of “crank fires”, “springs”, “hell fires”, “bump fires”, “slide fires”, etc.
4. Firing rapidly in an uncontrolled manner is prohibited, and is defined as being “any rate of fire whereas the shooter is unable to stay on the designated target.” No rapid fire at all is allowed on Range C.
5. Only shoot at the following approved targets –
  - a. Paper targets and balloons.

- b. Clay birds placed on the berm no higher than 7 feet from the base of the berm and at least 3 feet from the base of the berm.
  - c. Plastic jugs filled with water only. Place all remains in the dumpster when done.
  - d. Clay birds thrown into the air (on the shotgun ranges ONLY).
  - e. **Metal targets in containment pipes on B and C, And metal plates on Range G**
6. No shooting at any targets placed on the ground.
  7. **All ranges that have steel plates – B,C, and G if anyone moves the firing line forward closer to the steel plates will be an AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL FROM THE CLUB**
  8. **ALL BULLETS MUST IMPACT BERM !!!**
  9. No .50 BMG ammunition is allowed, but all other .50 caliber ammunition is allowed.
  10. No tracer ammunition of any kind is allowed.
  11. Do not handle other people's equipment without their permission.
  12. All paper targets shall be centered on the target frame.
  13. Treat others with *respect and patience*.
  14. Suspend and cease-fire at 20-minute intervals for target changes unless all shooters agree otherwise.
  15. Shoot in your designated lane only. Do not fire diagonally across firing lanes. **Except on Range B & C the benches directly in front of the steel containment pipe may be used for shooting steel plates in the containment pipes.**



16. No shooting at steel unless authorized by the PCSC Board of Directors, with the sole exception being the steel Shotgun Patterning Board. **Except for Ranges B,C,& G**
17. **All firearms (including shotguns) must be unloaded, have their actions open, or be in a closed case, bag, or holster before leaving from or returning to a vehicle.**
18. When the Range is made SAFE/COLD, all firearms shall be placed on the bench and must be unloaded with actions open, or secured inside a closed case. **The use of Open Chamber Indicators is highly recommended.**
19. Range A is the designated range for sighting in firearms.
20. Steel Targets Please refer to section on shooting steel targets on Ranges B, C & G.

**18. Self healing targets may be used with approved plastic or wood frames. The targets must be high enough for the bullets to impact the berm!!!!**

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### **Making the Range SAFE/COLD**

When making the Range SAFE/COLD, place the Safety Flag or Sign in front of the firing line benches or use the Safety Strobe Lights (if installed on that Range) before going downrange. Remove the Flag or Sign and/or turn off the Safety Strobe Lights before declaring the Range HOT.

In preparation for going downrange (when any Range is declared SAFE/COLD), all firearms must be unloaded with actions open, or secured inside a closed case. *As mentioned before, the use of Open Chamber Indicators is highly recommended.*

**There is to be NO handling of firearms when the Range is made SAFE/COLD**, and all people are to remain behind the RED LINE or **at least** one arm's length away from the bench and/or any firearms until such time that the Range is once again declared HOT. **You are not allowed to pack or unpack your equipment, case or uncase firearms, nor carry any of the before mentioned items to or from the bench while the Range is declared SAFE/COLD and people are downrange.**

The Range may **NOT** be made HOT until **EVERYONE** has returned from downrange.

Range A & F – IF the firing line is moved forward the yellow flag must be in place to indicate to new arrivals that people are downrange. DO NOT SIT AT THE BENCH OR HANDLE FIREARMS !!!!!!

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## **Black Powder Safety Requirements**

1. Keep all powder containers capped.
2. Leave percussion caps off until you are ready to shoot.
3. **Absolutely NO SMOKING** in proximity of the loading area.
4. Keep the firearms on half-cock and uncapped.
5. Shooting Black Powder is not allowed if there is a Burn Ban in effect. Check <http://parkercountytexas.com> for Burn Ban Status before coming to the Range.

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## **PCSC Specific Range Rules**

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## Range A (25 & 65 Yard)

1. Range A has 25 yard and 65 yard distances from the covered firing line. The firing line on Range A may be moved forward of the concrete if all shooters agree, and only for 20-minute intervals so as to respect the desires of any new arrivals. **If the firing line is moved forward, the Safety Flag should be in place to indicate to any new arrivals to not handle firearms as shooters are downrange. NO SITTING OR HANDLING OF FIREARMS AT THE BENCHES**
2. Shotguns and handguns loaded with shot shells may be fired at plastic jugs filled with water, or clay birds placed on the berm as per section #5 under General Range Rules. Remains of jugs must be disposed of in the dumpster. DO NOT shoot at paper targets with shot shells.
3. Rifles, handguns, and shotguns firing slugs may be fired on Range A at approved targets only as per section #5 under General Range Rules.
4. Drawing from a holster is allowed on Range A. Refer to the Holster Section for important information.
5. When the Range is made SAFE/COLD, all firearms shall be placed on the bench and must be unloaded with actions open, or secured inside a closed case. *As mentioned before, the use of Open Chamber Indicators is highly recommended.*
  - a. Double-action revolvers are placed with the cylinder rotated open.
  - b. Single-action revolvers are placed with the cylinder removed or secured inside a closed case.
  - c. Semi-automatic pistols are placed with magazines removed and slides locked to the rear.
  - d. Muzzleloaders are placed on half-cock WITHOUT percussion caps in place.
  - e. **Range A is the designated range for sighting in all firearms.**

## **Range B (50 & 100 Yard)**

1. The only handguns that may be fired on Range B are Hunter-type or Silhouette handguns firing Magnum or bottleneck cartridges.
2. Slugs may be fired from shotguns on Range B.
3. Only use PCSC Approved Targets as per section #5 under General Range Rules.
4. When the Range is made SAFE/COLD, all firearms shall be placed on the bench and must be unloaded with actions open, **remove detachable magazines**, or secured inside a closed case. *As mentioned before, the use of Open Chamber Indicators is highly recommended.*

### *5. Shooting Steel plates on Range B*

*1. Members shall provide their own steel plates which will fit into the containment pipe. Members will attach a bracket to the top of the plate to fit a 1/2 inch rope so the plate will swing. No other steel plates are approved.*

*2. Only one steel plate to be placed on Range C inside the containment pipe.*

*5. The shooting positions are center lanes or prone between these 2 positions. No other lanes may be used.*

*6. No shooting at steel plates during a burn ban.*

*7. Do not move the Firing Line forward when shooting at steel plates. Any member caught moving the Firing Line forward to shoot at the steel plates may be automatically dismissed from the club.*

*7. Firing line can not be moved forward unless approved by the board (IE) Matches*

## **Range C (200 & 250 Yard)**

1. The only handguns that may be fired on this range are Hunter-type or Silhouette handguns firing Magnum or bottleneck cartridges.
2. DO NOT place targets closer than 200 yards on Range C. Target frame holders will be maintained at 200 yards and 250 yards.
3. Clay birds and/or plastic jugs filled with water may be placed on the berm no higher than 7 feet from the base of the berm and at least 3 feet from the base of the berm. Place all remains of plastic jugs in the dumpster when done.
4. Only use PCSC Approved Targets as per section #5 under General Range Rules.
5. No rim fire ammunition of any kind is allowed on Range C.
6. When the Range is made SAFE/COLD, all firearms shall be placed on the bench and must be unloaded with actions open, **remove detachable magazines**, or secured inside a closed case. *As mentioned before, the use of Open Chamber Indicators is highly recommended.*
7. *Shooting Steel plates on Range C*
  - A. *Members shall provide their own steel plates which will fit into the containment pipe. Members will attach a bracket to the top of the plate to fit a 1/2 inch rope so the plate will swing. No other steel plates are approved.*
  - B. *Only one steel plate to be placed on Range C inside the containment pipe.*

8. *The shooting positions are Lanes 6 & 7 or prone between these 2 positions. No other lanes may be used.*
9. *No shooting at steel plates during a burn ban.*
10. *Do not move the Firing Line forward when shooting at steel plates. Any member caught moving the Firing Line forward to shoot at the steel plates may be automatically dismissed from the club.*

## **Ranges D (Shotgun Ranges)**

1. Range D is Trap and Skeet area and has a special use policy that will be explained to new members. Members that use this range will need to attend a separate orientation to use this range.
2. No rifles or handguns may be fired on Range D
3. No shot larger than 7 1/2 is allowed for clay birds .Only use shot sized 7 ½ , 8 or 9 . Do not fire slugs on Range D
4. Shooters shall not allow their shotguns to swing outside RED safety Zone Markers.
5. Shooters will only load their shotguns after they are standing on their respective shooting station. Two shells may be loaded for shooting doubles or 2 consecutive singles on this.
6. The pattering boards are located on the north end of range D and may be used anytime but for safety concerns **communicate** with any shooter using north field.
7. Shot size larger than 7 ½ maybe fired at the Shotgun Patterning Board  
However DO NOT fire buckshot or slugs at the Shotgun Pattering Board
8. Shotguns are to be patterned on the Shotgun Patterning Board only. The firing line will be located between 27 yards and 40 yards from the Shotgun Patterning Board.

## Range E

Range E is the shotgun area open to all members and the rules are covered with range rules.

A. Firing location is from a line beside the operator on the left or right no farther than 12 feet. Never have a loaded gun to the rear of the operator and use the cage if there is any doubt about a new shooter.

B. The use of an extra thrower is allowed as long as no standing rule is broken.

The patterning boards are located on the north end of range D and may be used any but for safety concerns communicate with any other shooter using the north field.

1. No rifles or handguns may be fired on range D
2. No shot size larger than 7 ½ is allowed for clay birds. Use only shot sizes 7 ½ 8 or 9.
3. Only load one shell unless shooting doubles on this range, then 2 shells may be loaded.
4. Do not fire shotgun slugs or buckshot on Range E
5. **Use caution when using hand traps in order to avoid personal injury**  
in any doubt as to proper operation of the hand traps ask for assistance.

**We highly recommend that a new shooters shoot from the cage for the sake of their safety and the safety of those around them**

**6. Shotguns should be patterned on the Shotgun Patterning Board only. The firing line will be located between 27 yards and 40 yards for the Shotgun Patterning Board. Patterning board is located north of the Trap and Skeet range.**

**7. Shooters shall not allow their shotgun to swing outside the RED safety Zone Markers.**

## **Range F (50 Foot)**

1. Cartridges up to and including .44 Magnum and .45 Colt may be fired on Range F. Any cartridge more powerful than .44 Magnum is not allowed.
2. .22 rim fire rifles are the only rifles allowed on Range F. No centerfire rifle cartridges are allowed on Range F.
3. Shooting from the prone on Range F is allowed ONLY with approval from the PCSC Board of Directors, and then allowed only while supervised.
4. Drawing from a holster is allowed on Range F. Refer to the Holster Section for important information.
5. Only use PCSC Approved Targets as per section #5 under General Range Rules.
6. When the Range is made SAFE/COLD, all firearms shall be placed on the bench and must be unloaded with actions open, or secured inside a closed case. *As mentioned before, the use of Open Chamber Indicators is highly recommended. **Everyone must be behind the RED LINE***
  - a. Double-action revolvers are placed with the cylinder rotated open.
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7. If the firing line is moved forward, the safety flag should be in place indicating to any new arrivals not to handle firearms as shooters are down range.

**NO SITTING OR HANDLING FIREARMS AT THE BENCH !!!!!**

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## **Holster Section**

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1. Reminder: **Drawing from a holster can be dangerous.** All Safety Rules must be followed closely.
  2. DO NOT sweep the muzzle on any body part of your own or anyone else on the Range.
  3. DO NOT draw from a holster using live ammunition while standing on the cement pavilions.
  4. DO NOT draw from a holster using live ammunition when drawing from behind the back or using a shoulder holster.
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## **PCSC Guest Pass Policy**

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1. A guest is anyone a Member brings to the Range with the intention of allowing them to shoot, and is not covered under the normal Family Membership.
2. A Guest Membership is required in order to allow guests to shoot.
3. The Member is responsible for his or her guests and their actions.

4. The Member must accompany all guests while they are handling firearms.
5. A Guest Membership comes with a separate badge to be worn by the person shooting, and only one guest is allowed to shoot at a given time. Guests shall shoot only in the lane adjacent to the Member. In the case of a crowded Range, Members will shoot on the same lane as their guest. Under no circumstances should a Member, guests, and/or family members occupy more than two adjacent shooting lanes. *The Member must maintain close supervision of guests and family members at all times.*
6. Members may only bring non-members to Events that are open to the public. Among these are New Member Orientation Classes, Board Approved Matches, and Swap Meets.
7. All guests shall sign a Hold Harmless Agreement at the gatehouse each time they arrive at the facility, whether or not they plan to shoot.

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## **PCSC Safety Violation Policy**

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1. All safety violations/infractions must be reported in writing to the Club and reviewed by the Safety Committee.
2. A written request will be sent to the Member concerning the violations/infractions with a request to respond in writing within ten (10) days of the letter. The Safety Committee will review this response and they will make a recommendation to the Board. If the Member does not respond to the letter as requested, then his or her membership may be canceled.
3. The Board, by a majority vote, may take action as they see fit.

4. The Safety Committee may recommend that a Member, found to be unsafe, repeat the Safety Orientation as well as pay the current Initiation Fee associated with it.

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## **Pertinent Information**

### **Club coordinates:**

32 degrees 59.884 minutes North latitude

97 Degrees 55.457 Minutes West latitude

Elevation 1240 Feet above sea level

Weatherford Regional Medical Center

817-596-8751

Palo Pinto General Hospital

940-325-7891

Parker County Sheriff's Dept            817-594-8845

Poolville Volunteer Fire Dept            817-523-2056

Weatherford Police Dept                817-598-4310

### **Contact Information:**

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