

THE DUG HILL ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.  
RANGE RULES  
2024



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## I. General Provisions

- A. These rules apply to all persons who utilize the range facilities at Dug Hill Rod & Gun Club (DHRGC).
- B. Anyone found not in compliance with these rules shall be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed by the Bylaws of DHRGC.
- C. Any member in good standing may suggest changes to the range rules. These will be evaluated by the Range Committee. Changes may be recommended to the Executive Board and accepted by the membership of DHRGC during a regular meeting where a quorum is present. These rules remain in effect until changed or revoked by the membership at a club meeting.
- D. Temporary rule changes or additions may be imposed by the President or their designee. Such changes will take effect immediately until the following regular club meeting and will be posted in the clubhouse/range buildings. The rule change will be reported and justified to the membership, then voted on to make the change permanent.
- E. All members and their guests must have a signed liability waiver on file with the club. Members/guests can electronically sign a waiver on the club's website, or fill out a copy at the clubhouse found by the sign-in book.

## II. Safety

- A. Safety is first and foremost when using any of the Club's shooting ranges.
- B. Range badge (button) must be worn & visible.
- C. The NSSF 4 Primary Rules of Gun Safety shall be always followed:
  - 1. Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
  - 2. Treat all guns as if they are loaded.
  - 3. Keep your finger off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
  - 4. Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
- D. Hearing and eye protection are required when using any of the shooting ranges. It shall be the responsibility of members to ensure eye and ear protection are worn properly for all persons in their party.
- E. Members shall conduct a survey of all ranges on the property for other people prior to shooting and from time to time while using the facility.
- F. Firearms being used on the ranges shall only be loaded and/or chambered on the firing line.
- G. All firearms must be unloaded and firearm actions remain open prior to going down range. Firearms shall not be handled when someone is down range.

- H. If anyone is downrange in the wooded area of the property for any reason (i.e. hunting, maintenance, etc.), members shall display the orange flag at the pavilion. If this orange flag is displayed, all shooting ranges are closed. Anyone downrange must provide a contact phone number in the sign-in book while they are in the wooded area, unless approval is granted by the President or their designee.
- I. Intoxicating substances are not permitted on the ranges and shall not be consumed at the shooting ranges. Using the Club's facilities with any intoxicating substances in your system is strictly prohibited.
- J. Except as otherwise provided, the following will not be allowed at any of the Club's shooting ranges.
  - 1. Rapid fire (defined as: More than one shot per second) or fully automatic firing.
  - 2. Cannons
  - 3. Gatling guns
  - 4. .50 caliber BMG
  - 5. Incendiary, tracer, and explosive ammunition.
  - 6. Shooting forward of the firing lines provided at the pistol and rifle ranges.
  - 7. Reactive targets such as Tannerite or similar products are prohibited.
  - 8. The use of steel targets both on the rifle and pistol ranges are prohibited.
  - 9. The use of targets that rest on the ground are prohibited. Projectiles must terminate into the berms
- K. Anyone on the range can call for a ceasefire. A call for a ceasefire must be recognized immediately. Firearms must be rendered safe and laid down on a stable surface immediately. The range flag must be displayed once the range is determined cold and other ranges notified.
- L. Loading muzzle-loaders or having muzzle-loading supplies on the firing line is prohibited.
  - 1. Muzzle-loading supplies include projectiles, powder, powder horns, powder flasks, and other powder containers shall be kept at tables/benches against the back wall of the shooting structures. Primers may be kept near the shooting bench but must be kept in a closed container.
  - 2. Powder and projectiles shall be loaded into the firearm at the tables behind the firing line. The firearm shall only be primed while on the shooting bench.
  - 3. All rules in sections L.1 & L.2 apply to primitive muzzleloaders with the exception that a small powder flask may be kept at the shooting bench for priming purposes only.
  - 4. Muzzle-loaders will be considered loaded if a primer is present in the action or powder is present in the pan.

### III. Range Use

- A. Shooting shall not commence until 9:00 AM. Members shall not shoot past the official sunset time according to the National Weather Service.
- B. Prior to and after using any of the Club's shooting ranges, the Club Use Book located in the lower level of the Clubhouse must be completed with member number, date, time in/out and facilities used. If guests are accompanying a member, their name should be written next to the range badge number in the sign-in book.
- C. The Ranges shall not be used during Club functions. However, the pistol range may be utilized during the Club's trap shooting events.
- D. Only Club Members and their guests are allowed on the shooting ranges.
  - 1. Members will always accompany guests while on the ranges. Members are limited to bringing two guests during a visit. Each guest is limited to two visits per year unless they are a part of the members' household.
  - 2. Members are responsible for their guests at all times while they are on the property.
  - 3. Any rule violations by a guest will result in disciplinary action against the member.
  - 4. If all shooting lanes become occupied, guests are required to share the same lane as their host member to allow other members to utilize the range facilities.
- E. All shooters must ensure that projectiles impact the backstops provided and not the ground in front of backstops or structures supporting the target backers.
- F. Any used targets or trash generated during the use of the Club facilities and/or ranges must be disposed of properly in provided trash cans or removed from the property.
- G. Brass must be removed from the shooting areas prior to leaving. Shooters may use the provided buckets for their brass or remove it from the property.
- H. Members are required to be courteous to other members waiting to use the range facilities. If someone is waiting to shoot, please limit your use to 30 minutes after they have arrived. Whoever has been shooting longer during that visit should be the first to vacate the lane to allow the other member to shoot.
- I. If there are any concerns about the ranges or items that need to be addressed, please write all comments in the notebook adjacent to where you sign-in at the club house. If this is an urgent matter, please contact an Executive Board member as soon as possible.

- J. If members wish to use the Rifle Range and Trap Range concurrently, then face-to-face communication is required. Trap shooters will stop shooting to allow for members to post targets on the rifle range. Members using the rifle range will wait until the current round of trap is finished to call a ceasefire to change targets.

#### IV. Pistol Range

- A. The orange range flag located at the Pistol range must be displayed prior to going down range. Members will coordinate ceasefires with the rifle range.
- B. Paper and/or cardboard targets may be used at variable distances on the pistol range. Polymer (hanging or knock down targets) may be used on wood frames at 25 yards.
- C. Handguns, rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, and shotguns are permitted on the Pistol range.
- D. The 25-yard pistol range shall have the following target placement rules:
  - 1. Users shooting a rifle, muzzle-loading rifle, or shotgun slugs on the 25-yard Pistol range must place the targets only on the 25-yard line.
  - 2. The adjustable metal target frames are for pistol shooting only.
  - 3. Users shooting a pistol may place targets less than 25 yards utilizing the adjustable target frames provided.
  - 4. All projectiles must terminate in the berm behind the target.
- E. Shooting and handling firearms while shooters are downrange on the rifle range is not permitted. When one range is cold, both ranges are cold.
- F. Shooters may use the pistol range normally while the Trap ranges are active.

## V. Rifle Range

- A. The orange range flag located at the rifle range must be displayed prior to going downrange. Members will coordinate ceasefires with the pistol range
- B. Shooting and handling firearms while shooters are downrange behind the berms on the pistol range is not permitted. When one range is cold, both ranges are cold.
- C. The Rifle range shall have the following target placement and use rules:
  - 1. Paper and cardboard targets must be affixed to the provided target backers.
  - 2. Targets must be stationary prior to firing another projectile at it.
  - 3. No targets resting on the ground.
  - 4. All projectiles must terminate in the berms behind the target.
- D. The Rifle range will be closed while organized Trap shoots are happening. These events must be posted on the website at least 1 week prior to the day they occur.

## VI. Trap Range

- A. Prior to the use of the traps in the trap houses, members must go through an orientation of traps and associated accessories with a member of the trap committee.
- B. Any issues associated with the trap machines should be reported immediately to the Trap Committee Chairperson and the President (or their designee).
- C. Only clay targets launched from a thrower may be used on the trap fields. Hand and spring loaded throwers are allowed.
- D. Hand throwers and spring loaded throwers are permitted to be used on the trap fields. Members using this equipment will set it up in line with the permanent trap houses to avoid hitting them with projectiles or clay bird debris.
- E. Trap shooters will visually check downrange for shooters on the rifle range prior to using the trap range. The rifle range will be closed when the trap range is active.
- F. Shotguns will have their actions open at all times except just prior to firing.
- G. All persons around the trap ranges will remain behind the concrete firing line at all times.
- H. All loads will comply with Amateur Trap Association (ATA) rules.
- I. All shells will be removed by shooters promptly following the round.
- J. Shooters must refill the machines completely with provided clay targets when they're finished shooting. Members shall reimburse the club for all targets used. Rates shall be posted inside the trap houses.
- K. All cardboard boxes must be broken down and placed in the dumpster when done shooting to conserve space in the dumpster. If the blue trash barrels are full after you are done shooting, please empty them in the dumpster.
- L. Please lock up and secure all trap houses after use.