



SOUTH ST. PAUL ROD & GUN CLUB

CLUB RULES & CONDUCT PRINCIPLES

All shooters, members, non-members, staff, guests, and visitors must adhere to the Club Rules and Conduct Principles as detailed here, and amended from time-to-time, 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 firearms as if they are loaded at all times.
3. ALWAYS keep all firearms pointed in a safe direction. NEVER point a firearm at anyone at any time. NEVER point a firearm at something you do not intend to shoot.
4. ALWAYS keep all firearms 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. 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.
9. Unsafe conditions or practices on any shooting field or range shall immediately be reported to Club management and shooting shall stop until corrected.
10. 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.

SHOTGUN RULES

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. **No more than two shells may be loaded in any shotgun at any time.**
4. 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.
5. When at a station and a delay occurs, all ammunition must be removed from the gun and the breech must be open.
6. Non-members must buy their shotgun shells at the Club.
7. 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.

8. 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."
9. 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.
10. When shooting trap, skeet, or 5-stand a squad may only shoot one round at a time if others are waiting to shoot. A league team that has multiple squads (more than 5 shooters in trap, more than 6 shooters in skeet) "owns the field" and is entitled to shoot both squads back-to-back, providing the second squad is ready to begin shooting immediately after the first squad finishes; however, each squad may only shoot one round at a time (except during shoot-offs, when two rounds at a time may be shot).
11. If there are no trap fields open, trap may be shot on a combination trap/skeet field. However, if there is a trap field open AND there are skeet shooters waiting to shoot, trap must be shot on a trap field and must not tie up the skeet fields with trap when there is a trap field open.
12. Maximum squad sizes: trap, 5-stand, and AFS=5. Skeet, sporting clays and FITASC=6. If your team or group is larger than these squad sizes, you must break into at least 2 squads. In sporting clays, shooting stations out of order is never allowed IF it holds up a squad shooting stations in order, and it is proper etiquette for larger groups to ask smaller groups if they want to "shoot through."
13. Any shooter's firearm that accidentally discharges for mechanical reasons twice within one round or shooting session shall be required to change guns.
14. Shooters shall not pick up hulls until after the round is complete. Pick up your own hulls only.
15. Shot size larger than no. 7½ is not permitted on the shotgun ranges. Slugs and buckshot are prohibited on all shotgun ranges.

RIFLE/PISTOL RULES

1. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited
2. Slide-fire stocks or any other device that mimics automatic fire are prohibited
3. 50 BMG and .338 Lapua caliber firearms are prohibited
4. Armor-piercing, steel-core, and tracer ammunition is prohibited
5. Rapid-fire is prohibited; each shot must be deliberately aimed before being fired
6. Bullet impacts anywhere other than the designated target areas are prohibited and will result in loss of shooting privileges, and may be reported to law enforcement; you are responsible for your actions and the impact of your projectiles, no exceptions
7. Rifles and handguns must be unloaded and cased, with actions open, except when on the firing line at the range; this means no uncasing or handling of rifles or handguns in the parking lot, clubhouse, or anywhere else on the property until on the firing line and at a Range Safety Officer's command; the exception to this are handguns carried legally by those with a permit to carry recognized in the state of Minnesota, and such handguns must be carried concealed anywhere on the club property
8. Range users must sign in at the clubhouse
9. All range users must view a safety video, and complete and sign a liability waiver prior to using the range
10. Paper targets are the only approved targets on the range; shooters may bring their own, or purchase them in the clubhouse
11. Shooting must only be done from the firing line, under the direction of a Range Safety Officer. Rifles may only be fired from a bench-seated position
12. The Range Safety Officer is in charge of the range at all times and their orders must be followed immediately; failure to follow this rule will result in loss of shooting privileges
13. All shooters and spectators on the firing line and staging areas must wear eye and ear protection at all times; shooters may bring their own eye and ear protection, or purchase them in the clubhouse
14. Closed-toe footwear is required on the range
15. All firearms must be unloaded and cased, with actions open, when taken to and from the firing line

16. No firearms are to be handled, moved, or fired until directed by a Range Safety Officer
17. Children under 18 must be under adult supervision at all times while inside the range perimeter
18. The minimum age to shoot on the range by oneself is 18 for rifle and 21 for handgun
19. Children ages 5 and below will not be allowed on the range, or left unsupervised by a parent or guardian while in the clubhouse, in a vehicle, or anywhere else on club property

GENERAL RULES

1. 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.
2. All alcohol and food consumed on Club property must be purchased from the Club; no outside alcohol or food is permitted. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in front of the fenced areas on skeet and trap fields or on the sporting clays ranges or the rifle/pistol range.
3. No armor piercing, tracer, or explosive ammunition is permitted.
4. Shooting at unauthorized targets is prohibited. Authorized targets are determined by the Club Manager. **All wildlife is protected at all times.**

CONDUCT PRINCIPLES

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

- Treats members, non-members, 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.