

GULF RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB INC. RULES

AMENDED AND ADOPTED October 14, 2024

These supersede and replace any previously adopted safety plan segments prior to this Date.

NRA Gun Handling Rules

1. **ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION**, normally down Range. Firearm muzzles must be pointed at all times DOWNRANGE when casing, uncasing a firearm or when the firearm is resting on a bench. Absolutely NEVER point or sweep the firearm muzzle across or down the firing line.
2. **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER** and outside the trigger guard, UNTIL READY TO SHOOT or UNTIL command during a Match “Commence Firing” has been given.
3. **ALWAYS KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND FIREARMS UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE**. On a firing range, this mean the shooters are in position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live fire.
4. **KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND**. When on shooting ranges, be mindful also of adjacent areas and act accordingly.
5. **BE SURE THE GUN IS SAFE TO OPERATE**.
6. **KNOW HOW TO USE THE GUN SAFELY**.
7. **USE ONLY THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR GUN**. When at the range with more than one firearm, use one at a time and when finished, store that firearm and its ammunition before using the next one.
8. **WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES**. This rule applies to EVERYONE, members and guests, regardless of whether they are shooting or observing.
9. **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS that impair normal mental or physical functions BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING**. Shooting while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, including Non-prescription OTC medications, is prohibited.
10. **STORE GUNS SO THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS**.
11. **Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions**.

General Range Rules

1. **Know and obey all Range rules**. Members are held responsible for their guest adherence to all rules. Any club member or guest who handles or shoots a firearm in a manner that violates the rules will be subject to ejection from the range and/or subject to suspension of club membership. The suspension will be in effect until the member appears before the Executive Board and appeals for reinstatement. Failure to appear before the Executive Board may result in club membership termination.
2. **You must follow or obey all instructions or requests issued by any Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) or any Range Safety Officer (RSO)**. Any club member or guest who violates this rule may be ejected from the range and/or subject to suspension of club membership. The suspension will be in effect until the member appears before the Executive Board and appeals for reinstatement. Failure to appear before the Executive Board may result in club membership termination.

3. **All firearms will be unloaded before entering or leaving the range.** Law enforcement and club members with a license to carry a concealed weapon are exempt from this rule but these firearms must be holstered.
4. **Range condition will always be regulated by the light system: Green = Cold Range and Red = Hot Range Conditions.** Always observe the lights before acting especially before proceeding downrange.
5. **All firearms will be in a case or bag before bringing them to a Cold firing line.**
6. **Wait for the line to go HOT to carry uncased unloaded firearms between an automobile and the firing line.** Such firearms **must be unloaded** with the action open. Handle the firearm with your finger off the trigger, muzzled pointed down. Again, only do this while the range is HOT.
7. Know where others are at all times.
8. **No firearm will be handled, cased or uncased, loaded or discharged when anyone is downrange. Firearms may be cased or uncased, handled or loaded only while the firing line is HOT.**
9. **Firearm muzzles must be pointed DOWNRANGE when casing or uncasing a firearm. At all times, muzzles of all firearms on the firing line must be pointed downrange. Absolutely NEVER point or sweep the firearm muzzle across or down the firing line.**
10. **Before bagging or casing a firearm, remove all magazines and Visually and Physically check the firearms chamber to ensure it is empty.**
11. **The firing line can be declared HOT after it is verified that no one is downrange and everyone on the firing line is aware and ready for the firing line to go HOT.** If a member is acting as a RANGE OVERSEER, they will declare when the firing line is HOT. If no individual member is in charge of the firing line, then the members must agree that the firing line is ready to go HOT.
12. **Only when the firing line is HOT may firearms be loaded and fired**
13. **When the firing line is called COLD, all firearms must be unloaded, either tabled or placed in rifle racks with the magazines out, and the actions open before proceeding downrange. Use of an open bolt indicator in open rifle actions while COLD will be mandatory.**
14. Shoot only at authorized targets. **No shooting of any wildlife (i.e. Deer, birds, etc.) on the range except,** with the Range Safety Officers approval, **Hogs and Coyotes.**
15. **Absolutely NO glass objects will be used as targets.** Loose cans and plastic bottles used as targets must be placed on or at the base of the berms, not on the ground between the berm and firing line where the bullets might ricochet.
16. **Do not destroy club target stands and uprights. Arrange your paper and cardboard targets so you do not shoot into the uprights of the target stands. Bring your own uprights if you plan to destroy target uprights, such as when patterning a shotgun load.**
17. **No armor piercing (GREEN TIPPED ammo - can be checked with a magnet) ammunition shall be used when shooting at metal targets.** Armor piercing ammunition may only be used when shooting at non-metallic targets.
18. **No tracer (RED TIPPED) or incendiary (WHITE TIPPED) ammunition shall be used on the range.**
19. **All pistol and rifle shooting will normally be from the designated firing lines.**
20. **During some of the weekly shooting matches and during Law Enforcement use of the range, it is necessary to carry firearms and shoot from various points in front of the designated firing line.** The Match Director or Law Enforcement Instructor controlling the event will brief the safety rules in effect for that shooting event.

21. **Place your targets high enough to ensure bullets directly impact the berm.** Bullets will strike the ground if targets are too low, and may ricochet over the berm. Bullets will also pass over the berm if targets are too high. Ground targets are **not** authorized without a proper backstop. This would normally be at the base of the berm. Maintain the proper target height to ensure that the fired projectile, after passing through the target, hits the desired portion of the dirt berm. **Members or guests that disregard this rule will be ejected from the range. Your club membership will be subject to termination.**
22. Eating, Drinking, application of any make-up or Smoking on the Firing Line is **discouraged**.
23. You are encouraged to wash your hands, arms, face and change cloths upon completion of your shooting session and leaving the Range.
24. You are encouraged to seek the advice of your Physician when considering allowing children under 7 years old or pregnant women to engage in shooting activities.
25. No Fast Pistol Draws from a holster are allowed except during a Matches and Training.

Range Specific Rules

Pistol Range Rules

1. **Only** handguns, Pistol Caliber Carbines(PCC) and Rimfire rifles may be used on this portion of the range.
2. Pistol Caliber Carbines are defined as a rifle style weapon, no greater than 16" in barrel length, that fires a handgun round.
3. No **SHOTGUNS** may be used on the pistol range.
4. No steel targets are allowed closer than 10 yards from the firing line and the target face must be parallel to the firing line.

Rifle Range Rules

1. **For safety concerns, do not go past the rifle 50-yard berm while trap shooting is in progress.** Wait until the trap shooters have **finished** their rounds. There is sufficient time between squads to go downrange and check or replace targets. If you are already downrange when the trap shooters line up for another round, they will wait until you get back to the firing line.
2. **DO NOT** set mid-range targets at 100 yard, 200 yard or 300 yard berms. Targets **MUST** be set directly in front of the berm with **all** bullets directly impact that berms.
3. Mid-range targets may **only** be set at the 50 yards berm with the targets placed high enough that **all** bullets directly impact the berms.

Trap Range Rules

1. **Only** shotguns may be used on this portion of the range.
2. **No** shot size larger than 7 ½ or slugs unless shooting at the designated pattern board.

Administrative Rules and Regulations

1. **If the gates are locked when you visit the range, you must re-lock the gates after entering and exiting.** The only times the gate is left unlocked is when there is a scheduled shooting event, a club meeting, or a **Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) or any Range Safety Officer (RSO)** is on the range.
2. Please park along the fence line or behind the firing line in an orderly manner that will allow others to come and leave without obstruction.

3. **All club members may bring immediate family members (spouse, depend children \leq 17yrs old) and 2 guests only. All must sign in at the SIGN IN BOX upon entry to the range. Remember to sign out when you leave the range.**
4. **All family members (unless on file with the Members Annual Application) and guests must read and sign a WAIVER or PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK upon entry to the range.** This rule applies regardless of what the family member or guest will do while on the range, be it to shoot or simply be a spectator.
5. **All guests must pay the \$10 GUEST FEE, attach the fee to a signed WAIVER, and place both in the ammo box next to the SIGN IN BOX before they start shooting.**
6. **Members must carry and/or display their club membership card while on the range.** Members that are unfamiliar to the **Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) or any Range Safety Officer (RSO)** will be asked to show their membership card and they must produce it.
7. **Do not give the range gate lock combination to a friend and tell them that it is Okay to shoot on the range without your presence. If you do that, your friend will be ejected from the range and possibly arrested for trespassing, and charged with felony trespassing if they are in the possession of a firearm. Your club membership will be subject to termination.**
8. **Members and guests must police up all fired brass and shotgun hulls** and deposit them in the buckets located on the firing line. Please do not throw empty brass or hulls in the trashcans or burn barrels.
9. **ALL MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO HELP KEEP THE RANGE AND TARGET SHED CLEAN.** Members are responsible for removing, from the range, all target debris they create. Pick up any shot up targets and cardboard when returning from replacing and checking on targets.
10. Do not overfill the trashcans and burn barrels. The burn barrel is for paper waste only. All metal and plastic items should be deposited in the trashcans along the back of the firing line. We do not have trash service at the range. If you can, please take the trash off the range and dispose of it properly.
11. For their safety **No Pets Allowed.** The **only exception** is Sporting dogs on the Trap Range.

THE RANGE BELONGS TO ALL THE MEMBERS, SO HELP KEEP IT CLEAN BY PICKING UP SPENT CASES/HULLS AND TAKING ALL YOUR TRASH WITH YOU WHEN DONE.

BE SAFE SHOOTING!

I have received a Range Safety Briefing and have read and I am familiar with all the Clubs Range Rules. I will follow or obey all these Rules and any instructions or requests issued by any Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) or Range Safety Officer (RSO). Any club member or guest who handles or shoots a firearm in a manner that violates the rules may be ejected from the range and/or subject to suspension or revocation of club membership.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date