

# TCSC Range Rules

Approved by the BOD 6/7/07

The intention of the range rules is to provide a framework for the legal and safe use of club property while preserving the facilities and the environment. Members are encouraged to try to correct unsafe actions. Notify the Board of Directors immediately of any infractions.

## Hours (all ranges):

8:00 am to Dusk - Monday through Saturday.

9:00 am to Dusk - Sunday.

The Board of Directors may approve other hours.

## Range Names:

### Trap Ranges

Houses 1-18

### Action Shooting Ranges

Bays 1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C

### Archery Range

### Rifle Range

Positions 1-15

### 25 Yard Range

## Section A. Flag Procedures and Range Conditions (firearms):

**A1.** No Flag - Member Range Usage: Firearms may be handled, loaded and fired on the Firing Line under the supervision of a certified TCSC Range Officer. Touching an unholstered firearm or a firearm in its case, rack or resting place is considered handling a firearm. Except during a Cease Fire, unloaded firearms off of the Firing Line may be handled if the actions are open and the muzzles are kept in a safe direction.

**A2.** Orange Flag - Event Active Range: See Event Range Officer before handling firearms.

**A3.** Black Flag - Closed Range: No admittance.

**A4.** Cease Fire - Handling of firearms on or off the Firing Line is prohibited except in a designated Safe Area. Firearms on the Firing Line shall be unloaded with actions open and be placed on a table or other suitable location with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction or be racked or cased. Pistols may be holstered unloaded with actions closed. During a Cease Fire, firearms may be handled ONLY in the designated Safe Area. If the Range Officer is running a "hot" range, pistols ONLY may be kept loaded but must also stay holstered. Anyone may call a Cease Fire for safety reasons. During a Scheduled Event, see the Event Range Officer for special procedures.

**A5.** Emergency Cease Fire - All Ranges. In the event there is a lost child or other such emergency, ALL ranges shall immediately Cease Fire and safe all firearms and bows. This provision shall apply even during Scheduled Events. Notification of an Emergency Cease Fire may be made by horn by sounding 3 short blasts. Air horns are located on all firearms ranges and at the clubhouse. An Emergency Cease Fire flag may also be displayed. The Emergency Cease Fire shall remain in place until the emergency situation is resolved. Members and Events shall not resume shooting until notified. One long blast and/or a PA announcement shall signal all clear and ranges may then go hot.

**A6.** Safe Area - A certified TCSC Range Officer may designate a Safe Area. Firearms may be handled, cased, uncased, holstered, unholstered, inspected, cleaned, maintained and/or repaired with the muzzle kept in a safe direction. Dummy ammunition, live rounds and loaded magazines, clips or speed loaders may not be handled in the Safe Area under any circumstances. A Safe Area should be clearly marked and must have a suitable backstop and a designated safe direction. During a Scheduled Event, see the Event Range Officer for special procedures.

## Section B. General Procedures (firearms and archery):

**B1.** Firearms shall be treated as though they are loaded. Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy. Be sure of your target and your backstop. Keep your finger off of the trigger until your sights are on your target and you are ready to shoot.

**B2.** All members using the range, except during participation in a Scheduled Event, must have their TCSC Range Officer Certification (Badge or Card) clearly displayed. Range Officer certification can be obtained by members at any regularly scheduled meeting (held the first Thursday of every month at 8:00 PM in the clubhouse). Guests may only shoot under the direct supervision of a Certified Range Officer.

**B3.** The instructions of the Range Officer must be obeyed at all times.

**B4.** All members and guests using the range, except during participation in a Scheduled Event, must sign in to the Range Log Book.

**B5.** All persons under the age of 18 anywhere on the ranges must be supervised by an adult at all times.

**B6.** Shooters are responsible for ensuring that firearms are in correct working order and are safe to use and that the ammunition in use is the correct type and chambering for the firearm in use, and arrows are correct for bow being used.

**B7.** When not in use, firearms shall be unloaded with their actions open and be placed on a table or other suitable location with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction or be racked or cased. Pistols may be holstered unloaded with actions closed. Firearms may be loaded and fired while on the Firing Line only. If the Range Officer is running a "hot" range, pistols only may be kept loaded but must also stay securely holstered when off of the Firing Line. A cocked crossbow shall be treated as though it were a loaded firearm whether or not it has an arrow or bolt fitted.

**B8.** Muzzles must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.

**B9.** Inspect backstops before use to ensure they are clear of people, pets or wildlife. Trap shooters must make sure down range Action Shooting Ranges are clear. Archery shooters must make sure down range Trap and Action Shooting Ranges are clear.

**B10.** Targets shall be arranged to ensure that all rounds shall be contained by the earthen berms. Targets shall be arranged to not allow rounds or shotgun spatter to impact spectators or participants, block walls, target holder posts or framing behind backers.

**B11.** All persons must remain behind the Firing Line during live fire.

**B12.** The Rifle Range and the 25 Yard Range share a common Firing Line. These ranges must work in tandem for firing conditions - especially Cease Fire. During a Cease Fire on these ranges, the flag signaling downrange activity (red flag with white stars) must be displayed in front of the Firing Line until the range is clear.

**B13.** Areas of bays separated by block walls may function independently provided all Firing Lines are no farther from the earthen backstop than the free end of the block walls. If a Firing Line is further away from the backstop than the free end of the dividing walls, the entire bay must function as a single Firing Line. No firing line shall be further from the earthen backstop than the free ends of the side earthen berms without prior Board approval.

**B14.** Archers must not shoot from beyond maximum yardage markers (30 yards) and must shoot from the same distance at adjacent targets if more than one is shooting.

**B15.** Shooters are responsible for policing their targets, stands, trash, brass, and live/unfired rounds before they leave the range.

**B16.** Pets must be controlled at all times.

**B17.** During a Scheduled Event, special Event Rules may apply (if stricter, they supersede).

**B18.** Eye and ear protection are required while on active firearms ranges.

### **Section C. Event Usage Procedures (Orange Flag):**

- C1.** Event Match Directors shall ensure that the Orange flag is flying while they are in command of the range.
- C2.** During a scheduled Event, the range(s) in use and all of the associated ranges of the same type are closed to other activities. Unused areas of the associated ranges may only be used for non-event activities with the explicit permission of the Event Match Director.
- C3.** Rules and procedures specific to the Event shall be in force for all of the associated range bays whether or not the Event is actively using those bays.
- C4.** Event participants may shoot only under the direct supervision of Event Range Officers who are under the authority of and act at the direction of the Event Match Director.
- C5.** Firearms handling may be prohibited except in designated Safe Areas or at the direction of an Event Range Officer. The Event may be running a Cold Range for all persons except those actively being supervised on the Firing Line. Check with the Event Match Director or an Event Range Officer before handling or loading firearms.

### **Section D. Steel Target Procedures (firearms):**

- D1.** Steel targets fabricated for Cowboy Action Shooting (SASS) events and practice must be engaged from a minimum of 5 yards for pistol and shotgun and 12 yards for rifle (no jackets or gas checks). Muzzle velocity must be between 650 fps and 1400 fps.
- D2.** Steel targets fabricated for IPSC or IDPA events and practice must be engaged from a minimum of 11 meters (approx. 12 yards) with a minimum velocity equal to the IPSC Minor Power Factor and a velocity cap of 1500 fps for pistols and carbines. Rifles may only be used on steel targets specifically fabricated for rifle use and at a minimum distance of 25 meters (approx. 27 yards).
- D3.** .22 rimfire may be used on all steel targets provided the projectiles are lead and the shooter maintains a minimum distance of 5 yards.
- D4.** Shotgun ammunition must use 7 1/2 or smaller lead shot.
- D5.** Use of slugs, magnum or high velocity shotgun ammunition on steel is prohibited.

### **Section E. Prohibited (firearms and archery):**

- E1.** Guests or members who are not certified TCSC Range Officers shooting without a certified TCSC Range Officer present.
- E2.** Use of alcohol or performance altering drugs (nonprescription, prescription or controlled substances) is strictly prohibited on or near any range while the range is in use. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only after you have finished shooting for the day and have secured all firearms.
- E3.** Climbing any berm or impact area on or adjacent to any active range.
- E4.** Use of fully automatic firearms in full automatic mode is prohibited. These firearms may be used in semiautomatic or single shot mode.
- E5.** Use of armor piercing, high explosive, tracer or incendiary ammunition.
- E6.** Shooting at targets thrown into the air or shooting into the air. (An exception is made for Trap and for clay pigeons or charcoal briquets thrown for engagement by shotgun using shot on the Action Shooting Ranges.)
- E7.** Shooting into target holder posts or framing behind backers.
- E8.** Shooting in such a way as for the rounds to impact in front of or on top of berms. Targets positioned close and/or low on the Action Shooting Ranges shall be provided a suitable backstop.
- E9.** Firing across the shooting lanes on the Rifle or 25 Yard Ranges. Firing position numbers and target numbers must match. 50 yard targets on the Rifle Range are available to positions 1 through 10 only. Firing at the 25 Yard Range berm from the Rifle Range and firing at Rifle Range berms from the 25 Yard Range is prohibited.
- E10.** Holsters which allow the muzzle of a firearm to point more than 30 degrees up from the vertical.
- E11.** Broadheads.

### **Section F. Prohibited Targets (firearms and archery):**

- F1.** Glass, bricks, cinder blocks, rocks, toasters, etc.: All Ranges.
- F2.** Clay pigeons and other frangible targets: Archery, Rifle and 25 Yard Ranges.
- F3.** Steel targets: Trap, Archery and 25 Yard Ranges.
- F4.** Steel targets without prior Board approval: Rifle Range.
- F5.** Archers shall shoot only into paper targets on target bales or 3-D targets with suitable backstop.
- F6.** Indigenous wildlife: All Ranges.

### **Section G. Range Fees (firearms and archery):**

- G1.** No fee for members for non-event shooting except Trap.
- G2.** Members: \$2.00 per round for practice Trap. Guests: \$3.00 per round for practice Trap.
- G3.** Guest fee is \$3.00 per day.
- G4.** Event fees set by Event Coordinator, Match Director, or Board of Directors.

Members without a current, numbered range badge may not use the ranges.

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