

DOUGLAS COUNTY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.
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Range Safety Rules-DCRPC

These safety rules are numbered in the sequence a shooter should follow at this facility.

- 1. NO LOADED FIREARMS ARE PERMITTED BEHIND THE FIRING LINE.** Loaded magazines should **never** be inserted into a firearm unless on the firing line with muzzle pointed down range. **Remove** magazines and open actions, and visually check there are no cartridges in the chamber(s) or (semi-autos) magazine well, before leaving the firing line. **Never allow the muzzle of a loaded firearm to be pointed anywhere but down range.**
- 2. MUZZLES ARE TO BE POINTED UP and ACTIONS ARE TO BE LOCKED OPEN EXCEPT WHEN ON THE FIRING LINE.** Semi- auto actions which will not lock open should be blocked open with a clothes pin fragment from the front table. Handguns should be racked with the muzzles facing the wall. **Never** move any gun in a way which allows the muzzle to point at another person, even briefly. Be muzzle conscious when removing firearms from cases— keep muzzle pointed towards the nearest wall while preparing to carry it to the rack.
- 3. FINGERS SHOULD BE OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD, OFF THE TRIGGER, EXCEPT WHEN ON A FIRING POINT READY TO SHOOT.** If pausing between shots, keep the muzzle pointed down range and remove your finger from the trigger guard while the gun is at rest. Numbers 1-3 of these rules set our "safe carrying about" position: action of gun **OPEN**; muzzle pointed **UP**; no finger within the **TRIGGER GUARD**.
- 4. HEARING AND EYE PROTECTION ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PERSONS ON THE PREMISES.** The club has a limited number of safety glasses and hearing protectors for persons who forget to bring their own. We do not provide sanitized pads for these.
- 5. ALL UNCASSED FIREARMS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE RACKED.** Do not leave uncased guns lying about on tables. Remove magazines from semi-autos. The pistol rack is on the W wall; the rifle rack is on the E wall (range backstop is the S wall.).
- 6. In case of a misfire or other problem/function issue, KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED DOWN RANGE!** Do not turn the gun around to inspect it or while trying to clear the misfire, turn your body, instead. Step 1 of clearing a misfire (or fixing any other malfunction) with a semi-auto firearm should always be **REMOVE THE MAGAZINE**, Then open the action and clear the cartridge from the chamber (**verify!**). Do not hesitate to ask for help. If you pull the trigger with a round in the chamber expecting to hear BANG and hear nothing (misfire), wait a few seconds with the gun pointed downrange in case the cartridge fires after a delay (called a hangfire). Be alert for a squib (underpowered) load, as that may result in a bullet lodged partway down the barrel. Be certain the barrel is not obstructed before firing another shot! If you're unsure what happened and what to do, play it safe— lay the gun on the firing point table pointed downrange and ask the Range Officer for help.
- 7. SHOOTING TABLES MUST BE ENTIRELY WITHIN THE BAFFLED BOOTHS.** Shooters firing in standing position should have at least one foot touching the line. The firearm's muzzle **must be within** the baffled area of each point.
- 8. NEVER MOVE AHEAD OF THE FIRING LINE TO RECOVER BRASS, ETC. UNLESS THE RANGE OFFICER HAS CALLED A "CEASE FIRE."** When a CEASE FIRE command is given, DO NOT fire any shot you are in the process of initiating— immediately relax your grip, remove your finger from the trigger guard, lower your gun, and await further instructions from the Range Officer. If you need to move ahead of the line, make your gun safe, rack it, and ask the range officer to call a "cease fire."
- 9. TARGET CARRIERS MUST BE COMPLETELY DOWN RANGE, AT THE BULLET TRAP, BEFORE FIRING.** The range is designed to be used as a 50-ft range. Do not shoot at targets partly down range.
- 10. CENTERFIRE** cartridges having a rated muzzle velocity in excess of 1100 fps typically are not permitted. This is a noise issue due to classes being taught across the basement hallway, not a safety issue. Out of courtesy to other shooters, the use of centerfire handgun cartridges which exceed 1000

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fps is strongly discouraged. Check with a range officer if you are unsure of your load's capability. The range officer has the absolute discretion to disallow the use of any ammunition that the range officer believes to exceed the limitations of the range rules. Range officers **MAY** allow brief use of magnum ammo if it will not interfere with other building users.

11. **SIGHT ADJUSTMENT AND ANY MECHANICAL WORK MUST BE DONE ONLY ON AN UNLOADED FIREARM.** If adjusting sights behind the line, when the gun must be positioned variously, be sure (again) that the action is open, magazine (if applicable) is removed and that the muzzle is pointed away from shooters or spectators.
12. **ALWAYS INSPECT YOUR FIREARM FOR SAFE FUNCTIONING PRIOR TO SHOOTING.** If shooting any firearm after it has just been cleaned or removed from prolonged storage, be certain the chamber(s) and bore are free from obstructions. A cleaning patch or wasp nest in a bore can turn a firearm into a bomb.
13. **EXTREME RAPID FIRE OR "COMBAT" SHOOTING IS NOT ALLOWED.** We simply are not set up for this type of shooting. Rapid fire target shooting that exceeds the N.R.A. sanctioned "one shot every two seconds" standard is prohibited. The range officer has the authority to expel immediately any shooter violating this rule.
14. **OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS, WE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN AWARE OF PERSONS WAITING TO SHOOT.** If there are more shooters than available points, we ask that you shoot one or two "strings" (five to ten shots), then leave the line temporarily to allow others to fire. You may feel free to return to any vacant point when those who are waiting have been accommodated.
15. **ALCOHOL AND PERSONS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE FACILITY!** If your functioning is impaired by the use of alcohol or medication which induces drowsiness, **DO NOT SHOOT.**
16. **THE RANGE OFFICER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ANY SHOOTER FROM THE FIRING LINE OR EXPEL ANY PERSON FROM THE RANGE** who violates the Range Safety Rules or who is otherwise deemed to be creating unsafe conditions for those present, subject to review by the Executive Committee.

i have read and signed the Range Safety Rules and I agree that any violation of the Club's Range Safety Rules, or any failure to obey promptly the commands of the Range Safety Officer, may be grounds for expulsion from the range and termination of membership/shooting privileges.

signature _____ (Participant) _____ (Date)

Parent or legal guardian signature for minors _____