

# GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

THE PURPOSE OF THESE RULES IS TO PROVIDE **MAXIMUM SAFETY** DURING THE USE OF THE QUINTON SPORTSMENS CLUB, INC. FACILITIES. THIS RANGE IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE MEMBERS OF QUINTON SPORTSMENS CLUB, INC. AND IS INTENDED FOR THE SOLE USE OF ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS. CLUB FACILITIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS ONLY. IT IS ALSO OPEN TO CERTAIN AGENCIES AS APPROVED BY THE CLUB MEMBERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. BEYOND THE SPECIFIC RANGE RULES SET FORTH BELOW ALL MEMBERS WHO DESIRE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE ACCESS MUST HOLD A CLUB RANGE PASS THAT IS ISSUED AT THE COMPLETION OF A RANGE SAFETY AND ORIENTATION SESSION. GUESTS AND OTHER PERSONS UTILIZING THIS FACILITY ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A **SAFE**, SPORTSMAN-LIKE AND CIVIL MANNER. THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS USING THIS FACILITY.

## A. GENERAL CONDUCT

1. No alcoholic or intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs of any kind, nor any person under their influence, shall be permitted on Club property or at any Club sponsored activity. Any person impaired by any substance so as to be judged unsafe shall be barred from Club property and activities. Remember, some over-the-counter drugs such as antihistamines may cause impairment.

2. No one may handle loaded firearms in Club facilities or on Club property except when on the firing line and/or participating in a shooting event. No loaded firearms may be carried at any function except by uniformed officers of the law. All exposed firearms will be unloaded and have their actions open when not being used on the firing line except for Certified Instructors and Certified Coaches and students while training. There will be no live ammunition used in these instructional sessions. Approval for the use of properly identified "dummy cartridges" must be sought and granted by the Board of Directors prior to instructional class.

3. Members shall be totally responsible for the actions and obligations of their guests. Regular members may have a maximum of two guests with them per visit.

The member and guest combination may not occupy more than two firing-line positions at one time if any other members are waiting to use them. (Note: Immediate Family Members are not counted as guests.)

4. All members shall carry their Club identification or Club-issued Range Pass on their person whenever on the Club property and display such ID to a club officer when requested

5. Club members must re-lock the main gate when they enter or leave the range property. Only club officers, trustees and committee chairmen have the authority to leave it open. Always lock it behind you.

6. All members are responsible for ensuring that range rules are being followed. If someone is acting unsafely, point it out to them but avoid a confrontation. Report findings to a Trustee or Club Officer. If you see violations of the law, vandalism, etc., contact a Trustee or member of the Board.

7. Any violation of these rules which results in an unsafe condition or willful damage to Club property will subject the individual to possible disciplinary action in accordance with Club By-laws.

8. The use of ATC / ATV type vehicles on QSC property is governed by the following rules:

1. Personal unlicensed vehicles of any type are permitted for administrative and event use by club officials.
2. Unlicensed vehicles such as ATV's, golf carts or modified versions of either are permitted on the sporting clays course and elsewhere where permitted.

3. Gun mounts on any and all unlicensed vehicles must be oriented to position the gun in a predominantly vertical position either muzzle up or down but must not enable the muzzle of the gun to point at a person standing nearby.

4. Guns carried on ANY ATV, golf cart or modified version of either must be unloaded and the action open, if possible.

9. No hunting is allowed on club property, except by prior approval of the Board.

10. Lead shot and bullet reclaiming activities must not interfere with any member desiring to use the ranges.

11. You are responsible for your actions when on club property. Violation of Club Rules may be cause for sanctions and/or expulsion from the Club. In addition, criminal charges may be pursued if applicable.

## **B. GENERAL RANGE RULES**

1. Always keep firearms under control and pointed in a safe direction.

2. Always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

3. Always keep your gun unloaded at firing position until ready to use.

4. Know your target and what is beyond.

5. You are responsible for the physical and mechanical condition of your firearm. Unsafe firearms or ones in poor (dangerous) condition will be removed from the range until repaired and in sound mechanical condition.

6. Members who bring guest(s) must remain with them at all times. When the member is shooting, their inexperienced guest(s) must stay with the member. All inexperienced shooters must be supervised by a member while on the firing line.

7. Any firearm that is deemed to be a safety hazard shall be removed from the firing line.

8. No one may go forward of the firing line to change or retrieve targets, pick up brass or any other purpose unless all firing points are clear and all firearms are unloaded, benched, and have their actions open. **THERE SHALL BE NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS WHEN ANYONE IS FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE.**

9. Clean up all target materials when finished with them. **DO NOT USE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, COMPRESSED GAS CONTAINERS, GLASS OR EXPLODING TARGETS** at any time.

10. Spent cartridge cases, ammo boxes, or other trash should be picked up and disposed of properly before the member leaves the range.

11. **DO NOT** place any target materials that are not designated or designed to hold targets on Club property. This includes items such as fences, barrels, buildings.

NOTE: At no time may target material, targets (with the exception of clay targets), or target holders be placed on the birm.

12. Automatic weapons (machine guns) are prohibited from all ranges except such that are properly registered under Federal and State laws.

13. Regardless of when or by whom the **"CEASE FIRE"** command is given, all firearms will be unloaded immediately upon the command. The actions must be opened and remain open until further commands are given. When there are multiple shooters on a range, no one may advance forward of the firing line without mutual agreement among all shooters. This includes brass gathering as well as target scoring and posting.

14. No trigger activating devices are allowed at any time on any hand-held firearm. (BMF Activator, Tri-fire, etc.)
15. If, during a scheduled registered match or league matches, or organized practice, there is a conflict between these rules and the rules of the governing body of said match or practice, The Board of Directors may issue an exception on a one time or permanent basis.
16. The following are not permitted on the range: Exploding targets, mortars, grenades, military tracers or rocket launchers.
17. Shooters will be responsible for checking the range for safety before use.
18. You may not shoot at any wildlife on Club property.
19. Any firearm that discharges without the trigger being activated will be removed from the range until it is repaired.
20. Buildings and Grounds personnel performing necessary work will have priority over shooting activities.
21. During the time an event is in progress, the committee running said event may close ranges that are being used for the event and are required to close any range where a safety problem may exist due to the nature of the event.

### **C. RIFLE / PISTOL RANGE RULES**

1. Shooting hours are from 8:00 am until sunset. Exceptions require prior approval from The Board of Directors.
2. All shooters and other persons in the immediate vicinity of the ranges are required to wear eye and ear protection. **EYE PROTECTION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED OUTSIDE THE CLUB HOUSE WHEN STEEL TARGETS ARE IN USE ON THE RANGE. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS MANDATORY FOR QUINTON SPORTSMENS CLUB MEMBERS WHILE ON THE RANGE.**
3. In order to maintain the highest degree of safety, all bullets fired must pass through the target mounting area of the target frames. Targets must be placed so that bullets do not hit the target backer supports, frames or cross members.
4. Do not place targets on top of or hang them from the target frames.
5. Club steel targets will not be used with center fire smokeless rifle cartridges, shotgun slugs, or buckshot unless authorized by the governing body (Silhouette, Class III, Action Shooting, etc.). Club steel targets will not be placed closer than 10 yards from the firing point.
6. Personally-owned steel targets may be used if targets are set at least 10 yards from the firing point. They must be shaped so that the actual bullet impact area is flat and placed parallel to the firing line. All steel targets shall be removed from the range when the shooter is finished.
7. Keep all non-shooting guests behind the cease-fire line. All inexperienced shooters must be accompanied by a member while in the range area.
8. Except for trap shooting, shooting will not be allowed over standing water or ice if said standing water or ice is closer to the firing line than the seventy-five yard line. If the range is partially flooded or iced, than the dry lanes may be used for shooting.
9. No target may be positioned more than 5 feet higher than ground level.

10. Do not leave targets of any kind on the range. When finished, collect your used targets, clean up any accumulated trash and deposit in the proper trash container.

#### **D. SHOTGUN RANGE RULES**

1. **OPEN OR OUT** is the primary rule of the shotgun sports. Your firearm must be open unless actually being fired or it is secured in a gun rack. When closing your gun in preparation to shoot, it **MUST** be pointed down range. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

2. Eye and hearing protection is mandatory for all who are in close proximity to the firing of a shotgun. This includes shooters, observers, scorers and referees when shooting any of the shotgun sports.

3. During regularly scheduled clay target shoots the entire range will be under control of the officer conducting the event(s).

4. All non-shooting personnel will remain behind the firing line under all circumstances. This includes an adult coach or instructor who is observing young or inexperienced shooters.

5. Do not attempt to pick up spent shells until after the squad is finished and the line is determined to be clear.

6. If a firearm malfunctions for any reason, **DO NOT leave the firing line** until the action can be opened and cleared of any live OR spent shell.

7. When changing shooting positions, ALL firearms must be open and unloaded. Unused barrels must be clear and not contain snap caps or spent shells. Other squad members **MUST** know your barrel does not contain a live round during a post change.

8. If the target machine malfunctions and the puller must make an adjustment or repair, ALL firearms must be cleared and the actions opened during such repairs and until the puller resumes his/her position behind the firing line.

9. Practical jokes are strictly prohibited on or near the firing line and will be considered an unsafe act and a violation of these safety rules

10. Lead shot reclaiming activities must be limited to "off hours" so as not to interfere with scheduled shooting activities

#### **VIOLATIONS**

Any member who notes a violation to these **RULES** and **REGULATIONS** shall bring attention of the violation to a member of the **BOARD**. A member who does witness a violation to these By-Laws but does not take action to either correct the violation or report it, shall also be considered in violation of these rules.

The **BOARD** shall investigate the suspected violation. If it is decided that a violation did occur, the **BOARD** can, if it deems appropriate, dismiss the person from membership in the Club. In all cases where a violation did occur, a report shall be given to the membership at the next business meeting by the Secretary, detailing the violation and punitive measures (if any) taken. The membership may overrule the findings of the **BOARD** by using a veto in accordance with the existing bylaws

Safety is no accident, it must become "second nature."

#### **REMEMBER**

**SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU HANDLE YOUR GUN**