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BE SAFE. HAVE FUN. BE RESPONSIBLE AND BE COURTEOUS.

This is our Club!!!

The policies and procedures contained in this Range Briefing apply to ALL Tri State Gun Club members, their guests, match participants, and spectators while on the Club property.

During Club sanctioned matches the Match Director may modify these procedures (more or less restrictive to allow, within reason, the standards of their particular discipline to be applied) with the approval of the Board of Directors (BoD) for that particular match.

SAFETY

1. EVERYONE is a Safety Officer.

a. Call a "Cease Fire" if you observe and unsafe act and inform the individual of the problem or unsafe act.

i. If the individual(s) does not comply:

1. Go to a safe place and report the situation as soon as possible to a Club officer. Your statement should include who, what, when and where.

2. **DO NOT GET IN AN ARGUMENT OVER THE SITUATION!**

ii. The Officers and BoD will take appropriate action.

2. The speed limit on Club property is 15 MPH. Be on the look out for ATV's, kids, pets or motorcycles.

3. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are permitted on Club property.

a. This policy includes prior to arrival and while on the property.

b. Also included in this policy are legally prescribed drugs that have a label warning to not operate a car or any heavy equipment.

c. If you or any member of your group appears to be under the influence, you, or they, will be asked to leave the property.

d. Exceptions: With regards to alcohol, non-shooting events involving alcoholic beverages are permitted with prior approval of the BoD.

4. All care must be taken to insure that rounds never leave the confines of the range.

a. Highways and communities surround the entire club property on all sides. The following scenarios have been identified that are likely to result in a round leaving the confines of the range.

i. The muzzle is elevated above the bullet-stopping berm when the round is discharged from the firearm. Always keep the firearm pointed down range and your finger off the trigger. This should also be observed when loading and/or chambering a round.

ii. Be sure that all targets are placed so the fired round passes through the target and into the berm. Never place targets on the railroad ties.

iii. On the rifle ranges, mount targets only on the established target line. If the shooter wishes to shoot from a closer distance they have two choices. They can move closer to the target line or they can move to another bay. Do not move targets closer to the firing line.

iv. Bullets striking the range floor may cause the round to ricochet. A ricochet causes the bullet to travel in an uncontrolled manner that could leave the confines of the range.

v. Do not lay steel targets directly on the berm. Use a hanger or some sort of hanging device so the bullets are deflected downwards.

vi. Rapid fire and/or automatic fire, on north side ranges, must be conducted within 15 yards of the berm. Rapid fire is defined as firing more than one round every two seconds.

vii. Do not allow an inexperienced individual to shoot without close supervision. This is especially true when firing large bore weapons. Do not give to much gun or to much distance to a novice shooter.

b. With the exception of the steel targets, shoot from as close to the target as you wish. Do not shoot from behind the forward edge or through an established shelter. This includes from the sides of the shelter. Do not shoot from beyond the extension of the side berms and do not shoot into the side berms themselves. Shooting from beyond the shelter of the LEO Range is permitted so the 50 yard and 100 yard markers can be used after insuring no one is forward of them.

5. Eye and Ear Protection are highly recommended for all shooting activities.

6. Aircraft have the right of way. We fly our bullets in controlled airspace owned and operated by the U.S. Army/FFA. We are 2 miles inside of the 5 mile radius of the Cairns Control Zone.

a. A helicopter flight corridor (500 ft AGL) runs east and west over the rifle range berms.

i. Hold your fire, point the muzzle downward until the helicopter(s) have passed and are clear.

- ii. Maintain situational awareness and be a responsible neighbor.

Note: Flying drones (UAV) We are located 3 miles from Cairns AAF. Make sure you comply with FAA guidance prior to launching your drone.

Note: See for guidance <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>

7. Holstered firearms may be worn anywhere on Club property.

a. Hip holsters are preferred. Due to the muzzle orientation of cross draw and shoulder holsters we discourage their use in casual or competition shooting.

Note: If you feel strongly about using this sort of holster for competition, discuss it with the Match Director and Range Safety Officers prior to the competition.

b. Properly permitted individuals may carry concealed firearm on Club Property.

8. No center fire rifle cartridges or shotgun shells are allowed on the Pistol bays. Pistol bays are the south side bays.

Note: Rapid fire is permitted on both north and south side ranges. On the north side you can be no more than 15 yards from the bullet stopping berm. There are residences beyond that berm. That restriction does not apply to the south side pistol bays.

9. Shooting Club Steel

a. Shooters and spectators must wear eye protection. This is a non-negotiable requirement. This includes everyone within sight of the steel targets.

b. Lead core, solid lead, coated lead, or frangible bullets only will be used to engage steel targets. No steel core, tungsten core, solid copper, solid brass, or solid gilding metal bullets are permitted when engaging steel targets.

c. Shoot no closer than 10 yards from the steel targets. 10 yard line markers are available on the ranges.

d. No ammunition with a power factor greater than .45 ACP (PF 197) will be used to engage steel targets.

Example: .44 Magnum, 50 AE, 454 Casull and 500 S&W will not be used to engage steel targets. Shoot heavy calibers at paper only. Bay 1 works well on any northside range.

e. You may shoot steel targets that "you" provide with anything you wish but only on the appropriate range.

10. Exploding targets or other explosive devices are not permitted without express consent of the BoD. No Armor Piercing or Tracer rounds. Tracer rounds present a fire hazard.

11. If you need assistance with basic gun operation and maintenance procedures, contact one of the NRA/Firearm Instructors in the club for a class (these classes are many times held at TSGC but not associated with TSGC in anyway except the use of the facility) or ask for assistance from any competent member. The gun owner is responsible for the safe operation of their firearm.

PROCEDURES

1. The Firing Line

- a. Established by mutual consent of all shooters on a given range.
- b. The firing line is cold or hot with consent of all shooters.
- c. Shooters should be on the same lateral line, not in front of or behind another shooter, on the same range regardless of distance.

2. On a HOT Firing Line:

- a. Handling firearms includes loading, shooting, scope/sight adjustments, casing or uncasing and show and tell. Keep all firearms pointed down range towards the bullet stopping berm. Firearms may be moved to and from the firing line while cased at any time. If not cased or holstered, the firearm must be moved open and unloaded with the muzzle pointing up or down, the action/cylinder open and fingers outside the trigger guard while the line is hot.
- b. For holstered handguns, only remove the handgun from the holster to load or shoot when you are in the position from which you intend to engage your target(s). After firing, return the firearm to the holster before turning up range.
- c. Unholstered firearms are carried empty, slide back (cylinder open for revolvers) magazine removed and muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Do not load the firearm until you are on the hot line and in the position from which you intend to shoot.
- d. Carry long guns (rifles and shotguns) with bolts back, magazines out and safety's on. Do not load until you are on a hot line and in position from where you intend to shoot.

3. On a COLD Firing line:

- a. No one touches a firearm for any reason. All firearms should be grounded, holstered or cased. If grounded, the firearm must be empty with the bolt rearward, magazines out and the safety on.
- b. Shooters can move down range to recover or post targets, police expended rounds, load external magazines or otherwise handle ammunition.
- c. Do not move an uncased firearm to or from your vehicle or to/from the firing line while the line is cold. This is to prevent individuals from being down range while individuals are handling firearms behind them on the firing line. Wait until the line is again hot and coordinate your intentions.

4. Safe Areas

- a. These areas are show and tell areas used for performing minor maintenance on your firearm. Empty bays are the best safe areas.
- b. Make sure your firearm is cleared prior to entering the safe area.
- c. No live ammunition will be in the safe area.
- d. "Safe Area" signs indicate the tables used as safe areas.
- e. These safe areas are used mostly during matches as gun/gear preparation areas.

5. Supervision of Guests and Minors

- a. Each member is limited to two (2) shooting guests on the line at a time. However, one (1) is recommended.
- b. The member must monitor and control all shooting activities of their guests.
 - i. This means you are not shooting when they are.
 - ii. You must brief them on all applicable safety and procedural rules prior to shooting activities.
 - iii. Each guest must sign a waiver/release form. Blank waivers are located in the Clubhouse. The signed releases should be placed in the completed waiver box also in the clubhouse.
- c. Each member is responsible and liable for the conduct of their guests.

6. Range Use

a. Rifle Ranges –

- i. The General Purpose Ranges (25, 50 and 100 yard) and the LEO (Law Enforcement Range) may be engaged with any rifle up to .50 caliber. Range may also be engaged with pistols and black powder rifles/pistols of any caliber.
- ii. Law Enforcement Range (LEO): Shotguns firing #6 or larger shells are allowed on firing positions 11 and greater. Please use target backers that are in the worst shape for shotgun/shot shell activities. As with all activities, please police your spent ammunition and used targets.
- iii. Primitive Arms Range: Firearms permitted on this range are traditional muzzle loading rifles, pistols, and pellet guns. In-Lines must be used on regular multi-purpose ranges.

b. Pistol Ranges

- i. Pistols, revolvers, and rimfire rifles are authorized for use in the Pistol Bays (South Side).
- ii. Pistol caliber carbines in the following calibers are permitted in the pistol bays: 9mm, .45 ACP, .45 Colt, .357 Mag, .38 Special, .44 Special (Not magnum), .40 S&W, .380, 10mm (ball ammo only), and all cowboy traditional cowboy loads. Centerfire rifle cartridges are prohibited.
- iii. Steel targets are not permitted in the Bulls-Eye-Bay (bay 1) to prevent splatter spilling over to CR 437.
- iv. No shotguns or pistols firing shot shells are permitted on the pistol bays.

c. Shotgun Range

- i. All shot shell guns of any of any caliber or configuration may be fired. Use 7 ½ or smaller shot size on this range. No centerfire or rimfire rifles are permitted on this range.
- ii. Clays range briefing- If you need briefed on clay machine operation contact a BoD member or Officer for a detailed class on machine operations.

d. Archery Ranges

- i. No broad-heads or crossbows allowed for use on club targets. If you have brought your own targets, use what you will.
- ii. The zero/practice lane is behind the Clubhouse and is marked for distances out to 80 yards.
- iii. The 3D range is a multi-target walking trail that is available for club members and their guests. No preset distances are marked on the 3D range.
- iv. Please limit use to 2 arrows per target per round.

7. Targets

- a. Do not fire at posts, supports, target frames, or props.
- b. Mount all targets directly to the backer boards with staples, pins or tape so that all bullets impact the berms. Items that cannot be mounted to the backer boards are not to be used as targets anywhere on the club property. However, sporting clays placed directly on the berms or in holders are the only exception. Do not shoot cans, bottles, vegetables, fruits, electronics or household appliances on any club property.
- c. If you are shooting multiple targets, mount them vertically on the backer boards only. Do not attach targets to range structures such as the falling plates rack, barrels, fences, furniture or any other props. Remove and discard all used targets when you are done shooting.
- d. With the exception of clay targets on the shotgun range, no aerial targets will be engaged.
- e. Targets meant to be placed directly on the ground are not permitted.
- f. The club does not provide paper targets or staple guns.
- g. Do not engage any wildlife on club property except in self defense.

8. Brass and Shell Casings

- a. When you are done shooting police all centerfire brass and/or shotgun hulls. Center fire brass may be kept or deposited in provided receptacles at the discretion of the shooter.
- b. Sweep rimfire brass off the cement slabs. Other than the slabs, rimfire cartridges can lie wherever they fall. (Rimfire casings will not damage our mower blades like centerfire casings.)
- c. Place all duds or unwanted live rounds in the brass cans or remove them from the range. Live rounds left lying around are a safety hazard.

9. Shooters with new optics or sights, even if they have been laser bore-sighted, should use the following procedure: a) Start at the 25 yd GPR to check your zero. b) Confirm that zero on the 50 yd GPR. c) Move to the 100 yd GPR. This only needs to happen the first time a firearm/optic combo is used. This procedure reduces the risk of a bullet leaving the confines of the range.

Our club is open and available for member use 24 hours a day seven days a week. We have a kitchen with most utensils and running hot and cold water, if you should need it. We also have two showers available in the clubhouse restrooms. You will need to bring your own toiletries and towels. We have RV hookups to include sewer hookup. However, you may camp anywhere you wish on our 33 acres.

Shooting hours: 9:00 am until official sunset or 9:00 pm, whichever is earlier

Administrative

1. Contact information for the Club Officers is located at each gate, in the Clubhouse or on the Website.
2. All ranges are COLD during the general membership meeting which is held the first Sunday of each month from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.
3. Display your club ID at all times. If you see a shooter not displaying their ID simply ask to see it.
4. Electronic gates, when activated, will stay fully open for 30 seconds. **NEVER SHARE THE GATE COMBINATION WITH NON-MEMBERS.** The same applies to the maintenance buildings. Sharing these combinations compromises the safety/security of our club and will result in a forced gate and building combination change and possibly your dismissal from the club.
5. All animals brought onto the property are the owner's responsibility. Keep your animal under control and clean up after them.
6. Adopting a club facility or participating in Club workdays is voluntary and is highly encouraged. Adopting a facility/range will earn members \$ 25.00 in work chits every quarter. Members will earn \$5.00 in work chits for every 2 hours. Work can be accomplished during the workday or independently as arranged with the Vice President. These work chits can be used to pay club dues, participate in club matches or purchase pro shop items.
7. This is our club. Use every square inch of the club facilities. Use, but don't abuse, any available equipment but just remember to return it when you are finished. Keep the facility clean and organized. If you find something broken or out of order, fix it if you are capable. If it is beyond your capability, make the Vice President aware of the situation. How the club looks, how it is maintained, and how it operates is our responsibility (We are all volunteers). We make this club what it is!

Most of all, SAFETY is everyone's responsibility. We are responsible for our own safety, the safety of other shooters, and the behavior and safety of our guests.

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