

South St. Paul Rod & Gun Club Rules

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All shooters, members, subscribers, staff, guests, and visitors must adhere to the following Gun Safety Rules, General Rules, and Conduct Principles at all times

GUN SAFETY RULES

1. ALL range users are personally responsible for range safety and safe shooting, and must behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times.
2. ALWAYS treat all guns as if they were loaded at all times.
3. NEVER point a firearm at anyone at any time. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. NEVER point a firearm at something you don't intend to shoot.
4. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
5. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
6. ALWAYS know your target and what is beyond.
7. All shooters and observers must wear hearing and eye protection while present on any shooting field or range.
8. All uncased guns must be carried unloaded with the breech open, empty of shells and with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.

While in a gun rack, a break-open firearm's breech may be unloaded and closed, and all semi-automatic, pump, and bolt guns must be unloaded with the breech open.

All gun breeches must remain open until you are in your station and ready to shoot; firearms may only be loaded after entering your station with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Never leave your station to load your gun, and then step back in your station.

9. On the rifle/pistol range, all guns must remain cased until directed by a Range Officer. Uncased guns must remain in the station, unloaded with the action open, until directed by a Range Officer. The muzzle of uncased firearms must be pointed downrange at all times.
10. Alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription drugs that may impair motor skills or cognitive abilities, and shooting do not mix; no one is allowed to shoot who has previously consumed alcohol, illegal drugs or a prescription drug that impairs motor skills or cognitive abilities on the day of shooting or who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or such drugs.
11. Only authorized persons are allowed in the trap and skeet houses and near sporting clays trap machines and platforms. An orange flag displayed on the field means that the field is not operational, and if a trap machine is being loaded or serviced in an adjacent field, your gun breech must remain open and unloaded, and not pointed toward the house or the field, until flag is no longer displayed and/or the shooting field is clear of personnel.
12. **No more than two shells may be loaded in any shotgun at any time.**
13. On trap fields, when changing from station five to station one, shooters must walk behind the other shooter(s) with an unloaded and open-chambered gun pointed in a safe direction.
14. When at a station and a delay occurs all ammunition must be removed from the gun and the breech must be open.
15. Shooting at unauthorized targets is prohibited. Authorized targets are determined by the Club Manager.
All wildlife is protected at all times.
16. Unsafe conditions or practices on the shooting field shall immediately be reported to Club management and shooting shall stop until corrected.
17. In case of inclement weather, the club manager or shooting coordinator shall have the authority to suspend shooting for the day or resume shooting later in the day.

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GENERAL RULES

1. Non-members must buy their shotgun shells at the Club.
2. Only authorized persons are allowed on the shotgun fields; only shooting squads are allowed on the fields, and only shooters are allowed in the stations. Non-shooters must remain behind the fence or station.
3. When shooting **trap** only one shell may be loaded at a time unless shooting doubles. The shell may be inserted in the gun but the breech shall not be closed until it is your turn to shoot
Trap shooters shall remain at their stations until the team shooting is complete and the trapper commands "change," "rotate," or "out."
4. When shooting **skeet** two shells may be loaded for either singles or doubles except at station eight (8), where only one shell may be loaded for each house. Single targets may only be shot at once.
5. Any shooter's firearm that accidentally discharges for mechanical reasons twice within one round or shooting session shall be required to change guns.
6. Shooters shall not pick up hulls or brass until after the round is complete. Pick up your own hulls or brass only.
7. All junior shooters, age 12-18, are required to have passed a Gun Safety program. Upon completion of this program, junior shooters receive a complimentary Junior Membership for their first year. Shooters under age 12 may shoot only when accompanied by a Club Member or Rifle/Pistol Subscriber.
8. All alcohol consumed on Club property must be purchased from the Club; no outside alcohol is permitted. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in front of the fenced areas on skeet and trap fields or on the sporting clays ranges.
9. Shot size larger than no. 7½ is not permitted on the shotgun ranges. Slugs and buckshot are prohibited on all shotgun ranges.
10. No armor piercing, tracer, or explosive ammunition is permitted.

CONDUCT PRINCIPLES

The Club is a safe, friendly, and respectful place for members, subscribers, and visitors to gather together in the spirit of fellowship, relaxation, and recreation for friendly enjoyment of the shooting sports. All members, subscribers, staff, guests, and visitors are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that:

- Treats members, subscribers, staff, guests, vendors, visitors, and Club property with respect.
- Creates an environment that is reflective of personal integrity, respect, and safety for the shooting sports. These qualities must be reflected on the shooting ranges, in the clubhouse, and everywhere else on Club property.
- Promotes good sportsmanship.
- Acknowledges that the Club is a family-friendly environment and will refrain from using obscenities and exhibiting inappropriate behavior, or otherwise causing a disturbance or scene.
- Is vigilant about safety. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Anyone who observes a violation of safety procedures has the authority and duty to call a "CEASE FIRE" to stop dangerous behavior or an unsafe condition (e.g. someone downrange on an adjacent field). If appropriate, then report unsafe behavior or potential safety hazards to the Club manager or staff.
- Understands that members, through the Board of Directors, make suggestions regarding Club operations, policies, and events.
- Does not misrepresent their position or authority to others and deals with the Club in an honest and respectful manner.
- Deals with the Club fairly, paying for all clay targets shot.