

HCFG Range Rules

Range rules are established for the protection of the club, its members and its neighbors. All club members are empowered and expected to enforce these rules as necessary and to report incidents to the club's Board of Directors.

- 1) Alcohol is not allowed on the premises at any time for any reason. **A violation of this rule will call for immediate expulsion from the club with no right of appeal.** Anyone suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or medications which inhibit performance or judgment while on the premises of HCFG will not be permitted to stay.
- 2) No firing is permitted on club property before 8am or after dark (Sunday NOT before Noon).
- 3) Upon entering the club grounds, all members and guests must sign in. Guests must also sign a release of liability and pay associated guest fee.
- 4) Before shooting, members must install and raise the American flag and Red range flag on the clubhouse flagpole to indicate presence on the property. Additionally, shooters must raise the appropriate red range flag on the bay they are occupying (i.e. - Bay 1, 2, etc.). All flags are to be lowered as the shooting ends and the property is vacated.
- 5) Members are responsible for their guests. Members must accompany their guests throughout their time at the club. Any guest or member found willfully destroying club property will result in forfeiture of membership and potential legal action to the full extent provided by law.
- 6) Any member (or their guest) witnessing the destruction of club property must report such actions to a board member. Try to be specific with details, i.e. - names, dates, times, circumstances, car tags. If possible, use a cell phone camera to document.
- 7) Any member (or their guest) using unsafe shooting practices will be automatically suspended from the club. This includes careless/unsafe handling of firearms as well as the prohibitions outlined herein. Any member so suspended must appear before the next scheduled board meeting and show good cause why they should be reinstated. Failure to appear will mean expulsion. The board reserves the right to dismiss anyone for good cause.
- 8) Members must display their membership card on their person while on club property.
- 9) Everyone must wear both eye and ear protection while shooting.
- 10) Absolutely no shooting on the property other than on designated ranges. HCFG property is an animal sanctuary, not a hunting preserve; hunting is NOT allowed on the property. Plinking at targets of opportunity is strictly forbidden.
- 11) The club fully respects your right to carry legally, however, if you wish to unholster to

show or discuss your firearm while not on the firing line, have a RSO clear you first.

- 12) Full automatic firing and .50 BMG is absolutely forbidden on club property. The full automatic firing restriction includes the use of any item or technique which approximates full auto firing rate (e.g. - bump-firing, Slide-Stocks, lightening-links, etc.). Firearms capable of select-fire may be used but ONLY in semi-automatic mode.
- 13) The firing line is immediately in front of several firing points. All ranges are measured from this firing line to the face of the target. The firing line for bays 3 & 4 shall not exceed the service road at this time. Once the side berms are extended and the walls at gate openings completed, we intend to extend the bays back to ~50 yards.
- 14) Each rifle firing point shall have a minimum width of five (5) feet. Each pistol firing point shall have a minimum width of four (4) feet.
- 15) Members (and their guests) are to use the permanent target stands at the base of each backstop. Sticks are provided by the club for mounting paper targets no higher than halfway up the backstop. The materials in the clubhouse and barns are for club shoots. Metal targets/target stands are forbidden except for specific, pre-authorized club events.
 - A. Authorized target materials placed no higher than half-way up the backstop are:
 - a. Paper Targets
 - b. Wooden targets
 - c. Plastic drink bottles such as gallon jugs, 2-liter bottles (non-combustible, must be taken with you).
 - d. Clay birds (pick up largest pieces when done)
 - e. Aluminum soda cans (non-combustible, must be taken with you or placed in recycle barrel in clubhouse)
 - f. Rubber/Synthetic shoot-thru targets (must be mounted on wooden frame if they are the spinning type)
- 16) The wooden base at the bottom of the backstop is for holding the target sticks. They are not to be used to set target on for shooting.
- 17) The range must be cleaned up and / or repaired by each shooter upon the completion of shooting. Members should police the firing line for all brass and other trash. Burn barrels for paper trash and buckets for spent brass are provided. (Make it personal policy to leave it better than you found it.)
- 18) Parking below the clubhouse is to be well behind any firing point and is at the discretion of the board and is subject to restrictions due to conditions or impending weather.
- 19) The front gate shall be locked behind each member, except for scheduled shooting events where non-members are allowed to compete.
- 20) When registered shoots are scheduled, no other shooting of any kind will be permitted.
- 21) Ranges will be used on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis at all times other than scheduled club events. Be courteous to other shooters and share range time. Shooter will show courtesy on the firing line by calling a cease fire of sufficient length as to allow new arrivals to place their targets.
- 22) Use of any range or club property in general, shall not be permitted unless the use will be of a safe manner to the club, its members, guests, and neighbors.
- 23) Firearms are to be pointed towards the ceiling in the club house.

24) Firearms are to be pointed at the ground outside the club house except while actually firing them on a range at targets.

25) **Bay #2 procedures** - As you know, bay #2 has recently undergone a significant makeover. Accordingly, we are laying out new procedures to cover its *purpose, use* and *access*. These procedures will be updated as the additional features of the bay are finished.

- **PURPOSE:**

- Bay #2 is a rifle bay. Pistol shooting in this bay is prohibited. HCFG has other bays to accommodate pistol use.
- While benches will remain at 25 and 50 yards, their use is encouraged for sighting in only. Again, HCFG has other bays for short range work.
- Bay #2 is a shared bay. We have built and placed multiple new benches within the bay. Please be courteous to other members and share the bay. When a new credentialed arrival garners your attention, please call a cease fire, clear all rifles, and permit them access to the bay.

- **USE:**

- Bay #2 is a restricted use bay. Only those members who are credentialed by successfully completing the rifle certification program are permitted use.
- Divulging the combination to non-credentialed members is prohibited and grounds for immediate expulsion from the club.
- A credentialed member may have a maximum of three (3) other individuals in his group. This group will share a single bench should other credentialed members be present and desire bay access. A maximum of four (4) individuals per bench is allowed.
- Steel:
 - Steel should NEVER be engaged:
 - Without eye protection
 - Inside 100 yards with any center-fire rifle
 - Generally, if you're planning to shoot the steel with something other than a 5.56 or 7.62 (or similar) we recommend putting a couple of rounds on the target then checking for dimpling. If dimpled, drop back to the next furthest bench and re-check.
 - At 150 yards and further, using ammo without a "penetrator core" or "bi-metal core" (standard FMJ's are fine) should be fine for rounds that are traveling less than 3000fps and weigh less than 185gr.
 - At 200 yards (and someday further 😊), using high velocity ammunition - over 2800 fps, non-steel core, non bi-metal, non multi core bullets, should be fine.
 - Shotgun slugs can also significantly mark the steel, and are not recommended at distances less than 60 yards (backside of creek). Steel shot should NEVER be used with steel targets. Buck shot of any size will not

damage the steel, any more than twelve .38 caliber pistol bullets fired individually will. 00 Buck is fine.

- .22 Rifles should only be shot at 60 yards or greater (backside of creek).

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PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT SHOOT STEEL TARGETS WITH STEEL CORE AMMUNITION, e.g.- 'XM-855', 'SS-109', 'GREEN TIP' OR SIMILAR. SUCH AMMUNITION IS INTENDED TO PENETRATE STEEL AND WILL CAUSE SEVERE DAMAGE TO TARGETS, INCREASING THE LIKELYHOOD OF FAILURE AND PERSONAL INJURY. DAMAGE TO TARGETS RESULTING FROM THE USE OF STEEL CORE AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE WARRANTY.

- **ACCESS:**

- All gates leading to/from Bay #2 are locked and are to remain locked at all times. You must the lock the gate behind you. This is IMPERATIVE as an open gate could allow someone to inadvertently stray into the line of fire.
- The vehicular gates have keyed locks and are to be opened only by board members or their delegate for special events or maintenance activities. Vehicular traffic on bay #2 is limited to UTV and mower use only.
- The walk gate @ 150 yard line is locked with a combination lock. This is the only gate to be used for access to bay #2 under normal circumstances. The combination is different from the combos on the main gate and clubhouse. The combination is to be known by, and for use by, only those members successfully completing the rifle evaluation program. Divulging this combination to other club members is grounds for immediate expulsion from the club.
- Parking for bay #2 (as well as #3 and #4) is located in the NW corner of the property.