

# Shotgun Range Rules

## Follow The Four Vital Acts of Firearm Safety

- Assume every firearm is loaded.
- Control the muzzle direction at all times.
- Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.
- See that the firearm is unloaded - **PROVE** it safe.

## P.R.O.V.E. It Safe

- Point the firearm in the safest available direction.
- Remove all cartridges.
- Observe the chamber.
- Verify the feeding path.
- Examine the bore.

## Range Operation & Safety Rules

### 1. Range Officer

- When more than one shooter is on the firing line a Range Officer must be designated.
- The first Member to arrive is deemed to be the Acting Range Officer. This may be handed over to another TGC member at any time
- A Range Officer as designated by these rules, shall enforce these Range Rules.

### 2. Range is Active (Hot or Live).

- Do not go forward of the firing line.
- Shooting may commence.

### 3. Range is no Longer Active (Safe or Cease Fire) – The round is completed

- Guns left on the stands during cease fire must be P.R.O.V.E.'d safe and actions open.
- Safe to go forward of the firing line.
- It is every shooter's responsibility to know what is going on around them and to ensure all others on the line know as well. Always double check and confirm that EVERYONE is prepared for firing to commence or for a Cease Fire.

# TRAP RANGE RULES

1. The range is **CLOSED** if field work is in progress on the fields adjacent to the range to the north and to the east.
2. Only Shotguns no single projectile firearms are allowed on the Shotgun range.
3. Only one of the shooting areas can be used at one time, Trap Range, Hand Thrower, or Patterning board
4. Except when on the firing line all guns must be unloaded
5. When carrying, all guns must have actions open and barrels down or barrels up
6. Guns placed in the gun rack must have actions open if they are autoloaders or pump actions, break open guns may be racked with the action closed but owners must insure they are unloaded.
7. When shooting on the trap range one person must be designated as the range officer. The range officer is in control at all times and calls the range open or calls a cease fire when necessary.
8. When a cease fire is called; all shooters are to remain in position, all guns must be unloaded, actions open and barrels up or down. If the cease fire is expected to be long the range officer may tell shooters to rack their guns. Shooting may not resume until the range officer calls range open.
9. When on the firing line All actions must remain open and barrels pointed downrange until it is your turn to shoot. When changing stations all guns must be unloaded, actions open and barrels pointed up or down.
10. Unless shooting doubles only one live shell is allowed in the gun.
11. Only #7, 7.5, 8 or 9 shot size is allowed on the trap range
12. In the case of a miss fire the gun must remain pointed down range for 10 second before opening the action. Miss fired cartridges are to be safely disposed of
13. Shooters must clean up all garbage and hulls after shooting is finished

# HAND THROWER RULES

1. The range is **CLOSED** if field work is in progress on the fields adjacent to the range to the north and to the east.
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3. Only one of the shooting areas can be used at one time, Trap Range, Hand Thrower, or Patterning board
4. Except when in the firing position all guns must be unloaded
5. When carrying, all guns must have actions open and barrels down or barrels up
6. Guns placed in the gun rack must have actions open if they are autoloaders or pump actions, break open guns may be racked with the action closed but owners must insure they are unloaded
7. The hand thrower can cause serious injury if not used properly. Use only if you have been instructed in its safe use by a qualified member of the gun club
8. All shot size is allowed on the hand thrower
9. One person must be designated as the range officer and is responsible to call the range open or cease fires
10. Do not load any guns until you are in the shooting position, the range has been called open, and your barrel is pointed downrange
11. When finished shooting be sure the throwing arm is in the half load position. Do not leave it in the loaded position
12. In the case of a miss fire the gun must remain pointed down range for 10 second before opening the action. Miss fired cartridges are to be safely disposed of
13. Shooters must clean up all garbage and hulls after shooting is finished

# PATTERNING BOARD RULES

1. The range is **CLOSED** if field work is in progress on the fields adjacent to the range to the North and to the east.
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3. Only one of the shooting areas can be used at one time, Trap Range, Hand Thrower, or Patterning board
4. Except when on the firing position all guns must be unloaded.
5. When carrying, all guns must have actions open and barrels down or barrels up
6. Guns not in use must have actions open if they are autoloaders or pump actions, break open guns left open unless racked with the action closed but owners must insure they are unloaded
7. All shot size is allowed but no single projectile (slug) allowed.
8. One person must be designated Range Officer and is responsible to call the range open or closed.
9. Do not load any guns until you are in the shooting position, the range has been called open, and your barrel is pointed downrange
10. When going down range to check or hang targets be sure the range is declared closed and all guns have been made safe
11. Shoot only from the 40 yard concrete marker. Shooting at closer range causes damage to the backer boards.
12. In the case of a miss fire the gun must remain pointed down range for 10 second before opening the action. Miss fired cartridges are to be safely disposed of
13. Clean up all hulls, targets and garbage when finished.