

SHOTGUN RANGE RULES

The safety of competitors, field personnel and spectators is of primary importance and requires continuous attention and self-discipline. On any part of Club grounds, as well as on the shooting field, particular attention must be given to the safety procedures outlined in the following paragraphs and to other safe gun handling techniques. Caution must also be used in moving about the field and Club grounds. Where self-discipline and attention to safety procedures is lacking, It is the duty of the field personnel to enforce them and the duty of competitors to assist in such enforcement.

Upon entering the range, please sign the range book located in the pole building.

Firearms must be in gun racks when not in use. Handling of firearms must be kept to a minimum.

Firearms must be pointed up or down at all times.

All firearms must have the action opened and contain no live shell, empty shell or snap cap at any time, except while the shooter is on the firing line. The firearms action may be closed when it is in a gun rack, but it shall not contain a live shell, empty shell or snap cap.

No gun shall be loaded until the shooter is on the shooting station. Loaded is considered as having any part of any shell in any gun.

No shooter may use a gun whose chamber is larger than 12 gauge, or any load heavier than 3 drams equivalent of powder or containing more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot, or containing shot larger than 7 1/2. Please check your ammunition that it complies with this rule.

When the shooter is on the shooting station and ready to shoot and a delay occurs, such as equipment breakdown, the gun shall be opened and the shells extracted.

Eye and Ear Protection - All persons (Including shooters, referees and trap personnel) must wear some form of eye and ear protection while on this range.

Spent hulls that land on the ground must remain on the ground until after shooting is completed for the day. Those wanting their spent hulls are welcome to pick up and sort them at this time. We pick up and check hulls to verify that rule #5 is being observed. Please clean up after using the range.

The shoot management has the authority to remove any shooter who is conducting himself in an unsafe manner, or disturbing the operation of this range.

Unauthorized use of these shotgun facilities is not permitted

Always shoot North from the shooting stations

General Safety Rules for all Venues:

Keep in mind the basic firearms ACTS:

Assume every firearm is loaded.
Control the muzzle direction at all times.
Trigger finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and you're ready to shoot.
See that the firearm is unloaded and PROVE it safe.

Point the firearm in the safest available direction.
Remove all cartridges.
Observe the chamber.
Verify the feeding path.
Examine the bore.

Safety is of primary importance and requires continuous attention and self-discipline. On any part of the club's grounds, and particularly on the shooting field, your full attention must be given to safety and safe gun handling techniques.

Where self-discipline and attention to safety procedures are lacking, it is the duty of all members to enforce these rules.

All outdoor ranges are closed from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

Please be aware of the possibility of ricochets, especially when shooting at steel targets. Steel core and magnum ammunition should never be fired at anything that may cause a ricochet.

Please do not shoot above the berms. Bullets can travel a long distance.

Fully automatic firearms, tracer or incendiary bullets are specifically not allowed at any range.

Upon entering each venue, please sign the log book. Your insurance depends on this.

Shooters must show their membership card when requested by any member on the range.

All persons are urged to wear approved eye and ear protection while on this range. Your everyday eye glasses will not protect you. Please use approved safety glasses. Ear muffs with microphones are very convenient as they allow normal conversation while muting loud noises.

Firearms must be in gun racks when not in use. Handling of firearms must be kept to a minimum and keep the muzzles pointed up or down when handling them.

Please use appropriate targets and remove your targets before leaving the range. There are trash bins at each venue and a dumpster at the Silhouette range. The shotgun range has a canister for spent hulls.

Please pickup and dispose of (recycle) your spent brass.

Please leave each range in better condition than when you got there.

Please close and lock all gates behind you when entering and leaving the West Range. This is to prevent members of the public from wandering in and getting locked in. During competitions there will be signs asking to leave the gates unlocked.

Firing line procedures

All ranges employ a system of red flag, red light or red sign to indicate the range is “hot”.

When anyone is forward of the firing line do not approach the firing line whether it be to place firearms in racks or boxes on the shooting benches. Please wait until everyone is off the range.

Before anyone advances forward of the firing line all firearms must be emptied of ammunition, their magazines removed, the action opened and the firearm placed in the gun rack or in the case of pistols, laid on the shooting bench with the open action facing up.

When anyone is forward of the firing line no one shall handle any firearm, magazine or ammunition.

When anyone is forward of the firing line please step well back from the firing line and shooting benches.

When a “Cease Fire” is called all shooting must stop immediately, firearms must be emptied of ammunition, their magazines removed, the action opened and the firearm placed in the gun rack or in the case of pistols, laid on the shooting bench with the open action facing up. Some ranges require a flag to be placed in the open chamber. Shooters must step back from the firing line.

No one shall advance forward of the firing line until all firearms are visually checked to be safe and an “All Clear” is called.

When the range is clear and everyone is back behind the firing line, loading and firing will not commence until “Range is clear” and/or “Range is hot” is called.

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