
Cow Creek Hunt Club, Inc.

Private Shooting Range and NRA Affiliate Club

Range Safety Rules

1. **Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

2. **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. **Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

When Using or Storing a Firearm, Always Follow These NRA Rules:

1. **Know your target and what is beyond.** Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.

2. **Know how to use the gun safely.** Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never fool-proof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.

3. **Be sure the gun is safe to operate.** Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.

4. **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.** Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.

5. **Wear eye and ear protection.** Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors ***MUST*** be worn by shooters and spectators.

6. **Never use alcohol or other drugs before or while shooting.** Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

7. **Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.** Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.

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Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

- 8. Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely.** Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used. A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly. **Before cleaning your gun, make absolutely sure that it is unloaded.** The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.
- 9. Be aware that certain circumstances may require additional rules to insure safety.**

Cow Creek Hunt Club General Range Rules

- 1. Obey all range commands.**
- 2. Know where others are at all times for safety reasons.**
- 3. Shoot only at authorized targets.** Ground level targets are not authorized without a proper backstop. No angled or cross range firing. Shoot only at targets perpendicular to your position.
- 4. No steel shooting is permitted.**
- 5. Mining of lead, climbing, walking or molesting the backstop is strictly prohibited.**
- 6. Maintain proper target height to ensure that the fired projectile, after passing through the target, hits the desired portion of the backstop.**
- 7. Designate a range officer when none is present or assigned.** The first person to arrive on the range shall act as range officer until a designated range officer is present.
- 8. UNLOAD, open the action, remove the magazine and ground and/or bench all firearms during cease-fire.**
- 9. Do not handle any firearm while others are down range.**
- 10. Always keep the muzzle pointed at the backstop.** Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into an outer area.

Cow Creek Hunt Club Specific Range Rules

- 1. Prior to shooting, member sign-in is required.** The sign-in roster is located in the panel box at the 50 yard range. If you have a guest, enter their full name and relationship. **LIMIT TWO GUEST PER VISIT.** Sign out prior to leaving the range. **Please print legibly.** Scheduled activities such as pistol matches, trap shoots, turkey shoots, black powder shoots and other scheduled events are exempt from the sign-in rule.
- 2. Guests and minors must remain with, and under the direct supervision of, their member host.** Minors will handle firearms ONLY WHILE ON THE FIRING LINE AND UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN. Guests and minors are not permitted to wander the range unsupervised.
- 3. A guest may be a guest 5 times only.** Immediate family members and minors are exempt from the 5 time rule. Members are encouraged to ask their frequent guests to apply for a range membership.
- 4. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on any range at any time while firearms are in use.**
- 5. No full automatic firearms (machine guns) are allowed on any club ranges at any time.**
- 6. Being on the premise and/or firing before 9AM or after 6PM is strictly forbidden unless attending a scheduled club function.**

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Pistol Range Rules (7-25 yard range)

1. **All shooting shall be done from the firing line.**
2. **No rifles (other than .22 rimfire) or shotguns are allowed.**
3. **Use only paper targets that will fit on the target backboards.** No recreational firing at metal targets on this range. The only exception of targets used on the pistol range shall be for special sanctioned events, with a club range officer present.
4. **Firearms will not be taken down range unless carried in a holster designed for that firearm.** At no time will a loaded firearm be carried down range.
5. **Range rules apply to the pistol range and the 50 yard range concurrently.** Range commands are to be obeyed by all present on both ranges at the same time.

Rifle Range Rules (50 yard, 100 yard and 200 yard ranges)

1. **All firing must be done from the firing line directly under the shooting sheds.**
2. **No firing shall take place behind or in front of any of the shooting sheds.**
3. **Use only paper targets that will fit on the target backboards.** No recreational firing at metal targets on this range. The only exception of targets used on the rifle range shall be for special sanctioned events, with a club range officer present.
4. **The 200 yard range will be closed during scheduled Trap shoots.**
5. **Range commands apply to the 50 yard range and the pistol range concurrently.** Range commands are to be obeyed by all present on both ranges at the same time.

Trap Range Rules

1. **All firearms must be unloaded and racked when not in use.**
2. **All firearms must be carried to and from the firing line with actions open.**
3. **The line captain shall be the first shooter in line.**
 - The captain shall ask, "Is the line ready? Is the scorer ready? Is the puller ready?"
 - If all are ready, the captain will ask, "May we see a bird please?"
 - The shooters, in turn, shall call their own bird (pull).
 - The scorer shall call, change stations, after each 5 rounds.

Pit Area Range Rules (east side of 200 yd range)

1. **The pit areas are closed when the 200 yard range is being used.**
2. **The pit areas are used for individual specialized practice, group instruction and shotgun patterning.**
3. **All targets must be set against the backstop.** Ground level targets are not authorized.

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Archery Range Rules

1. When at the line, you are at the line to SHOOT.
 2. Step back from the line for any other purpose. (Adjustments etc.)
 3. When finished shooting, step back and WAIT for other shooters to finish.
 4. When CLEAR is given, you may retrieve arrows, change targets, etc
 5. Any arrow shot or dropped that cannot be retrieved from the line will be left until clear is given.
 6. No Broadheads will be used on Club targets.
 7. No firearms will be shot on the Archery range or at archery targets.
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Turkey Shoot Range Rules (against the northernmost range berm)

1. This range is for organized Turkey Shoots Only!
2. Recreational firing at the target boards or the berm on this range is not allowed.

These rules may be subject to change or update at any time.



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Application for Membership

Membership in the Cow Creek Hunt Club, Inc. Shooting Range requires you to: (1) be 18 years of age or older; (2) be a member in good standing of the National Rifle Association of America; (3) have satisfactorily completed an NRA training class in Firearms Safety or provide documentation of completion of an alternative acceptable firearms training program.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____

I prefer my Club Billing be sent to: () Mailing Address () E-mail Address

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NRA IS MANDATORY

NRA **Membership** Type: Life () Conditional Life () Five Year () Annual () Card No. _____

Club Initiation Fee is \$250

Annual **Membership** Dues are \$250

Family memberships are available for \$125 annually for each additional Family member

Guest Fees are \$5.00 per person, per visit with a limit of two persons per day.

Annual dues will be prorated based on sign-up date. Annual dues are billed in January of each year.

There is no Florida Sales Tax on Club Membership.

THE NRA PLEDGE

I CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF GOOD REPUTE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THAT I AM NOT A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION OR GROUP HAVING AS ITS PURPOSE OR ONE OF ITS PURPOSES THE OVERTHROW BY FORCE AND VIOLENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE; AND THAT, IF ADMITTED **TO MEMBERSHIP** I WILL FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

As a member of Cow Creek Hunt Club, I agree to abide by the NRA Pledge and agree to uphold and enforce the rules of the club. I understand as a member, I have the duty to take appropriate corrective action should I witness persons on the premises of Cow Creek Hunt Club in violation of club rules. Should I detect an unsafe situation while using the club facilities, I will call "Cease Fire" until the situation is remedied. If resistance is met and the unsafe action cannot be corrected, I agree to retreat to a safe area and report the violation and/or violators to club officers

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

Attach photocopy of NRA Membership Card and Proof of Training document to application.

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RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK, STATE OF Florida, Volusia Co.

In consideration for being allowed to enter the premises to view or participate in the activities of **Cow Creek Hunt Club, Inc.**, I, the undersigned, hereby release, remise, and forever discharge and agree to defend and hold harmless and indemnify **Cow Creek Hunt Club, Inc.** and their respective owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, of and from all liability, claims, demands, causes of action, and possible causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury (including death) that may be sustained by me (or my minor child), while in, on, en route to, from, or out of said premises from any cause whatsoever.

In signing this, I acknowledge my understanding and appreciation of the inherent dangers and risks associated with the activities that I (or my minor child) will be participating in with **Cow Creek Hunt Club, Inc.** I am particularly cognizant of the risks and dangers associated with the use of firearms. I assume as my personal risk all the hazards of shooting activities and do hereby fully and irrevocably release and forever discharge **Cow Creek Hunt Club, Inc.** and their respective owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, actions, losses, and/or liability of an kind, nature or description that may be sustained by me (or my minor child). I hereby assume as my sole personal responsibility any and all costs incurred as a result of my actions or in my (or my minor child's) behalf for rescue efforts and all medical emergencies.

In signing this Release from Liability and Assumption of Risk, I represent that I have read this document, understand it, and sign it voluntarily. I acknowledge that this Release from Liability and Assumption of Risk shall be effective and binding upon me. I agree that this Release from Liability and Assumption of Risk is made and performed in Volusia County, Florida and is to be governed by Florida Law.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT AND THE CLUB RULES. I UNDERSTAND THEM COMPLETELY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL TERMS.

Signed by Member _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____