

St. Charles Sportsmen's Club

Trap Range

Standard Operating Procedures

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We have an outstanding safety record at the **St. Charles Sportsmen'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 shotgun pointed down range toward the trap house or straight up with the action open.

Break open guns must have the action open with the muzzle pointed towards the ground.

Be aware of gun muzzle direction. Never point a gun at another person or "sweep" your squad if you turn to talk to the trapper.

2. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Do not put your finger on the trigger until you call for the target.

3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. When changing stations chambers must be empty.

4. ALL SHOOTERS MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

5. Do not shoulder shotguns in the Clubhouse.

Additional Safety Rules

1. All guns must be unloaded and the action open when moving to and from the shooting stations on the trap field.

2. Break action shotguns may be closed when in a gun rack. Pump action and semi-auto action shotguns MUST have their actions open when in a gun rack.

3. Anyone may call a ceasefire if they see a problem. The term "ceasefire" means to stop shooting immediately, open action and wait for further instructions.

4. Spectators must not interfere with or distract the shooters and trap pullers. Conversations among spectators must be held far enough away from shooters to avoid interference with their concentration and so the pullers may hear the shooter's signal accurately. It is recommended spectators wear eye and ear protection.

5. Shooting at the ground is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
6. Load only one (1) shell at a time.
You may load two (2) shells only when shooting trap doubles.
7. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.
8. NO ONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.
9. ALL SHOOTERS MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO). NO ONE MAY QUESTION THE AUTHORITY OF THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO). THE AUTHORITY OF THE RSO IS ABSOLUTE. PROTESTS MAY BE MADE TO THE ST. CHARLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB TRAP CHAIRMAN OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
10. Please report any violations to the SCSC Trap Chairman, a Board member or Range Safety Officer (RSO).
Anyone found in violation of rule seven (7), eight (8), or nine (9) will be asked to leave the range. If the request to leave the range is not obeyed, the Club Manager or a Board Member should be contacted to resolve the problem. If necessary, law enforcement may be called for assistance and membership in the St. Charles Sportsmen's Club may be suspended.
11. All Members should monitor other shooters and politely correct any unsafe behavior.

General Range rules

1. The use of the range is for SCSC Full Members, their immediate family or guest, Probationary Members, Shooting Members, and Trap Members.
2. The range is open:
Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 2 p.m.
Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday evenings during the months from April to December.

The range will be closed on the "Club Quiet Days," which are typically Easter Sunday and Christmas Day.
Check the Club calendar on the website for the updated schedule.
3. The practice trap is available for use during off hours for members that have been trained to use the equipment safely.

4. Shot size is limited to Number 7 1/2, 8, or 9.
3 Dram maximum.
No magnum loads are allowed.
5. Members must display their SCSC Member I.D. card at all times within the Club Property to be allowed to shoot.
6. Members are fully responsible for the conduct of their guests. Each guest must complete the required form located in the guest book in the Clubhouse.
7. **This is a SCSC Member-supported range.**
Please keep your Club clean.

When you are finished shooting, pick up the trash and throw it away in the container provided.