

SUNSET MOUNTAIN FISH & GAME CLUB

RANGE & SAFETY RULES - REVISED & APPROVED September 12, 2005

PREAMBLE: These rules were established to ensure the health and safety of the members, guests, and the community at large. Everyone should be aware that unique circumstances may require additional rules to adapt to a particular situation. Safety IS everyone's responsibility. All members are required to know and understand Range and Safety Rules and keep abreast of all changes. Each member is duty bound to follow correct procedures and insure fellow members and their guests adhere to all club rules. Violation of the Range and Safety Rules could result in revocation of membership, civil liability or even fatal injury.

TEN BASIC RULES OF FIREARMS SAFETY:

1. *Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. *Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Keep the action open and unloaded. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
3. *Be sure the barrel of the firearm is free of obstructions. Check the chamber and magazine every time you pick it up. Only carry and use ammunition which is appropriate for your firearm.
4. *Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Agree to safe fields of fire for yourself and your hunting companions & never swing your gun beyond your area.
5. *Positively identify your target and what lies beyond. Make sure there is an adequate backstop when hunting or target shooting.
6. *Never pull your firearm toward you by the muzzle. Unload your firearm when climbing a tree, crossing a fence, jumping a ditch or traversing slippery or steep terrain.
7. *Be aware of the potential for ricochet. Never shoot at a hard, flat surface or water.
8. *Unload firearms when not in use, leaving the action open. Transport and carry firearms unloaded and cased when traveling to and from the field or shooting range.
9. *Store firearms and ammunition separately in locked compartments and beyond the reach of children.
10. *Never use alcohol or drugs that can impair your judgment before or while shooting.

GENERAL RULES (Indoor/Outdoor Range)

1. Members only. Guests are allowed only when under member supervision.
2. A member and guest(s) may occupy only one shooting station at a time unless others are open. Guests may occupy these open shooting stations as long as no member desires to use them.
3. *When a member brings more than one guest to the club's ranges, that member shall refrain from shooting in order that he/she may **ACTIVELY** supervise their guests. There shall be a maximum number of four (4) guests per member on the property at any given time. Members are responsible for the safety, conduct and any damages to club property incurred by their respective guests.
4. *All members shall display their membership ID card in a visible location on their person.
5. Use of alcohol or drugs, or anyone under the influence of either is not allowed on the club premises.
6. *Use of full-auto firearms is prohibited.
7. *Carry firearms shall remain holstered or concealed at all times while anywhere on club grounds. If you plan to use it, the firearm must be cleared (unloaded) and handled according to the procedure described in general rule #8 until you leave the range.
8. *Firearms, when not in use, shall be cased when possible or at least unloaded and the action open.
9. *Damage to the property, accidental or otherwise, shall be reported immediately to any one of the club officers.
10. *Any person under the age of 18 must be under the supervision of an adult member while on club property. While on the firing line or while in the possession of a firearm, the supervising adult member shall remain within arm's reach of the minor at all times.

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11. *Spouses included in a family membership are not allowed to use the range on their own until they have successfully undergone range safety orientation.

OPERATIONAL RANGE RULES (Indoor and Outdoor Range)

1. *All shooters, guests and spectators on or near the firing line shall wear eye and ear protection.
2. *When present and when running the firing line, all range officer commands, orders or requests shall be obeyed.
3. *Cross-firing toward targets in lanes other than the one you are shooting from is prohibited.
4. All shooters shall police (clean up) their shooting area of brass, targets, patches and other debris. Please use the trash cans and leave the range cleaner than you found it. Please empty trash cans when filled and return them to their proper place.
5. *A "Cease Fire" and "The Range is Safe" must be called and agreed upon by all shooters on the line before anyone goes forward of the firing line for any reason.
6. *During a cease fire, all firearms shall be unloaded and actions open before anyone goes forward of the firing line. Black powder firearms must be placed muzzle up. Anyone remaining on the firing line shall not handle firearms and is required to stand back from the firing line when others are downrange.

RULES FOR THE OUTDOOR RANGE

1. *Shooting will be conducted only during posted hours. Shooting hours are posted at the gate and shooting stations.
2. *Targets shall be placed on wooden target frames and attached at the proper height to align bullet impact on the proper berm or sand levee to avoid ricochets.
3. *Placement of targets of any kind on the ground or on target frame rails is prohibited. Shooters must remove any foreign objects from the range before shooting.
4. *No glass, plastic or articles of trash shall be used as targets.
5. * "Range is Hot" flags shall be placed and flown on each firing line when in use.
6. The range lights must be used when shooting on any of the outdoor firing lanes. WHEN THE LIGHT IS ON- "THE RANGE IS HOT". A "Cease Fire" and "The Range is Safe" must be declared and agreed upon before anyone goes in front of the firing line. The intercom may be used to communicate to the other firing lines.
7. *When going downrange beyond 100 yards to the 200, 300 or 500 yard ranges, the "Man Down Range" sign must be displayed.
8. *Clay target shooting is only allowed in the center of the range to the right of the road to the long ranges. Shot size shall be no more than #6.
9. *Clay targets are to be thrown by hand or portable trap and shot only from and within the defined shooting zone.
10. *No metal silhouettes or other metal targets shall be used at less than 200 yards. Steel targets shall be hung by two (2) chains and a bottom cable/chain holding the target at a slight angle to deflect bullets toward the ground. EXCEPTIONS: A) When using NRA approved 22 caliber silhouettes, no closer than 25 yards from the firing line at the left hand side of the pistol range and can only be fired upon with 22 rimfire ammunition. B) During a club sanctioned shoot.
11. *No metal/steel silhouettes shall be placed on the ground or frame rails. Exception: The placement of targets on the ground may be allowed during controlled sanctioned shoots.
12. *Use of caliber .50 BMG has been suspended and is not allowed.
13. *Shooting at Safety or Caution signs placed on the range is prohibited.

RULES FOR THE INDOOR RANGE

1. *Shooting is not permitted anytime the upstairs is occupied except during club sanctioned .22 cal. rimfire matches.

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2. *Magnum calibers and jacketed bullets are prohibited.
3. *Approved and allowable calibers with lead or copper coated bullets are: RIFLE: .22 rimfire only. HANDGUN: .22 rimfire, .25 ACP, .32 ACP, .32 S&W, .32 Colt, .380, .380 ACP, .38 Spl, 9mm, .40 cal., .44 Spl, .45 ACP, .45 Long Colt and .45 Auto Rim.
4. *Firearms using black powder may not be used on the indoor range. Exception: Black powder handguns up to .50 caliber using non-sulfuric substitutes (Triple -Seven, Cleanshot & Clearshot) may be used on the indoor range.
5. *All shooting is to be done from the firing ports at 50 ft. except during club sanctioned air gun shoots.
6. *Any form of combat style shooting is prohibited.
7. All members must sign in the logbook with: date, name, member id# & caliber(s) used.
8. Shooters shall police (clean up) brass, targets and trash when done shooting.
9. Shooters must ensure lights and exhaust fans are off and furnace is turned down when leaving.
10. *Only paper targets properly hung from the target holders at 50 ft. shall be used.

VIOLATION OR FLAGRANT DISREGARD OF THESE RULES, ESPECIALLY THOSE MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) INVOLVING THE SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP AND BEING PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM CLUB PROPERTY. ALL DECISIONS ON PUNISHMENT FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

* IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY MEMBER OBSERVING AN INFRACTION OF THE RULES TO APPROACH THE OFFENDER IN AN EFFORT TO CORRECT THE VIOLATION AND IF DEEMED NECESSARY, REPORT SAID VIOLATION TO ANY RANGE OFFICER OR CLUB OFFICER.

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