

# Heart Of Texas Silhueta Association, Inc.

## Range Rules – 2016

### General Rules

1. Guests are welcome at the range but must be accompanied by the club member. Members are responsible for the behavior and conduct of their guests and must remain with them at all times while at the range. **After the first visit (assuming active use of the range), the guest will be required to join the club.** Please make sure your guests know the rules of the range before shooting.
2. Alcoholic beverages are permitted on the property, however, drinking alcoholic beverages and handling firearms is not permitted. Before consuming any alcohol, all firearms and ammunition must be put away. Drinking of a very moderate and social nature is acceptable; however heavy drinking is not acceptable. All beverage bottles/cans must be removed from the property (this does not mean throwing them across the fence).
3. Trash left on the property has been a problem in the past. Anything you bring with you to the range, you must take it back with you. Shot up targets, wrappers, bottles, ammo boxes, cleaning patches, and any household trash **MUST** be taken with you. This also includes empty shotgun shells. The range should not be a trash collection depot.
4. It is important that everyone using the range remembers that this is someone else's property. It isn't ours as we are just leasing it. The landowner has cattle on the property so be very careful when they are approaching the backstops. **STOP** shooting until they are clear. This includes in front of, behind, and/or to the sides of the berms. This means do not shoot if the cattle are in the shooting lanes at all, firing must cease and cattle must be chased from the firing lane. Respect the landowner and his property and any member caught not respecting this rule will face immediate revocation of membership.
5. Do not shoot at signs on the property or down range. Signs are for reference, instruction, or information and are not targets or backboards for targets.
6. Everyone must respect the steel gongs (round hanging targets) and steel silhouette animal targets. The gongs are for casual shooting...however the steel silhouette targets are for match shooting only, per each dedicated disciple, and are not meant to be shot by anyone, anytime. These targets are damaged if shot with the wrong ammo, and they are expensive to replace, so let's take care of them. This range is a silhouette range strictly for silhouette shooting. If you want to shoot metal targets, there are some round and square targets that you can set on the rails to shoot. **DO NOT shoot the animal targets!**
7. Keep all firearms pointed in a safe direction meaning down range if you are on the firing line. Pointed up and muzzle above head level while handling firearms off the firing line. Firearms must be kept unloaded with the actions open until you are on the firing line and ready to fire. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire. All firearms must be placed in a safe and unloaded condition with the action open prior to anyone proceeding down range. All firearms must be in the rack, not on the firing line prior to going down range. Safety is the first priority and must be remembered at all times.
8. Hearing and eye protection must be worn by anyone on the firing line.
9. This range took a lot of time and effort to build so please make it a safe one for all to enjoy. Your membership card must be visible at all times while on the range, or must be produced when requested. If you see anyone abusing it, ask him or her to stop or leave if they continue the abuse. If there is any fear of conflict, then get an I.D. or license plate and call a Range Director so appropriate action may be

taken. In extreme cases, contact the Limestone County Sheriff's office at 254-729-3278 or the Mexia Police Department at 254-562-4140 or 4150.

10. All shooting must be into the berm backstops...no exceptions! Do not set up your target holder in between berms, meaning no target at 50 yards in front of the 100 yard berm. You are responsible for each bullet you fire, so be aware of where your rounds are going.
11. No shooting at bottles (or computers, TV's, etc.) on the range. This is dangerous and leaves a serious mess that is hazardous to all. If you shoot at metal cans then clean up any mess and take it with you when you leave.
12. No children (under the age of 18) are allowed to handle firearms on the range unless supervised by an adult. This is in no way intended to discourage the participation of youth shooters but let's make sure they learn to shoot safely.
13. When leaving the range be sure and lock the gate and roll over the combination lock.
14. The range is a controlled fire range meaning slow semi-auto fire is acceptable. No fast semi-auto or full auto firing is acceptable. All firing is to be done into the berms but not at the steel silhouette targets.
15. No cowboy action style shooting or fast draw shooting is allowed on the range.
16. No "Tracer" or armor-piercing (including M855) ammunition is allowed on the range!! No 50 BMG shooting on the range.
17. Make every effort to coordinate range down time with fellow shooters to accommodate every shooter, if possible. Communication is essential to the safety of all on the range. **SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!**
18. Organized competitive shooting and scheduled events shall take precedence over all other activities. During such times, the range shall be under management and control of the event director/range director. The range will be closed during all scheduled events but exceptions may be made only with the consent of the event director/range director who is responsible for all range activity during the event.
19. During a match, competitors may gear up at their vehicle and safely handle their firearms to move them to the firing line. Afterwards, **ALL** gun handling must be done on the firing line or in a designated safe area.
20. **RANGE HOURS AND RESTRICTIONS** – The range is available for use from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Shooting after dark is prohibited...there are no exceptions!
21. Remember, a range is only as safe as the manner in which it is used. Safety is no accident, it must be planned.
22. **Violation of any of the above rules will be dealt with by the board with reprimand or expulsion from the club, determined at the discretion of the HOTSA board.**

#### **RULES SPECIFIC TO HIGH POWER RIFLE RANGE**

1. It is permissible to set up and shoot down silhouette targets provided you shoot at them at the standard ranges appropriate for the given target and with approved calibers. This includes shooting at targets from the bench. This is only to be done by silhouette competitors.

## 2. Approved Calibers:

- a. 243 (6mm) caliber with energy of 243 Winchester cartridge or less. This caliber will do some damage to the targets though it is a legal caliber.
- b. 25 caliber with energy of 257 Roberts or less
- c. 264 (6.5mm) with energy of 260 Rem or 6.5x55 or less
- d. 284 (7mm) with energy of 280 Rem or less
- e. 308 (7.62mm) with energy of 30-06 or less
- f. No caliber or ammo greater than 30-06 should be fired at silhouette targets to avoid excessive target damage. This includes the definition of “magnum” caliber

## 3. Unapproved Calibers:

- a. No 22 center fire caliber or smaller to be shot at gongs or silhouette targets.
  - b. 22 center fire calibers include: 222, 223, 22 PPC, 22-250, 220 Swift, 5.56mm, and any and all other 22 center fire calibers.
  - c. No magnum or belted magnum cases
  - d. No smaller than 22 center fire calibers including: 204 Ruger, 17 Rem, etc.
4. Do not shoot high power rifles at pistol gongs (round targets) or pistol silhouette targets. This includes the ram at 200 meters and the turkey at 150 meters as well as all gongs on the 40-100 meter range. Doing so will severely damage the targets. Bring your own targets if you want to shoot steel but please pick up any mess afterwards.

## RULES SPECIFIC TO PISTOL RANGE AND SHOTGUNNING

1. The hunter pistol silhouette targets may be used but heavy magnum or armor-piercing loads are prohibited except on paper targets placed in front of the berms.
2. Take extra precautions when shooting metal targets at the 25 meter range or closer. Blow back could be hazardous to your health and others. Do not shoot steel closer than 10 yards to avoid back-splatter.
3. Do not use target posts as backstops for your own targets. This will accelerate the demise of the posts.
4. If you shoot a shotgun on the range, pick up the broken clay targets, hulls and your shot wads. Please do not leave these items for the cows to eat.
5. Do not leave the pistol silhouette targets downrange. Put them up if you pull them out.

## ADDITIONAL SECURITY & MEMBERSHIP RULES

### 1. **Security and Safety**

- a. All safety rules **MUST** be obeyed.
  - i. Orientation is required for new members (orientation must be completed and documented before getting the gate combination) **NOTE** No member is to give out the combination to the gate lock to anyone!
  - ii. Rules should be reviewed at the general meeting and stressed to current members.
- b. Sign in sheet will be **mandatory** except on match days.
  - i. Failure to sign in on the sign in sheets upon arrival to the range is grounds for dismissal.
  - ii. A maximum of two guests must also be written in on the sign in sheet.
  - iii. Cameras have been installed at the gate and the sign in sheet area to document who enters the range.
  - iv. There will be no family memberships. The member must be present when their guests are on the range.

## **2. Membership**

### **a. New Members**

- i. Orientation is required for all new members.
- ii. Orientation of new members can be given by one of the directors or club officer.
- iii. During orientation, the rules will be read to the new member and discussed. After the discussion, a signature will be required verifying acceptance of the rules.
- iv. The original will go on file and a copy will be given to the member.
- v. If rules are not adhered to, membership will be revoked.

### **b. General Membership**

- i. Annual dues is \$150.00 for all members
- ii. Membership in the NRA and/or the TSRA is suggested.
- iii. The annual meeting and work day is the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of January each year and is when the yearly orientation is discussed. Any member that is not able to be there must go through a revised orientation of the new rules with one of the range directors.

## **SCHEDULED COMPETITIONS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month**

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette - Director Kenny Tebbe    254-644-0484

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month**

High Power Rifle Silhouette	Director Jack Garrett	254-729-5215
22 Silhouette	Director Jack Garrett	254-729-5215

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month**

22 BPCRA Silhouette	Director Kenny Tebbe	254-644-0484
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### **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month**

Clays Match	Director Denny Henderson & David Brady
Varmint Bench Rest Silhouette	254-

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month**

Lever Action Silhouette	Director Rich Mariott	817-517-5323
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