



Range Rules and Guidelines

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules and Safety Information

****Note* Additional information is posted on signs at the Club. Please abide by all safety rules and remember that no amount of information is better than good, common sense. The Shooting Sports are fantastic forms of recreation and discipline that are as safe as the participants make them. Think ! Be Safe !***

- 1) No one other than active members and their guests are permitted to use range facilities, except during open shoots or activities.
- 2) Members must accompany their guests while on club property. Loaning of the gate and facilities keys are strictly prohibited.
- 3) Members are responsible for their safety and that of their guests and ensuring they handle their firearms in a safe manner.
- 4) Consuming or being impaired by alcoholic beverages or any other substance while on club property is forbidden.
- 5) Discharging any fully-automatic firearm within the boundary of club property is strictly forbidden. This rule is waived for Law Enforcement Officers during qualification exercises.
- 6) Both hearing & eye protection are strongly recommended.
- 7) Handle every firearm as though it is loaded and keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- 8) Keep actions open on all firearms except when on station shooting.
- 9) Do not load or chamber a round unless on station preparing for an immediate shot.

- 10) Use existing target frames and line up shots so they go into the backstops.
- 11) Do not set targets on the ground (Causes ricochets!)
- 12) Use clothespins and lines to put up targets: Do NOT tape targets to PVC or other posts on the range.
- 13) Follow caliber recommendations on metal spinner targets and NO Full Metal Jacket, metal-cased, or armor-piercing bullets to be used on these targets to prevent damage.
- 14) No smokeless powder to be used in any muzzleloaders except those specifically designed for its use. If the barrel is stamped "blackpowder or blackpowder substitutes only", do not use smokeless powder.
- 15) Treat any misfire with caution and wait at least a minute or two before opening the breech to check as it might be a "hang fire." Verify the barrel is clear before resuming firing.
- 16) If two or more shooters are shooting, one is to take on the role of Range Safety Officer to oversee the shooting:
 - A) Make the range "HOT" to indicate when firing is about to commence
 - B) Verify when all shooters are finished and Yell "CLEAR"
 - C) Yell "OK to Check Targets" when he is satisfied shooting is completed, all actions are opened, and no one is handling any firearms at the firing line.
- 17) No handling of any firearms on the firing line while anyone is down range.
- 18) Clean up spent shell casings, remove targets, and return chairs and rests under shed roof when finished shooting.
- 19) Shooting rests are available from the club for check out by members and must be returned when promised.
- 20) We fully support our local law enforcement officers and have opened our range to them to practice and qualify. Please yield to their needs if discovered using our range facilities.

21) As a part of being a good neighbor, no shooting on the Rifle Range before 9:00 A.M. and no shooting on any ranges before 12:00 Noon on Sundays.

22) Due to safety concerns, **NO HUNTING** of any kind is allowed on Club Property.

Shotgun Rules: (*These rules are in addition to bylaws and/or any rules already posted). *New Members are required to take equipment and safety training prior to using the Skeet, Sporting, or 5-Stand traps. Contact any of the Board Members or watch for info in the Newsletter or Email for training info.*

- 1) All basic shooting safety rules apply.
- 2) All shooters to keep actions open until on station while preparing for the shot. (EMPTY Break-open doubles in gun racks OK to be closed)
- 3) No shot larger than 7 ½ in target loads.
- 4) Be sure to use the correct ammunition for your shotgun and keep shells separated to avoid a 12-20 or 20-28 burst.
- 5) Shooters to load only when on the shooting station preparing for the shot.
- 6) Shotgun traps all have the capability to seriously injure or even kill if misused or handled carelessly. Please have a qualified Club member instruct you on the safe use of these traps.
- 7) When shooting is completed, all target throwers are to be left in the "released" condition with NO stored energy. Power switch on electric traps should be in the "OFF" or back position.
- 8) When shooting is finished, clear target houses of target boxes and sweep out. Replace the controller.
- 9) It is suggested that Skeet Shooters load only one (1) round for each single and two (2) rounds for doubles. Never load more than two rounds.
- 10) Shotgun shooters are reminded to bring gas for the generator when shooting skeet. The Club provides gas only for special events.

NOTICE

If you are aware of any changes that need to be made or have any suggestions that could improve these Rules and Guidelines, PLEASE contact E.T. Weaver 846-3752 days or deereman@skybest.com . The Club appreciates your input.