

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 do not intend to destroy.

The 3rd Law of Gun Safety – Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

The 4th Law of Gun Safety – Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.

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 downrange 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 badge must always be worn while on club property.
 - b. Only two members of the family are allowed to shoot at a time, as the member is responsible for their spouse and dependents.
- 2) **Guest Badge:** To allow a guest to shoot, a guest badge is required.
 - a. The guest badge must be worn while shooting.
 - b. Only one guest may shoot at a time.
 - c. The guest must shoot on the lane adjacent to the member.
 - d. All guests must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement/Club Liability Waiver at the sign-in house each time they arrive at the club whether or not they plan to shoot.
 - e. In case of a crowded range, members 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.
 - 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. 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.

General Rules

- 1) **Shooting Hours:**
 - a. Legal sunrise to legal sunset.
 - b. Board approval may be given for special event night shoots.
- 2) **Alcohol and Illegal Drugs:**
 - a. Members and their guests shall not arrive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - b. Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on club property.
- 3) **Minors (17 and under):**
 - a. Must always be accompanied and supervised by the member.
 - b. No “horse play” while on club property.
- 4) **Keep the Range Clean:**
 - a. Place used targets, brass, and any trash in the blue bins.
 - b. Leave club property cleaner than when you arrived.
 - c. A dumpster is available near entrance for extra trash.
- 5) **Willful Destruction of Club Property:** Risk loss of membership
 - 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 ASAP by calling 817.271.0467.
- 7) **Wildlife:**
 - a. It is prohibited to shoot, trap, bait, or otherwise disturb wildlife without written authorization from the PCSC Board of Directors.
- 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.
- 9) **Matches and Events:**
 - a. Matches and events for members and their guests are allowed with approval of the Board of Directors.
 - b. PCSC will post matches and events on the website (www.parkersportsman.com) and in the monthly newsletter.
 - c. Ranges may be closed to regular shooting during matches or special events.
- 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. Please download a new copy when it is available on the website.
- 11) **Safety/Rule Violations:**
 - a. Members observing violations of rules, theft, or abuse of club property should report to 817.271.0467 or membership@parkersportsman.com

- b. If you feel uncomfortable confronting violators, please take pictures, video, or try to provide a description of their vehicle and license plate.
- c. As a self-policing club, it is your duty to report violations.

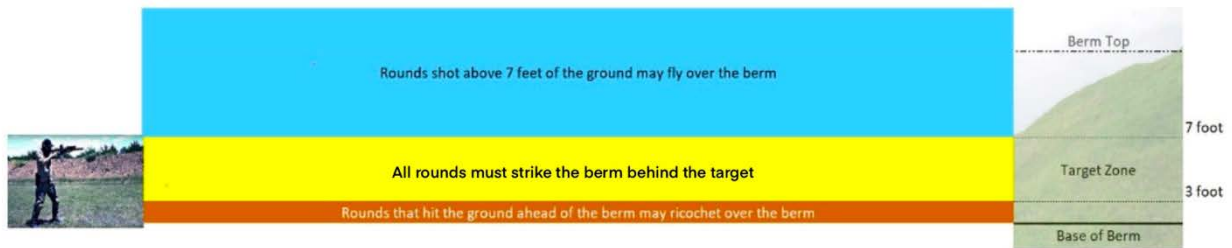
Shooting Rules

- 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.
 - b. No simulated automatic firearms are allowed.
 - i. This includes, but is not limited to crank fires, hell fires, bump stocks, slide fires, binary triggers, etc.
- 3) **Prohibited Ammunition:**
 - a. No .50 BMG. All other .50 caliber ammunition is allowed.
 - b. No tracer, incendiary, armor piercing, or steel core or jacketed ammunition allowed.
- 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 communicated 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.
- 6) **Shooting at Steel Targets:**
 - a. Steel targets are prohibited on ranges B and C during a burn ban. Please see www.parkercountytexas.com for current burn ban status.
- 7) **Black Powder:**
 - a. Keep all powder containers capped.
 - b. Leave percussion caps off until you are 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.parkercountytexas.com for current burn ban status.
- 8) **Air Guns (see range rules for A, B, and F):**
 - 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. ALL projectiles must impact the berm.
 - i. Bullets striking the ground in front of the berm will skip over the berm.
 - ii. Shooting targets placed on or near the ground or timber cross ties is strictly prohibited.
- b. PCSC provides target frames to be used in designated target frame holders.
- c. Personal target frames are prohibited.
- b. DO NOT USE any other target frame holders without Board approval.

Approved Targets	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Sporting Clays	Archery
¹ Paper Targets	YES	YES	YES			YES			
¹ Balloons	YES	YES	YES			YES			
² Clay Targets	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	
² Plastic Jugs	YES	YES	YES			YES			
Machine Thrown Clays				YES	YES			YES	
Metal Plates		³ YES	³ YES				YES		
3D Targets									YES



¹ Paper targets and balloons should be positioned in the center of target frames to prevent destruction.
² Targets placed on the berm must be between 3 and 7 feet from ground level.
³ Steel plates on B and C must be hung in containment pipes (16" x 16" max). Automatic dismissal from PCSC if firing line is moved forward while anyone is shooting steel plates.

HOT/COLD Range Procedures

1) Cold Range – Yellow Flag:

- a. All firearms must be unloaded with actions open or secure in a case. Open chamber indicators are highly recommended.
 - i. Double action revolvers are placed with cylinder rotated open.
 - ii. Single action revolvers are placed with cylinder removed or secured in a case.
 - iii. Muzzleloaders are to be placed on half cocked WITHOUT percussion caps in place.
- b. Place the yellow flag in front of the firing line benches.
- c. Declare the range cold.
- d. No handling of any firearms at this time (cased or uncased).
- e. The range is now safe to go down range.
- f. Everyone behind the benches must remain behind the red line after a range is declared cold. Do not approach the bench for any reason.
- g. This is not the time to load or unload firearms from your vehicle.
- h. Range Specific:
 - i. Ranges A & F – If the firing line is moved forward, the Yellow Flag must be in place to indicate to new arrivals that people are down range.
 - ii. Chronograph Setup (Ranges A, B, C, & F only) – No people are allowed downrange. 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 nobody is down range.
- b. Place the red flag in front of the firing line benches.
- c. This is the only time you may handle firearms.
- d. You may only move firearms to or from your vehicle while the range is HOT.
- e. If you are the last person leaving a range, make sure the red flag is posted so the next member may safely move their firearms from their vehicle.

Range Specific Rules

1) Range A (25 & 50 Yard):

- a. Personal target frames prohibited without Board approval.
- b. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Handguns
 - ii. Rifles
 - iii. Shotguns
 - iv. Hunter/silhouette handguns
 - v. Pistol caliber carbines
 - vi. Pre-charged pneumatic airguns
- c. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Rimfire
 - ii. Centerfire
 - iii. Shot (at targets placed on berm only)
 - iv. Slugs
- d. **Shooting From the Holster:**
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Do not draw from the holster while standing on concrete.
 1. You must move the firing line forward (see below about moving the firing line forward).
- e. The firing line may be moved forward of the concrete if all shooters agree, but only for 20-minute intervals (to respect the desires of new arrivals). 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 inserted.
 - i. 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 down range.
 - ii. Shot shells shall be fired in front benches at approved targets on the berm.
- f. Range A is the designated range to sight in rifles and hunter/silhouette pistols.

2) Range B (50 & 100 Yard):

- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Rifles
 - ii. Shotguns
 - iii. Pistol caliber carbines
 - iv. Hunter/silhouette pistols (6" barrel or longer, magnum or bottleneck cartridges only)
 - v. Pre-charged pneumatic airguns

- b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Rimfire
 - ii. Centerfire
 - iii. Slugs
 - c. It is recommended that all rifles and hunter/silhouette pistols be sighted in on range A before shooting on range B.
 - d. When firing, place the muzzle over the yellow stripe in front of the bench.
 - e. Shooting steel plates (containment pipe only):
 - i. Members shall provide their own steel plates no larger than 16" x 16".
 - ii. Steel plates must be hung where they can freely swing in the containment pipe.
 - iii. Only one plate may be placed in the pipe at a time.
 - iv. Shooting lanes 6 & 7 are the only shooting positions allowed to shoot steel in the containment pipe.
 - v. No shooting steel plates during a burn ban.
 - vi. Any member caught shooting steel in front of the firing line will be automatically dismissed from PCSC.
- 3) **Range C (200 & 250 Yard):**
- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Rifles
 - ii. Hunter/silhouette pistols - 7.5" or longer barrel; magnum or bottleneck cartridges only.
 - iii. Pistol caliber carbines - .44 mag or larger (must sight in on ranges A & B first).
 - iv. Airguns prohibited
 - b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Centerfire only
 - c. No firing with intervals less than 1 (one) second. Must maintain controlled firing.
 - d. No Rimfire ammunition of any kind allowed (e.g. .17HMR, .22LR, .22mag, etc.).
 - e. When firing, place the muzzle over the yellow stripe in front of the bench.
 - f. Shooting steel plates (containment pipe only):
 - i. Members shall provide their own steel plates no larger than 16" x 16".
 - ii. Steel plates must be hung where they can freely swing in the containment pipe.
 - iii. Only one plate may be placed in the pipe at a time.
 - iv. Shooting lanes 6 & 7 are the only shooting positions allowed to shoot steel in the containment pipe.
 - v. No shooting steel plates during a burn ban.
 - vi. Any member caught shooting steel in front of the firing line will be automatically dismissed from PCSC.
- 4) **Range D (Trap/Skeet/Patterning Boards):**
- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Shotguns (18" barrel or longer, must be fired from the shoulder)

- b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Shot (No larger than 7.5 while shooting clays)
 - c. Shooters may only load shotguns while standing on shooting stations and ready to shoot.
 - d. Only two shells may be loaded at a time while shooting doubles or consecutive singles.
 - e. Only one shell may be loaded on skeet station 8.
 - f. Only one shell may be loaded when shooting trap.
 - g. Patterning Board:
 - i. Boards are set at 27 and 40 yards.
 - ii. Located north of Trap/Skeet field 2. Please communicate with any shooters on field 2 before using the patterning boards.
 - iii. Shot size up to BBB acceptable on patterning boards (no buck shot or slugs).
- 5) **Range E (Manual Traps):**
- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Shotguns (18" barrel or longer, must be fired from the shoulder)
 - b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Shot (No larger than 7.5 while shooting clays)
 - c. Shooter must stand perpendicular to the manual trap.
 - i. Never stand behind the operator with a loaded firearm.
 - ii. New shooters should use shooting cage for added muzzle control.
 - d. Do not shoot clays outside of the red safety zone markers.
 - e. Only load one shell at a time for singles, or two shells if you are shooting doubles.
 - f. Use caution when operating manual traps to avoid serious injury.
 - g. Use of personal throwers is permitted.
- 6) **Range F (Pistol):**
- a. **Approved Firearms:**
 - i. Handguns (8" barrels and less; all .22LR pistols allowed)
 - ii. Rifles (.22LR cal. only)
 - iii. Non-pre-charged pneumatic pellet guns (no BBs)
 - b. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Rimfire (.22 LR cal. only)
 - ii. Centerfire (pistol caliber only)
 - iii. Pellets (up to .25 cal.)
 - iv. Bottleneck rifle cartridges prohibited (ie. 5.56, .223, 7.62, .300 Blackout, etc.)
 - v. All shotgun shells prohibited.
 - c. **Shooting From the Holster:**
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Do not draw from the holster while standing on concrete.
 - 1. You must move the firing line forward (see below about moving the firing line forward).

- d. The firing line may be moved forward of the concrete if all shooters agree, but only for 20-minute intervals (to respect the desires of new arrivals). 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 inserted.
 - i. 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 down range.

7) **Range G (Steel Plates):**

a. **Approved Firearms:**

- i. Handguns
- ii. Rifles (.22 LR only; no other rimfire)
- iii. Pistol caliber carbines (No barrels longer than 16")

b. **Approved Ammunition:**

- i. Rimfire (.22 LR only; no other rimfire)
- ii. Centerfire (Pistol only, up to .44 mag.)
- iii. All shotgun shells prohibited.

- c. No armor piercing or solid copper rounds allowed (jacketed bullets are acceptable).
- d. .22 LR cal. rimfire to .44 mag. handguns allowed (no .17 HMR or .22 mag).
- e. Yellow plates are for .22 LR rimfire ammunition only.
- f. Bottleneck rifle cartridges are prohibited.
- g. .22 LR rifles allowed (No other rifles allowed).
- h. Pistol caliber carbines with barrels 16" or shorter permitted.
 - i. Limited to straight-wall case ammunition including 10mm and .45 ACP (No .44 mag., .223 Rem/5.56, etc).
- i. Eye and ear protection is required.
- j. Only authorized personnel may enter the restricted area. Unauthorized access to the restricted area, for any reason, will result in an automatic dismissal from the club.

8) **Archery Range:**

- a. Firearms are strictly prohibited.
- b. Log into the archery logbook in the sign-in house.
- c. Raise the orange and red flags.
- d. **Approved Bows:**
 - i. Longbows
 - ii. Compound bows
 - iii. Crossbows
- e. **Approved Arrows:**
 - i. Target points only (no broad heads or hunting points)
- f. Sky draws are strictly prohibited.
- g. All bows are to be drawn and pointed downrange directly towards the target.
- h. Make every effort to ensure arrows impact the target/backstop.
- i. Bows are not to be drawn at any time while a person is down range.

- j. Arrows are ONLY to be shot within the lane of the target directly in front of the archer. DO NOT shoot across lanes.
 - k. Targets are not to be relocated except by authorized personnel.
 - i. 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" minimum barrel; must be fired from the shoulder)
 - d. **Approved Ammunition:**
 - i. Shot (no larger than 7.5)
 - e. Do not load shotguns until you are in the shooting cage.
 - i. Keep over/under shotguns broke open unless they are on the gun rack.
 - ii. Semi-autos and pump shotguns shall have their actions open at all times.
 - f. Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times.
 - g. Only two shells may be loaded at a time.
 - h. Pay fee for the clays before leaving the property.

Revision

The PCSC rulebook will be subject to annual review by the Safety committee for revision to be voted on by the Board.

Important Information

Address:

6700 Advance Rd.
Poolville, TX 76487

Club Coordinates:

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

Rule Violation Reporting:

Call 817.271.0467 or email membership@parkersportsman.com

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 Locations:

- Breezeway between buildings (gunshot wound kit)
- 5-Stand
- Trap/Skeet Field 1 (low house)
- All Pistol and Rifle ranges

Accident Reporting:

- *Immediately call 911*
- Report all accidents that occur on PCSC property to 817.271.0467