

## **St. Charles Sportsmen Club**

### **RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE**

#### **Standard Operating Procedures**

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The rifle and pistol range is located on the southeast edge of our property. It is there for the enjoyment of Full members, probationary members and an immediate family, or one guest only. There is a 50 / 100 yard rifle range and a separate 25 yard pistol range.

We have an outstanding safety record at the **St. Charles Sportsman's Club**. It is the goal of the Board of Directors and the membership to continue that record. These rules are set forth for your safety and for the safety of those around you. Violation of these rules will lead to disciplinary action.

### **Safety Rules**

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.  
Either down range toward the target or up at the ceiling.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.  
Do not put your finger on the trigger until your sights are on the target.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. **EVERYONE MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.** This applies whether you are shooting or watching someone shoot.

### **Additional Safety Rules**

1. All firearms must be **UNLOADED AND CASED** when being transported to and from the firing line. Uncase the firearm on the line facing down range. Only 2 uncased guns at a time. A holster is not a case. Handling of firearms off the firing line is NOT allowed.
2. The use of a holster is not allowed. Drawing and shooting is not allowed.  
The use of holsters is reserved for special competitions such as the Pistol matches or Action Matches.
3. Shooters must **aim each shot** at the target.  
**You are responsible for where your bullets go.**

4. No rapid firing. There will be a minimum of 2 seconds between shots.
5. Anyone can call a ceasefire if they see a problem.  
The term “ceasefire” means immediately stop shooting and wait for further instructions.
6. Spectators must not interfere with or distract the shooters. Spectators must wear eye and ear protection. Spectators must remain behind the yellow line.
7. Shooting over the berm is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
8. Shooting at the ground is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.  
Your bullet must pass through your paper target and go into the back berm.
9. Shooting at physical property owned by **St. Charles Sportsman’s Club** (*i.e.* shooting house, benches, mail boxes, 4 X 4 support posts) is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** and will lead to disciplinary action or expulsion from the Club.
10. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.**
11. **NO ONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.**
12. **ALL SHOOTERS MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER. NO ONE WILL QUESTION THE AUTHORITY OF THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER. HIS/HER AUTHORITY IS ABSOLUTE.**  
**PROTESTS CAN BE MADE TO THE RIFLE PISTOL CHAIRMAN OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
13. Please report any violations to the Rifle / Pistol Chairman, club manager, a Board member or Range Safety Officer.  
Anyone found in violation of rule 10, 11, or 12 will be asked to leave the range.  
If the request to leave the range is not obeyed, the club manager or a board member will be contacted. If there is still a problem the local Sheriff will be called for assistance.

# General Range rules

1. The use of the range is for Full members, probationary members, and an immediate family or one guest (on Saturday and Sunday during normal club hours).
2. Full members are allowed to bring one guest on Saturday or Sunday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. No one under the age of 16 will be allowed to shoot unless under the direct supervision of an adult. Younger shooters are encouraged to use the 25 yard range where the target is closer. Parents should be right next to the youngster when they are shooting and be prepared to control the muzzle direction.
4. The range is open every day from 9:00 am to 1/2 hour before dusk. The range will be closed for special Club events such as Pistol Matches, Rifle matches, Action Matches or Training Classes. Check the Club calendar for the schedule. The range will also be closed on the "Club Quiet Days" typically Easter Sunday and Christmas Day.
5. The 100 yard rifle range is to be used with rifles only, **no pistols**.
6. Only .22 rim fire rifles, shotgun slugs, or muzzle loader rifles are allowed on the rifle range. High-powered center fire rifles are NOT allowed. Exception to this rule is when there is a special event (such as an Action Match) at which time pistol caliber rifles or carbine can be used under the direct supervision of a Range Officer.
7. The 25 yard pistol range is to be used by pistols (see attached caliber list) and can also be used by .22 rifle, shotgun slugs, muzzle loader guns, or air rifles / pistols.
8. The firing line is defined as the front of the table located in each building on the range.
9. Only paper targets are allowed to be stapled to the club target holders. Clay pigeons can be used but must be placed on the back berm no more than 4 feet from the ground.  
**Do not shoot at cans, bottles, milk jugs, exploding targets or the like.**
10. If you do not know if your sights are aligned or you have a new scope on your gun and need to sight it in, you must start at the 25 yard pistol range, make sure your bullet is impacting on the center of your target, and then move to the 100 yard range.
11. When shooting pistols, you must use standard or target loads. **No** magnum loads are allowed. High-powered rifle caliber pistols are **NOT** allowed.  
**See attached caliber list.**

## RANGE OPERATION

1. All shooters and guests must sign in the registration book.  
The registration book is located in the gray cabinet on the pistol range.
2. Members must display their member I.D. card, if they do not they will not be allowed to use the range.
3. Members are fully responsible for the conduct of their guest. A guest form must be filled out for the guest. The forms are located in the sign in book.
4. A guest pass / fee of \$5.00 will be charged. The guest pass can be purchased at the club house during open hours. An envelope for payment is also located on the lock box.
5. All paper targets must be attached to the club supplied white backer boards.  
**No** targets are to be attached to the vertical 4 X 4 support posts or baffles.  
Be sure to bring your own paper targets, stapler, or tape.  
  
No one is allowed to setup their own target holder. Use only the target holders supplied by the club.  
Shoot only at the target in front of your firing position - crossfire is not allowed.  
Do not bring metal targets and place them on the range.
6. All range breaks (to change or paste targets) are to be arranged by mutual agreement of all shooters on the firing line.  
If a Safety Officer is present, he or she will call the breaks or designate someone to call the breaks.
7. When a range break is taken, **ALL FIREARMS MUST BE UNLOADED WITH THE ACTIONS OPEN BEFORE ANYONE GOES DOWN RANGE.**  
**Everyone must step away from the firing line or bench and remain behind the yellow safety line during the break.**
8. **HANDLING OF FIREARMS AND MAGAZINES WHILE PEOPLE ARE DOWN RANGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** This means no loading of magazines, clips, sight adjustments, cleaning, repairing, or anything that requires you to touch your ammunition, magazines, or firearms.

## **Procedures for a range break**

Give a verbal warning - “We will be taking a break in a few minutes”

Taking the range break – “We are taking a range break, unload your gun, remove the magazine, lock the action open, insert the chamber indicator, and step behind the yellow safety line.

Everyone must remain behind the yellow safety line until the break is over.

The green gate can now be opened up so people can go down range and setup targets.

When everyone is done setting up their targets, a visual inspection of the range will be performed and the word “clear” will be yelled down range.

The green gate should be closed to block the path down range.

The command “Range is hot” shall be the signal that it is safe to commence firing.

### **9. This is your range please keep it clean.**

When you are finished shooting you must:

- Throw away any trash or ammo boxes.
- Remove your targets and throw them in the garbage can provided.
- Pick up your brass when you are finished and throw it in the bucket provided labeled Brass.
- Dud cartridges can be placed into the bucket labeled “Duds”.

**The following types and calibers are currently allowed  
at the Rifle / Pistol Range  
If it is not on the list it is not allowed**

**Rifle**

Air rifles

**No center fire rifle**

.22 short, long, long rifle

Black powder rifle

**The .17 calibers are not allowed**

Shotgun Slug

**No Magnum loads or calibers**

**Pistol**

Air pistols

**No tracer rounds**

.22 short, long, long rifle

.25 auto

.32

**No Armor piercing rounds**

.32-20

.357 Sig Sauer

.380 auto

.38

9 mm

.40 Smith & Wesson

.44 Smith & Wesson Special

.44-40 Winchester

.45 GAP

.45 Auto

10 mm

.45 Colt

# Centerfire Events

1. Centerfire rifles, carbines chambered in a pistol caliber, magnum pistols, 17 caliber, and .22 magnum guns will **only** be allowed during special “**centerfire event**” days.
2. There will be a \$5.00 fee.
3. There should be at least 3 Range Safety Officers present during the centerfire events.
4. You must have the special sticker on your member I.D. card. In order to participate.
5. You are responsible for where your bullets go.
6. If you have a new gun, scope, sights or have not recently fired the gun you must test the gun at the 25 yard range and make sure your shots are hitting the center of the target. If you do not have a tight group you should practice at that distance until you become proficient.
7. On the 25 yard range
  - If you are shooting from a **sitting** position you must
    - A. use a target holder that is labeled “shoot from sitting position”
    - B. keep your gun below the board.
  - If you are shooting from a **standing** position you must
    - A. use a target holder that is labeled “shoot from a standing position only”
8. No guests will be allowed.