

GREENWOOD GUN CLUB -- SAFETY AND RANGE RULES

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ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN WRITING.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WARNING

The use of firearms exposes people to lead, gun cleaning and lubricating products. Be sure to wash your hands and those of your children after shooting.

SAFETY RULES

1. NO DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE OR DURING ANY SHOOTING SPORT. Firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows must be put up prior to any consumption of alcoholic beverages by individuals consuming alcohol.
2. Hearing and Eye Protection are required while on the firing line.
3. All firing must be done from the regulation firing lines except during matches, scheduled practice sessions or under the special "red light rule". The standard regulation firing line is defined as the area between the fronts of the firing benches to the back edge of the concrete slab. The muzzle of the firearm should be close to the front of the concrete or in some cases, an established down-range firing line.
4. The red lights shall be turned on when anyone goes down range for any reason. Each of the covered ranges has its own individual set of red lights. You must ensure the 600 yard section is clear before turning off the lights and shooting at the shorter range sections of that range. The red light control switches are painted bright orange. When the red lights are "on", it means there shall be no firearm handling on that particular range. At times, under the "special red light rule", the red lights will be on and the firing line will have been moved downrange, as in a rifle or pistol match. In this situation, YOU must be sure everyone on your range is aware the firing line has moved down-range. Coordinate your activities with everyone on that range. If you are uncertain of the conditions, ask someone.
5. When a firearm is being loaded or unloaded it must be pointed down range toward the berms. **The exception** is black powder firearms, which may be loaded in the conventional manner with the butt stock on the ground.
6. GGC's definition of a loaded firearm: A firearm is considered loaded if a cartridge is within any part of the firearm, if a "clip" or "magazine" is inside the firearm or if the "action" is closed. A capped or primed muzzle loader, or one that has powder in the barrel, is considered loaded.
7. Pellet and BB guns are classified as standard firearms and shall be treated as such.
8. Guns are not to be in a loaded condition outside of a vehicle behind the firing line. Do not take a loaded firearm out of your vehicle. Immediately upon setting up your equipment on the bench, open bolts, breeches, actions, etc., until ready to use. Firearms must be unloaded, with actions open, with magazines removed either laying on the bench or placed upright in the racks provided, prior to going down range.
9. All pistol and rifle firing must be done in such a manner that the bullets are stopped by the earthen backstops. "No CROSS FIRING". Shoot the target directly in front of you.

RESTRICTIONS

1. No full automatic firearms are allowed on this range.
2. No "50 BMG" or .416 Barrett cal. firearms, or similar and larger calibers are allowed.
3. Using any device (for example slide fire or hellfire) or technique (for example bump firing) that emulates full-auto firing of a semi-auto rifle or pistol is expressly prohibited at all of Greenwood Gun Club facilities. There will be no "two gunning", (a firearm in each hand), except in the Cowboy Action Discipline matches.

4. Fireworks, explosive, and/or destructive devices of any sort are expressly prohibited at all of Greenwood Gun Club facilities
5. The only permitted targets are paper mounted on the proper frames or GGC supplied permanent targets. Targets shall be placed in a manner in which no damage is done to the target frames. Shooting at anything other than an approved target is a safety infraction. Other targets require Board approval.
6. Metal targets may be used only in scheduled practice and matches for each discipline and in a manner approved by the director of that discipline.
7. Shooting at anything besides your properly posted target is a safety infraction and is not allowed.
8. No open carry holstered firearms on the range with the exception of matches and LEO's (Law Enforcement Officer). LEO's may open carry and use holsters on the property when in uniform or displaying their badge. They must also be in compliance with their department rules and regulations. Licensed To Carry (LTC) holders carrying concealed must comply with state law. There will be NO drawing from concealment.
9. As a general rule, there are no shotguns on the rifle or pistol ranges. They are permitted during Three Gun Matches and on the Cowboy Action Range. Shotgun slugs only are permitted on the rifle ranges.
10. No center fire rifles are allowed on the 25 yard and 50' pistol ranges.

WHO IS IN CHARGE

1. The range officer in charge of a match shall be responsible only for his match participants and their guests. He shall enforce all range rules with his match participants. Contact him ahead of time if you plan to shoot in his match.
2. Obey all firing line commands immediately. On the "**cease fire**" command, ground your firearms with the action open and the magazines removed (check to see that the chamber is clear).
3. When there is not a match in progress but the range is crowded, the first club member on the range, a club officer or the most experienced club member will act as the range officer.
4. During informal shooting at the range, try to follow the same time-proven safety practices used during matches. When you arrive at the range, introduce yourself and make sure of the procedures to be followed.
5. If you should observe unsafe practices on the range, you should immediately, in a polite and courteous manner, point out your observation to the person or persons involved. If they reject your comments, please record their vehicle license plate and call the safety director or any club officer with the description. If desired, your name will be kept anonymous.

RANGE RULES

1. Members must display their membership card **on their person** at all times when on the range except when participating in a match.
2. The entrance to the gate is to be kept locked at all times **except**: when a scheduled match is in progress, a maintenance work party is on the range, or if approved to be open by the Board of Directors. In each case, the event taking place will be posted with a sign on the gate. As each event ends their sign will be removed and the gate will be locked.
3. Unauthorized disclosure of the combination for the auxiliary gate (521 range) or the shotgun range gate can cost you your membership. You must **zero** the lock immediately after unlocking.
4. NO HUNTING is allowed on any Greenwood Gun Club property without the expressed approval of the Board of Directors to facilitate protection of range property. No animals or alligators, with the exception of venomous reptiles and rats, are to be killed without this approval, except for humane or self-protection reasons.
5. The range is open from 7am to 9pm. The range is normally closed on Monday for Maintenance unless a holiday falls on a Monday then it is closed on Tuesday.

CLUB RULES

1. Persons under 18 years of age shall be permitted on the range only in the company of an adult, and must stay in the immediate area of the adult. They are not at any time allowed on the firing line except under direct supervision. One adult can supervise no more than two shooters.
2. During shooting hours, no one is to go behind the earthen berms. The Cowboy Action Town will still be open while the 50 foot and 25 yard range are open and hot.
3. There shall be no wanton destruction of club property or disorderly conduct permitted at any time. Used targets, trash, etc. should be placed in the trash barrels provided. It's the duty of every club member to report any vandalism to a club officer. If desired, your name will be kept anonymous. There is a reward.
4. You may bring guests, but you are responsible for their actions. Only 2 guests under the direct supervision of the member may handle firearms at a time. You must ensure that guests, including resident member's family, sign the waivers.
5. Profanity will not be tolerated on any GGC property. We encourage a family atmosphere.
6. This list is not all-inclusive. Should your actions be determined unsafe or inappropriate by the Board, your membership can be revoked, even if the infraction is not specifically described or listed in this document.

SPECIAL BLACKPOWDER RULES

1. No open cans of powder are allowed on the benches when the firing line is hot.
2. No smoking on the cement slabs while black powder is being used within 15 feet.
3. A muzzle loader should be retired with the muzzle up and the gun placed against the bench or in the rack. All pistols must be placed with the muzzles up or in the rack.
4. When the red lights are on or when the gun is not in use, muzzle loaders cannot have a load (ball or powder) in the barrel. See definition of a loaded firearm.
5. Muzzle loaders cannot be capped or primed until the muzzle is pointed down range and being prepared to fire.
6. Flintlock shooters must provide their own shield to protect the touch hole from venting toward others.
7. **Personal target frames are allowed for all Black Powder activities. Shooters are requested to set up in the 100 yd. section of the 521 Range.**
8. Greenwood Longrifles Black Powder Director and Range Officer shall have the right to inspect a shooter's equipment for safe condition. The shooter is responsible for submitting his equipment for inspection prior to a match. No firearms shall be used in any competition if ruled unsafe. Greenwood Black Powder Director, or his designee, has the final say on this issue.

SPECIAL SHOTGUN RULES - 2004 RANGE

1. Only firearms designed to use shotshells and designed to be shot from the shoulder are permitted. **NO RIFLES OR PISTOLS ALLOWED.**
2. Shoot only clay birds or the paper patterning target at the shotgun range.
3. Shoot only lead shot #7-1/2 to #9. All use of "steel shot" on the shotgun range is prohibited.
4. Shotguns must be kept unloaded and the actions open at all times except when the shooter is on the firing line.

5. Loading is permitted only when it is the shooter's turn to shoot and only when the shooter is within the boundaries of the shooting station.
6. The shotgun range firing positions are from the 27-yard marker to the back of the bunker.
7. All firearms must be opened immediately after shooting and before the shooter leaves the shooting station. All shells, live or spent, must be removed before leaving the station.
8. All firearms must be pointed in a safe direction while out of the rack.
9. Break-action shotguns may be closed for storage in a gun case or when placed in a rack but must be opened immediately upon removal from the rack or case.
10. Semi-automatic and pump shotguns must always have their actions open when placed in a rack or when being carried.
11. No one is allowed past the firing line or the most forward position at any time while the field is in use.

BRAZORIA COUNTY BOWMEN GENERAL and SAFETY RULES

1. No firearms are allowed on the archery range. Crossbows are allowed on the designated areas of the archery practice range. Crossbows shall be fired into the designated crossbow compatible targets only (No Broadhead or Practice Broadhead points). Self-provided crossbow compatible target are allowed. No crossbows are allowed on the archery 3D range unless authorized by the Archery Director for a special 3D event.
2. Unauthorized use of vehicles on range prohibited.
3. When the red lights are "On" designating all clear to pull arrows/bolts, shooters will place bows in the bow holders while still on the shooting line. Arrows/Bolts shall not be nocked while red lights are "on". If work is needed on your bow, it will be done off the shooting line. Crossbow and any other mechanically held at partial or full drawn bow shall be discharged prior to heading down range. It is the responsibility of all shooters on the firing line to verify it is safe to proceed down range.
4. The red lights will also remain "on" during practice range work activities. The crossbow range as designated by signs placed on the range shall be closed during 3D range work days and during 3D shoot set-up and events to protect persons moving in and out of the 3-D range.
5. All shooters should stay on designated trails, do not cross safety tape or chain.
6. When looking for arrows behind targets, limit search to 3-4 minutes if there are shooters waiting. Mark the stake or have someone posted to warn the next shooters that there are people behind the targets. Mark target number and come back later to continue your search.
7. Real and practice broad heads may only be fired into self-provided target only on the practice range. These self-provided broad head targets shall be of a design rated for broad heads. No firing of real or practice broad heads is allowed on the 3D range, 3D targets or hay bale backstops at any time.
8. Movement on 3-D range should be in one direction only (targets 1-30, etc.).
9. Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
10. Shoot arrows at designated targets only.
11. Any safety issues should be corrected immediately. Contact a board member as soon as possible. Safety is #1. Caution must be used when pulling arrows. Most injuries are caused by the nock end of the arrow being pulled.
12. "Sky Drawing" bow or having a crossbow "Cocked" away from the firing line is not allowed. Vertical Bow Shooters shall nock and draw their bow at an angle no greater than 30 degree left or right off the centerline of the target line. Crossbow Shooter shall "Cock" their bow at the firing line only. The cocked crossbow shall be pointed down and at an angle no greater than 30 degrees left or right off the center line of the target line with a bolt nocked. No cross firing at targets.