

Parker County Sportsman Club Rules

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Gun Safety is Our Primary Objective

The 1st Law of Gun Safety – Treat all firearms as if they were loaded.

The 2nd Law of Gun Safety – Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.

The 3rd Law of Gun Safety – Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.

The 4th Law of Gun Safety – Always be sure of your target and what is around and beyond it.

BE SAFE AND ENJOY OUR CLUB

Our Club

Parker County Sportsman Club, established in 1956, is a non-profit organization managed by member-elected officers and board of directors. A club of like-minded families who enjoy a relaxed but safe place to target shoot, practice marksmanship, tune our firearms for hunting, and put some lead down range on targets.

To keep this club open, well maintained, and safe, you, the member, must set the example by following the rules and keeping everyone around you safe.

-Your Parker County Sportsman Club Safety Committee

Membership

- 1) **Family Membership:** Memberships include the entire family (the member, their spouse, and dependent children under the age of 18).
 - a. The member must wear the club-issued badge at all times while on club property.
 - b. Only two members of the family are allowed to shoot at a time, as the member is responsible for spouse and dependent(s).
- 2) **Guest Badge:** To allow a guest to shoot, a sponsoring member with a guest badge is required.
 - a. The guest must wear the guest badge at all times while on club property.
 - b. Only one guest may shoot at a time.
 - c. The guest must shoot on the lane adjacent to the member.
 - d. All guests and the sponsoring member must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement/Club Liability Waiver at the sign-in house each time the guest arrives at the club whether or not they plan to shoot.
 - e. In case of a crowded range, the member and guest will shoot on the same lane.

Arrival and Departure

- 1) **Arrival:**
 - a. Lock the gate behind your vehicle and move forward to the sign-in house.
 - b. Raise red flag indicating the range is in use.
 - c. If utilizing the sporting clays/archery ranges, also raise the orange flag indicating those ranges are in use.
 - d. Complete all information on the log at the sign-in house (name, member number, date, time of arrival, license plate, etc.).
 - e. Guests are required to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement/Club Liability Waiver, and the sponsoring member is required to sign that same form.
 - f. If utilizing the sporting clays or archery ranges, you must also sign into the separate logbooks for those ranges.
- 2) **Departure:**
 - a. If departing from the sporting clays or archery ranges, sign out of the appropriate logbook and pay the fee for the clays used.
 - i. Lower the orange flag if you are the last person to leave the sporting clays/archery ranges.
 - b. Sign out of main logbook at the sign-in house. Please complete all information (time of departure, ranges utilized, concerns or comments).
 - c. If you are the last member to depart from the club, lower the flags.
 - d. Lock the gate behind your vehicle after passing through.

General Rules

- 1) **Shooting Hours:**
 - a. Legal sunrise to legal sunset.
 - b. Board approval may be given for special events such as night shoots.
- 2) **Alcohol and Illegal Drugs:**
 - a. Members and their guests are prohibited from using or being present on club facilities when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - b. Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on club property.
- 3) **Minors (17 years old and under):**
 - a. Minors must always be accompanied and supervised by the member.
 - b. No “horse play” is allowed while on club property.
- 4) **Keep the Range Clean:**
 - a. Place used targets, brass, and any trash in the provided bins.
 - b. Leave club property cleaner than when you arrived.
 - c. A dumpster is available near entrance for extra trash.
 - d. Keep any misfired (struck primer) cartridges and deactivate them at home.
- 5) **Willful Destruction of Club Property:**
 - a. Do not shoot at target frames, frame holders, or non-approved targets.
 - b. Do not dig into berms.
 - c. Do not use any other method that may cause destruction of club property.
 - d. Do not shoot the baffles.
- 6) **Restroom:**
 - a. Keep doors closed to prevent wildlife from entering the restrooms.
 - b. Report water leaks as soon as possible by calling the club office at 817.271.0467.
- 7) **Wildlife and Domestic Animals:**
 - a. It is prohibited to shoot, trap, bait, or otherwise disturb wildlife without written authorization from the Parker County Sportsman Club (PCSC) Board of Directors.
 - b. If domestic animals come onto the property and near a range firing area, halt firing activities until the animals are removed from the property.
- 8) **For Profit Use:**
 - a. Members who wish to use the club property for personal profit or special events must have approval from the Board of Directors. Supply proof of necessary liability insurance, and provide compensation as determined by the Board of Directors.
 - b. During on-site training classes, the club member instructor is the sole club sponsoring host required.
- 9) **Matches and Events:**
 - a. Matches and events for members and their guests are allowed with approval of the Board of Directors.
 - b. PCSC matches and events are posted on the club's website (www.parkersportsman.com) and in the monthly newsletter.
 - c. Range(s) being used in a match or special event is closed to regular shooting until the match or special event has concluded.

- d. Range flag control and usage is under the active control of the match director or special event director and may deviate as needed from standard rules and controls stated herein for the duration of the match or event.
- e. Other deviations from these standard rules may occur as authorized by the Board of Directors for the match or event, such as target types, target locations, participants' movement and shooting locations upon the range during the match or event.

10) Understanding of Club Rules:

- a. Members are responsible to know the rules.
- b. Bring a copy or have electronic access to rule book while on club property.
- c. The rule book may be revised from time to time. The version in effect is the version on the club website. Download a new copy as the annual update becomes available on the website.

11) Safety/Rule Violations:

- a. Members observing other members committing unsafe actions, violations of rules, theft, or abuse of club property should engage with the other member(s) at that time to assist in resolving any issues. When that is not possible, then the observing member is to report the incident to the club by either calling the club's office at 817.271.0467, or emailing to membership@parkersportsman.com, or by using the club's safety incident reporting system.
- b. Information needed for reporting includes a description of the actions observed, identification of those committing the actions via pictures, video, or description of vehicle(s) and license plate(s) of those observed.
- c. As a self-policing club, it is your duty to report violations.
- d. Safety or rule violations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, assisted by the Safety Committee when requested, who will then determine if repercussions are required for the involved members.

Shooting Rules

1) Protective Glasses/Ear Protections:

- a. All participants, whether shooting or not, must always wear proper eye and ear protection.

2) Automatic Firearms:

- a. No automatic firearms are allowed to be used on club property.
- b. No simulated automatic firearms devices are allowed for use.
 - i. This includes, but is not limited to crank fires, hell fires, bump stocks, slide fires, binary triggers, etc.
- c. No firing with intervals less than one second. All shots must be controlled.

3) Approved and Prohibited Ammunition:

- a. Each range may have individual ammunition limitations (see each range section herein). In general, most pistol and rifle calibers are allowed, such as 9 mm Full Metal Jacket (FMJ).
- b. No .50 BMG is allowed. All other .50 caliber ammunition is allowed.

- c. No tracer, incendiary, armor piercing, steel core, or steel jacketed ammunition is allowed. Note: steel jacketed ammunition is typically older Eastern European ammunition with a copper coating over steel jacketing on the bullet.
- 4) **Courtesy:**
 - a. Do not handle other people's firearms or equipment without permission.
 - b. Treat others with respect and patience.
 - c. Cease fire should be called at 20-minute intervals so shooters can change targets, unless otherwise agreed upon by all shooters on the range.
 - d. Shoot in your designated lane. Do not shoot diagonally across lanes.
- 5) **Sighting in Firearms:**
 - a. Use Range A for initial sighting in of rifles.
 - b. Use Range F for initial sighting in of pistols.
 - c. Pistol caliber carbines - .44 magnum or larger, sight in on Ranges A and then on Range B prior to use on Range C.
- 6) **Shooting at Steel Targets:**
 - a. Personal steel targets may be used on Ranges B and C, following the range specific requirements of each of those ranges.
 - b. Personal steel targets are prohibited for use on ranges during a burn ban. Please see www.parkercountytx.com or call 817.598.0969 and select Option 1 for current burn ban status.
- 7) **Black Powder:**
 - a. Keep all powder containers capped when not in use.
 - b. Leave percussion caps off until ready to shoot.
 - c. Absolutely NO SMOKING in proximity of loading area.
 - d. Shooting black powder is prohibited during a burn ban. Please see www.parkercountytx.com or call 817.598.0969 and select Option 1 for current burn ban status.
- 8) **Air Guns:**
 - a. Muzzles must be pointed downrange when loading projectiles.
 - b. High-pressure air tanks must have current certification and be restrained to the bench or ground.
 - c. Rifles must be on racks when the range is declared cold.
- 9) **Target Frames/Target Placement:**
 - a. PCSC provides target frames to be used in designated target frame holders.
 - i. Paper targets and balloons should be positioned in the center of the target frame and attached to the backer to prevent destruction of the framing.
 - b. Personal target frames are prohibited.
 - c. Do not use any other target frame holders without Board of Directors' approval.
 - d. Target types allowed on each range are listed in the table below.
 - e. Appropriate target types (clays, plastic jug, etc.) may be placed on the range's berm. When placing targets on the berm, the targets must be positioned between 3 feet and 7 feet as measured from the ground level in front of the berm.
 - i. Do not dig into or otherwise change the berm.
 - f. Place targets and review shooting angles to ensure all projectiles impact the berm.
 - i. Bullets striking the ground in front of the berm could skip over the berm. Projectiles leaving the range are your responsibility.

- ii. Shooting targets placed on or near the ground or timber crossties is prohibited.

Table of Approved Targets

Approved Targets	Range A	Range B	Range C	Range D	Range E	Range F	Range G	Sporting Clays	Archery
Paper Targets	YES	YES	YES			YES			
Balloons	YES	YES	YES			YES			
Clay Targets	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	
Plastic Jugs	YES	YES	YES			YES			
Machine Thrown Clays				YES	YES			YES	
Club Steel Plates							YES		
Personal Steel Plates		YES	YES						
3-D Targets									YES

HOT/COLD Range Procedures

1) Cold Range – Yellow Flag:

- a. To establish a cold range, all firearms must be unloaded with actions open or secured in a case. Empty chamber indicators (ECI) are highly recommended to be placed in the open actions.
 - i. Place double action revolvers with the cylinder rotated open.
 - ii. Place single action revolvers either with cylinder removed or secured in a case.
 - iii. Place muzzleloaders on half cock and ensure no percussion caps are in place.
- b. Place the yellow flag in the flag holder in front of the firing line benches.
- c. Declare the range cold to anyone else present at that range.
- d. No handling of any firearms, cased or uncased, is allowed at this time.
- e. The range is now safe to go downrange.
- f. Everyone at the benches must remain behind the red line after the range is declared cold. Do not approach the bench for any reason.
- g. Do not load or unload firearms from your vehicle while the range is cold.

- h. Range Specific:
 - i. Ranges A and Range F – If the firing line is moved forward, the Yellow Flag must be in place to indicate to new arrivals at the range that people are downrange.
 - ii. Chronograph Setup (Ranges A, B, C, and F) – No one is allowed downrange, and everyone must remain behind the red line until chronograph setup is complete. Upon completion, announce to everyone that the setup is complete, and range can go hot or remain cold.
- 2) **Hot Range – Red Flag:**
- a. Ensure no one is downrange.
 - b. Place the red flag in the flag holder in front of the firing line benches.
 - c. Declare the range hot to anyone else present at that range and remind everyone to have eye and ear protection in place.
 - d. This is the only time you may handle firearms.
 - e. You may move firearms to or from your vehicle while the range is hot.
 - f. As a courtesy for the next member, if you are the last person leaving a range, make sure the red flag is posted so the next member may immediately unload their firearms from the vehicle upon arrival at the range.

Range Specific Rules

- 1) **Range A (25 and 50 Yards):**
- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Handguns
 - ii. Rifles
 - iii. Shotguns
 - iv. Hunter/silhouette handguns
 - v. Pistol caliber carbines
 - vi. Pre-charged pneumatic air guns
 - b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Rimfire
 - ii. Centerfire
 - iii. Shot (at targets placed on berm only)
 - iv. Slugs (at targets on the berm or on target frames)
 - c. **Shooting From the Bench:**
 - i. When firing from the bench, place the muzzle over the yellow stripe on the front of the bench.
 - d. **Shooting From the Holster:**
 - i. You must move the firing line forward so that you do not draw from the holster while standing on concrete.
 - ii. When drawing from the holster, do not sweep the muzzle on any body part of yourself or others.
 - 1. No shoulder holsters, cross drawing, or small of the back holsters are allowed.

- e. **Moving the Firing Line Forward:**
 - i. The firing line may be moved forward of the concrete if all shooters agree, but only for 20-minute intervals.
 - ii. When transporting firearms forward of the bench, handguns must be secured in a holster that fully encloses the trigger guard or unloaded with the chamber open and magazine removed, and empty chamber indicator (ECI) inserted.
 - iii. If the firing line is moved forward, the yellow flag should be in place to indicate to any new arrival not to handle firearms as shooters are downrange.
 - iv. Shot shells shall be fired in front of benches at approved targets on the berm.
 - v. When using targets on target frames with the firing line moved forward, the center positions on the 50-yard line shall be used.
 - f. **Sighting In Firearms:**
 - i. Range A is the designated range to sight in rifles and hunter/silhouette pistols.
 - g. **Shooting Personal Steel Targets:**
 - i. Use of personal steel targets is prohibited on Range A.
- 2) **Range B (50 and 100 Yards):**
- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Rifles
 - ii. Shotguns
 - iii. Pistol caliber carbines
 - iv. Hunter/silhouette pistols (6-inch barrel or longer, magnum or bottleneck cartridges only)
 - v. Pre-charged pneumatic air guns
 - b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Rimfire
 - ii. Centerfire
 - iii. Slugs
 - c. **Shooting From the Bench:**
 - i. When firing from the bench, place the muzzle over the yellow stripe on the front of the bench.
 - d. **Shooting From the Holster:**
 - i. Shooting from the holster is prohibited on Range B.
 - e. **Moving the Firing Line Forward:**
 - i. Moving the Firing Line forward is prohibited on Range B.
 - f. **Sighting In Firearms:**
 - i. It is recommended that all rifles and hunter/silhouette pistols be sighted in on Range A before shooting on Range B.
 - g. **Shooting Personal Steel Plates:**
 - i. Members shall provide their own steel plates, with size being no larger than 16 inches by 16 inches.

- ii. Steel plates must be hung where they can freely swing from the club provided mounting location(s).
- iii. Only one plate may be in place at a time per mounting location.
- iv. The shooting lane directly in line with the steel target and each shooting lane position adjacent to that lane are allowed to shoot the steel target.
- iii. No shooting steel plates during a burn ban. Please see www.parkercountytexas.com or call 817.598.0969 and select Option 1 for current burn ban status.

3) **Range C (200 and 250 Yards):**

a. **Approved Firearms:**

- i. Rifles
- ii. Hunter/silhouette pistols - 7.5-inch or longer barrel; magnum or bottleneck cartridges only.
- iii. Pistol caliber carbines - .44 magnum or larger (must sight in on Ranges A and Range B first).
- iv. Air guns prohibited.

b. **Approved Ammunition:**

- i. Centerfire only

c. **Shooting From the Bench:**

- i. When firing from the bench, place the muzzle over the yellow stripe on the front of the bench.

d. **Shooting From the Holster:**

- i. Shooting from the holster is prohibited on Range C.

e. **Moving the Firing Line Forward:**

- i. Moving the Firing Line forward is prohibited on Range C.

f. **Sighting In Firearms:**

- i. It is recommended that all rifles, pistol caliber carbines, and hunter/silhouette pistols be sighted in on Range A before shooting on Range C.

g. **Shooting Personal Steel Plates:**

- i. Members shall provide their own steel plates, with size being no larger than 16 inches by 16 inches.
- ii. Steel plates must be hung where they can freely swing from the club provided mounting location(s).
- iii. Only one plate may be in place at a time per mounting location.
- iv. The shooting lane directly in line with the steel target and each shooting lane position adjacent to that lane are allowed to shoot the steel target.
- iv. No shooting steel plates during a burn ban. Please see www.parkercountytexas.com or call 817.598.0969 and select Option 1 for current burn ban status.

4) **Range D (Shotgun Only - Trap/Skeet/Patterning Boards):**

a. **Approved Firearms:**

- i. Shotguns (18-inch barrel or longer, must be fired from the shoulder)

b. **Approved Ammunition:**

- i. Shot (#7.5, 8, or 9 shot while shooting clays)
 - c. **Shooting From the Stations:**
 - i. Shooters may only load shotguns while standing on shooting stations and ready to shoot.
 - ii. Only two shells may be loaded at a time while shooting doubles or consecutive singles.
 - iii. Only one shell may be loaded on skeet station 8.
 - iv. Only one shell may be loaded when shooting trap.
 - d. **Patterning Boards:**
 - i. Located north of Trap/Skeet field 2.
 - 1. Communicate with any shooters on field 2 before using the patterning boards.
 - ii. Boards are set at 27 and 40 yards.
 - iii. Shot size up to BBB is acceptable on patterning boards (no buck shot or slugs).
- 5) **Range E (Shotgun Only - Manual Traps):**
 - a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Shotguns (18-inch barrel or longer, must be fired from the shoulder)
 - b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Shot (#7.5, 8, or 9 shot while shooting clays)
 - c. **Shooting From the Stations:**
 - i. Shooter must stand perpendicular to the manual trap.
 - ii. Never stand behind the operator with a loaded firearm.
 - iii. New shooters should use shooting cage for added muzzle control.
 - iv. Do not shoot clays outside of the red safety zone markers.
 - v. Only load one shell at a time for singles, or two shells if you are shooting doubles.
 - vi. Use caution when operating manual traps to avoid serious injury.
 - d. **Personal Clay Throwers:**
 - i. Use of personal throwers is permitted.
- 6) **Range F (Pistol and Pistol Caliber Carbines):**
 - a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Handguns (8-inch barrels and less; all .22 Long Rifle (LR) pistols allowed)
 - ii. Pistol Caliber Carbines (16-inch barrels and less)
 - iii. Rifles (.22 LR caliber only)
 - iv. Non-pre-charged pneumatic pellet guns (no BBs)
 - b. **Approved and Prohibited Ammunition:**
 - i. Rimfire (.22 LR caliber only) acceptable
 - ii. Centerfire (pistol caliber only, e.g., 9 mm, .357 SIG, 5.7 mm) acceptable
 - iii. Centerfire and bottleneck rifle cartridges prohibited (e.g., 5.56, .223, 7.62, .300 Blackout, .30 Carbine, etc.)
 - iv. All shotgun shells prohibited.
 - v. Pellets (up to .25 caliber)

- c. **Shooting From the Bench:**
 - i. When firing from the bench, use caution to avoid shooting bench front lip and range cover support beams.
 - d. **Shooting From the Holster:**
 - i. You must move the firing line forward so that you do not draw from the holster while standing on concrete.
 - ii. When drawing from the holster, do not sweep the muzzle on any body part of yourself or others.
 - 1. No shoulder holsters, cross drawing, or small of the back holsters are allowed.
 - e. **Moving the Firing Line Forward:**
 - i. The firing line may be moved forward of the concrete if all shooters agree, but only for 20-minute intervals.
 - ii. When transporting firearms forward of the bench, handguns must be secured in a holster that fully encloses the trigger guard or unloaded with the chamber open and magazine removed, and empty chamber indicator (ECI) inserted.
 - iii. If the firing line is moved forward, the yellow flag should be in place to indicate to any new arrival not to handle firearms as shooters are downrange.
 - f. **Sighting In Firearms:**
 - i. Range F is the designated range to sight in pistols.
 - g. **Shooting Personal Steel Targets:**
 - i. Use of personal steel targets is prohibited on Range F.
- 7) **Range G (Club Provided Steel Plates):**
- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Handguns
 - ii. Rifles (.22 LR only; no other rimfire)
 - iii. Pistol Caliber Carbines
 - 1. Pistol Caliber Carbines with barrels 16-inches or shorter are permitted.
 - 2. Limited to straight-wall case ammunition including 10mm and .45 ACP (No .44 magnum, .223 Remington/5.56, etc).
 - b. **Approved and Prohibited Ammunition:**
 - i. Rimfire (.22 LR only; no other rimfire) acceptable
 - ii. Centerfire (pistol only, up to .44 magnum.) acceptable
 - iii. Prohibited ammunition and bullet types
 - 1. All shotgun shells prohibited.
 - 2. No armor piercing or solid copper rounds allowed.
 - 3. Bottleneck cartridges are prohibited.
 - c. **Shooting From the Stations:**
 - i. Unlock and open shooting station window.
 - ii. Engage targets, paying attention to steel color for its associated ammunition limitations.
 - 1. Yellow plates are for .22 LR rimfire ammunition only.

2. White plates are open for firearms and ammunition types in this section.
- iii. Upon completion of the firing session, close shooting station window and lock it.

8) **Archery Range:**

- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Firearms are strictly prohibited.
- b. **Approved Bows:**
 - i. Longbows
 - ii. Compound bows
 - iii. Crossbows
- c. **Approved Arrows:**
 - i. Target points only (no broad heads or hunting points)
- d. **Shooting From the Stations:**
 - i. Log into the archery logbook in the sign-in house.
 - ii. Raise the orange and red flags.
 - iii. All bows are to be drawn and pointed downrange directly towards the target.
 1. Sky draws are strictly prohibited.
 2. Make every effort to ensure arrows impact the target/backstop.
 3. Bows are not to be drawn at any time while a person is downrange.
 4. Do not shoot across lanes.
 5. Targets are not to be relocated except by authorized personnel.
 - a. Block target may be rotated to change the four faces.

9) **Sporting Clays:**

- a. Log into sporting clay logbook.
- b. Raise orange and red flags.
- c. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Shotguns (18-inch barrel or longer, must be fired from the shoulder)
- d. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Shot (#7.5, 8, or 9 shot)
- e. **Shooting From the Stations:**
 - i. Shooters may only load shotguns while standing on shooting stations and ready to shoot.
 - ii. Only two shells may be loaded at a time.
 - iii. Pay fee for the clays before leaving the property.

Revisions

This PCSC rulebook is subject to annual review and revision by the Safety Committee, followed by review and approval by the Board of Directors.

The PCSC rulebook version in effect is the online version available from the club website.

Important Information

Address:

6700 Advance Rd.
Poolville, Texas 76487
Parker County, Texas

Club Coordinates:

32 Degrees 59.884 Minutes North Latitude
97 Degrees 55.457 Minutes West Longitude
Elevation: 1,240 feet above sea level

Rule Violation Reporting:

Call club office at 817.271.0467, or email membership@parkersportsman.com, or use Quick Reaction (QR) code to file a safety incident report to the club Safety Committee chairman.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Poolville Volunteer Fire Department	817.598.4300
Parker County Sheriff's Department	817.594.8845
Weatherford Police Department	817.598.4310
Medical City Weatherford	682.582.1000
Palo Pinto General Hospital	940.325.7891

First Aid Kit and Fire Fighting Equipment Locations:

- Breezeway between buildings: trauma wound kit
- 5-Stand: trauma wound kit at each station
- Trap/Skeet Field 1 (low house): trauma wound kit
- All pistol and rifle ranges: trauma wound kit and fire fighting equipment

Accident Reporting:

- *Immediately call 911*
- Report all accidents that occur on PCSC property to the club office at 817.271.0467

Burn Ban Status:

- See www.parkercountytx.com or call 817.598.0969 and select Option 1 for current Parker County burn ban status.