



Range #1 and #2 Safety Rules For Rifles, Shotguns and Handguns

Firearms – Rifles up to .338 Lapua Magnum, shotguns with slug and handguns may be used on these ranges.

Range Safety Officer(s) – Shall be appointed, when more than one member is on the range.

Alcohol or Drugs - Use shall not be permitted on the club property at any time. Anyone found under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be permitted on the club property.

Ear and Eye Protection – Shall be worn by all shooters and spectators that are within close proximity to the firing lines.

Range Open/Closed Sign - Is located at the entrance gate to indicate the overall condition of the range(s). The range **Closed Sign** shall be displayed when the range(s) are not in use. The range sign shall be locked closed when work is being done on Club Property and the Work-in -Sign placed on the main entry gate to ranges. The range **Open Sign** shall be displayed when any shooting activity is in progress on the range(s).

Range Flags used when Shooting – A **Green Flag** shall be displayed on the firearm range(s) any time the range is inactive and/or a person is down range of the firing lines. A **Red Flag** shall be displayed to indicate the range(s) are active and in use. Range #3 Trap House shall be equipped with a **Yellow Flag** on a short pole. The yellow flag is to be raised by the trap operator to indicate a ceasefire is required. The Range Safety Officer shall call a ceasefire and shall inform the trap operator when it is safe to leave the trap house.

Range Status Sign – The sign located within the clubhouse shall be used to indicate what ranges are open or closed. Trap range #3 is closed when ranges #1,2,4 (FIFA) and /or 5 (3D Archery) range(s) are open. Ranges #1,2,4 (FIFA) and/or (3D Archery) are closed when the Trap Range #3 is open.

Careless Handling of Firearm or Horseplay - Shall not be permitted on club property. Refer to Bylaw #14 for further information.

Cease Fire – Upon hearing the Range Safety Officer (or another person) call a ceasefire all shooting shall immediately stop, firearms unloaded, lay your firearm down with the muzzle pointing down range and the action(s) are left open. The Range Safety Officer shall inspect all firearms and he/she shall give instructions on how the firearms are to be situated before shooters leave the firing line (left at shooting position, racked or cased). Shooters shall then move back from ceasefire line. No shooting or handling of firearms on the range shall be permitted until the Range Safety Officer declares the range is Active.

Range Commands – All range commands that are given by the Range Safety Officer(s) shall be obeyed.

Safety Tables – The safety tables are located in the club house and at other locations on the ranges as needed. **Note:** **No live ammunition is allowed on the safety tables.**

Ammunition Malfunction - Keep the muzzle pointed down range. Wait 60 seconds before removing the shell or cartridge from the chamber. ACT/PROVE the firearm.

Firearms Requiring Maintenance – Shall be removed from the firing line to a designated safe maintenance area on the direction of the Range Safety Officer. For example, a maintenance area may be set up for cleaning black powder firearms at a shoot. Keep the firearm muzzle pointed in a safest direction at all times and the firearm is kept under control.

Dangerous Area – Do not walk onto shooting range(s), climb berms or backstops when the shooting range(s) are active.

Targets - Use only targets approved by the club and place the targets so the top of the target is below the centerline of the backstop. Do not shoot target numbers, glass bottles, or materials that can cause a bullet to ricochet or cause dangerous debris. Do not fire at targets sitting directly on the ground. Bullets striking the ground may deflect over the sides of the berms or backstops. All metal targets shall be reactive (they must move or fall down when hit), be enclosed in an approved bunker and must be positioned at the right angle to the firing line. Metal targets minimum firing distance for Rim-Fire Handgun/Rifle and Centrefire Handgun is 11yds, Centrefire rifle is 55yds. All targets, portable shooting stands shall be picked up after the shoot.

Empty Brass and Shells - Shall be picked up when a shooter(s) have finished shooting and the Range Safety Officer has indicated the shooting area and the range(s) are safe to do so. Containers are located in the club house for disposal.

For further details please see the Thessalon and Area Rod and Gun Club –

- ***Club Property and Safety Rules***
- ***Range Commands***