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## Range Rules

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## **Message from the Chief Range Officer (CRO)**

The Range Rules are intended to prevent unsafe practices, protect the members and protect and preserve range equipment and facilities.

Membership in River Bend Gun Club is a privilege that is based on your safe and responsible use of the club. Failing to adhere to the Range Rules may place your membership at risk of being suspended or terminated (pursuant to section 5. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF RULES).

RBGC's Chief Range Officer (CRO), Assistant Chief Range Officers (ACROs), Range Officers (ROs) and Assistant Range Officers (AROs) are approved by the Board of Directors (BoD). Together with the general membership, they are responsible for checking sign-ins and observing members on club property to ensure that the Range Rules are followed and that there are no unattended non-members on club property. ROs and AROs also donate their time to ensure that there are organized shooting venues for members and guests to participate in and that ranges are correctly set up and maintained. The CRO, ACROs, ROs and AROs know the rules, they are responsible for ensuring that the Range Rules are followed and they are empowered by the Board of Directors to act on behalf of the Club.

If a CRO, ACRO, RO or ARO approaches you with comments, concerns or questions please recognize that they are the authority on the range. Any argumentative, hostile or combative response to their comments, concerns or questions will not be tolerated. Even though many of us are competent shooters who have years of experience with firearms, the Range Rules are non-negotiable and they apply to everyone on club property. Although some may consider them restrictive, they are designed to ensure that everyone safely enjoys shooting sports and their time on the range.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE RULES, DO NOT USE THE RANGE UNTIL YOU HAVE ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OR CLARIFICATION. IGNORANCE IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW THE RANGE RULES.

MEMBER AND SPOUSE BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES except when they are actively competing in a match. Badges and gate cards are the property of River Bend Gun Club (RBGC). Members who are asked to surrender their badges by a club official because they are observed to be violating the Range Rules or are engaged in unsafe behavior must do so immediately or risk a formal Board of Director's (BoD) review and potential disciplinary action.

Members are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Range Rules. It is highly recommended that every member keep a copy of the Range Rules available at all times while on RBGC property.

These rules are current as of the date indicated at the top of each page. However, they may be revised from time to time. The Club's most current Range Rules can be found on our web site: **[www.rbgc.org](http://www.rbgc.org)**. Members are responsible for visiting the web site and keeping themselves current on the rules of RBGC. Any member or spouse may voluntarily attend a Range Tour to update their knowledge of the Range Rules.

A list of Club Officers, Annual Directors, Range Officers and email contact information for them, can be found on the web site under Member Services and the subheadings Club Officer Contact Information or Range Officer Information link.

Please do not assume that because you find a shotgun shell or rifle case on a range, that you may shoot a shotgun or rifle on that range. Use this rule book to determine where you may shoot your firearm. Furthermore, do not emulate the actions of others assuming that they know the rules.

## **1. GENERAL RULES**

Members are encouraged to use the facilities of the River Bend Gun Club (RBGC or "the Club") as often as they like. These rules are intended to make our activities safe, convenient, and enjoyable for everyone. Please follow the rules of safe gun handling, common sense, common courtesy, safety, and ensure that Guests follow all rules, as well.

### **1.1 - Speed Limit**

The **speed limit** on all club roads is **15 mph**. Vehicles may not be driven on any range, including firing points, except for maintenance or as necessary during matches under the



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direction of an appointed Range Officer (RO). The Club Manager or Chief Range Officer (CRO) may approve exceptions on a case by case basis.

### **1.2 - Drugs and Alcohol**

The **possession or use of illegal drugs under any circumstances is prohibited** on Club property. Violation of this rule by any member will result in permanent expulsion from the Club. Violation by any guest will result in permanent expulsion from the Club property for both the member and guest.

**Consumption of alcohol before or during shooting is prohibited.** Any member who consumes any alcohol immediately prior to or during shooting shall be expelled permanently from the Club. Any member handling any firearm of any type during or immediately after consumption of alcohol shall be suspended for a period of not less than 180 days. Violation by any guest will result in permanent expulsion of the guest from Club property and a suspension of the member who brought the guest for not less than 180 days.

### **1.3 - Club Property and Buildings**

Only Club officers or authorized maintenance personnel may open locked buildings. Closed gates indicating that a range or ranges are closed may not be opened by anyone but a Club officer. Do not walk or climb on side berms or back berms. **The willful destruction of club property by any means will result in immediate and permanent expulsion from the Club.**

### **1.4 - Organized or Group Events and Camping**

Group matches, unscheduled practice matches, clinics, events, camping and structured activities must be authorized and approved by the CRO and / or the Club's Board of Directors (BoD) in advance. Overnight camping for members and non members competing in or supporting shooting matches and specific events must be authorized by the CRO, Club Manager or the RO who is responsible for the match or event. Motor coaches using Club power overnight must pay a \$10 daily fee to be collected by the event RO or Club Manager. All events and attendees must comply with all regulations established by the Range Rules.

### **1.5 - Training**

Prior approval from the CRO and Training Committee or Board of Directors is required for all fee based training and for training done at no charge on Club property.

### **1.6 - Firearms and Ammunition Not Permitted**

National Firearms Act (**NFA**) **firearms** with full-automatic-fire capability **may not** be fired in full-automatic mode unless the member has successfully completed the NFA Firearms certification. **Military ordnance**, (as defined on the following page) may not be fired on any range at RBGC. Firearms capable of full-automatic-fire **may be** fired in semi-auto only. Members may fire pistol caliber full-auto firearms in full-auto mode upon successful completion of the NFA certification process. (See section **4.4.4 – National Firearms Act (NFA) Firearms Range Rules for Action Pistol Bays 2 and 3**). Members in possession of NFA firearms, registered with Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) must keep a copy of their registration documents and display the documents upon request from a club

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official or RO. **'Bump Fire' stocks or similar devices may not be operated in the bump fire mode.**

Firing the following types of ammunition are **prohibited** on all Club ranges:

**Tracer Rounds**  
**Incendiary Rounds**  
**Flechette Rounds**  
**Exploding Rounds**  
**Steel Shot**  
**Armor-Piercing Rounds**

(Exception: Armor-Piercing rounds may be used only on paper or cardboard targets)

### **1.7 - Suppressors**

Silencers or noise suppressors **may be** used on any firearm appropriate for the range it is being used on. For example; a 22 pistol with a suppressor may be used on any range where a 22 pistol may be used. If you bring a suppressor onto club property, please be prepared to present the BATFE paperwork if asked by any club official. **Do not** bring suppressors onto the Club property without the appropriate paperwork. Under no circumstances should a member or guest use an improvised suppressor on club property. **USE OF ANY BATFE REGULATED FIREARM OR DEVICE AT RBGC WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE RANGE RULES.**

### **1.8 - Short Barreled Rifles or Shotguns**

Short-barreled rifles, those with barrel lengths less than 16 inches, may be used on any "rifle appropriate" range provided you have the BATFE paperwork for the gun. Short-barreled shotguns, those with barrels less than 18 inches, also require that the member possess appropriate BATFE paperwork and are allowed on the Trap, Skeet, Five Stand or Sporting Clays courses only with same day permission of the Shotgun Hill Manager.

Short-Barreled rifles and shotguns may be used on other bays appropriate for 3-Gun activities provided you have the BATFE paperwork with you. **USE OF ANY BATFE REGULATED FIREARM OR DEVICE AT RBGC WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE RANGE RULES.**

### **1.9 - Super Guns**

The term, Super Guns describes rifles that shoot heavy jacketed bullets at high velocity and have an extreme range. These features make Super Guns especially dangerous in the hands of inexperienced shooters who may be unable to ensure the bullet impacts a berm with every shot. These rifles shoot ammunition that includes but is not limited to 338 Lapua Magnum, 416 Barrett, and 50 BMG. As new ammunition is brought to market, this list may be expanded. Every member should assume that ammunition designed to deliver a jacketed bullet weighting over 300 grains with a muzzle velocity of 2900 FPS or greater will fall into this category. **To shoot any of these rifles at River Bend Gun Club you must first receive approval from the CRO or Super Gun RO by demonstrating competence with your firearm.** The Super Gun check-out should be scheduled with the CRO. **Guests are not permitted to shoot Super Guns at River Bend under any circumstances.**

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**1.10 - Club Matches**

RBGC has a very active match schedule on almost every weekend of the month. The match schedule is posted on the RBGC web site. Scheduled matches take precedence over all other activities. In some cases ranges may be closed the afternoon before a match for setup. In this case, the range will be closed from the afternoon before the match until the match is complete and all tear down is done. In most cases matches are scheduled so that there is another range that may be used, for example if MP-2 is closed MP-1 will be available. In the case of matches that span multiple bays on a range, the entire range is closed to the general membership even if some of the bays are empty. It is critical for safety reasons that all firearms on the "Match" range are under the control of the Range Officers. Members are encouraged to check the calendar before making plans to shoot on a specific range.

For major matches like State, Area, and National level championships that are hosted at River Bend, a range may be closed for several days prior to the beginning and several days after the end of such a match. This schedule will also be posted on the Web Site.

**1.11 - News Media Presence on Club Property**

On occasion, a Club officer or member receives requests from individuals identifying themselves as "Producers," to conduct video filming of activities or interviews with individuals on club property. Members of the BoD and the CRO have researched and discussed this topic at length. They have found that the vast majority of news media editorial and "documentary" coverage of the shooting sports and firearms related topics represents gun owners, gun clubs and the firearms and ammunition industry in a negatively biased manner. Because they do not want River Bend Gun Club or any of its members or officers represented in a negative or biased manner by the media, they believe it is in the best interests of the Club to be extremely cautious about allowing news media members and representatives onto Club property.

While the BoD understands that not all media coverage of shooting sports, gun owners and the firearms industry is negatively biased, much of it is. Often, reporters, producers, journalists and others seeking to further their own reputation or seeking to support a political point of view or agenda are determined, aggressive and devious in the pursuit of their goal. Our only defenses are constant vigilance and a measured response. All members should follow the guidelines below whenever dealing with the news media:

1. Any club officer, RO, ARO or member who receives any media requests to film or interview on club property should politely refer the person or group initiating the request to the Club President and should report the request to the club President within 24 hours. The date, time, name of the person or group and their contact information should also be included.
2. Any club officer, RO, ARO or member who suspects that media representatives or employees may be filming or interviewing on club property without permission should politely question this activity. In the event that unauthorized media activity is taking place on club property, the club officer, RO, ARO or member responsible should instruct them to immediately stop filming or interviewing and should escort them off the property.
3. Any club officer, RO, ARO or member who has contact with unauthorized media representatives or employees on Club property should report this contact and related information to the club President within 24 hours.

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**1.12 - Use of Drones on Club Property**

The use of remote controlled or autonomous drones on Club property requires prior, written approval from the CRO or Club Manager. Unauthorized use of drones may result in a formal complaint requiring the member or members involved to attend a disciplinary hearing convened by the BoD.

**1.13 - Use of Recording Media on Club Property**

Various methods of audio and video recording are commonly available to everyone and some individuals routinely document their activities and post their recordings on social media. While the private use of recording media on Club property does not require specific authorization, members and guests should respect the privacy concerns of other members and guests and should discontinue their recording activities whenever asked to do so.

**2. CLUB USAGE RULES**

**2.1 - Members**

The member is the person whose name is on the membership application that was initially submitted and approved. The member and spouse who has completed a Range Tour and received their spouse badge are the only ones with guest privileges. Every member must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at that range. When signing in, the member must provide the date, time, and circle "Mem" or place an "M" in the member/guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are a Member.

Membership badges must be visible at all times while on Club property except when the Member is actively competing in a match. Lost badges will be replaced upon request. Members who are unable to produce a current membership badge and all unaccompanied visitors will be asked to leave.

Members pay for the privilege of shooting at RBGC and are expected to ensure that other range users display current membership badge or are the guests of, and accompanied by, a member. Any person without a current membership badge or valid temporary range usage card (available from Club Manager or Shotgun Manager), or unaccompanied by a host member, should be asked to leave the ranges immediately. If you do not feel comfortable asking an unauthorized person to leave Club premises, please notify a Club official (Club Manager, CRO, ACRO or a Range Officer) as soon as possible.

**2.2 - Family Members of a Member**

**2.2.1 - Spouse**

A member's spouse may use the Club when accompanying the member to the Club. Spouses must stay on the same range or bay as the member and cannot be in a different area of the club. A spouse may receive a membership badge of their own after successfully completing a range tour and background check. After receiving their badge, the spouse may use the Club without the member accompanying them. However, only one gate key per membership is issued. The spouse may bring guests (see section 2.3 – Guests of a Member). Spouses of members must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon

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as they arrive at the range. When signing in, the spouse must provide the date, time, and circle "Mem" or place an "M" in the member/ guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are the spouse of a member. Divorced spouses loose all privileges to the Club.

**2.2.2 - Dependent Children**

The dependent children of a member have no privileges at the Club. All children who are claimed on a member's tax return for the current year qualify as dependents. Dependent children of the member may accompany the member or the spouse to the Club provided the spouse has completed the Range Tour and has their own badge. A Dependent Child is not allowed to use any range unaccompanied or unsupervised under any circumstances. The member or spouse is responsible for all actions of the dependent and must accompany the dependent at all times. While a dependent child is shooting, the member or spouse may not be shooting and must supervise the dependent. Dependent children of members must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. When signing in the dependent child of a member must provide the date, time, and circle "Fam" or place an "F" in the member/guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are the dependent child of a member. In the case where the spouse does not have their own badge and has not completed the range tour they may not take any dependent children to another area of the club.

**2.2.3 - Grandchildren**

The grandchildren of a member have no privileges at the Club. Grandchildren of the Member who are under 18 years of age may accompany the member or the spouse to the Club provided the spouse has completed the Range Tour and has their own badge. At no time is a grandchild allowed to use any range unaccompanied or unsupervised. The member or spouse is responsible for all actions of the grandchild and must accompany the grandchild at all times. While a grandchild is shooting the member or spouse may not be shooting and must supervise the grandchild. Grandchildren of members must legibly sign-in at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. When signing in the grandchild of a member must provide the date, time, and circle "Fam" or place an "F" in the member/guest column of the sign-in sheet indicating that they are the grandchild of a member. In the case where the spouse does not have their own badge and has not completed the range tour they may not take any grandchildren to another area of the club.

**2.3 - Guests of a Member**

A Guest is anyone on Club property who is not a member, a spouse of a member, a dependent child of a member or a grandchild of a member. Members may bring a maximum of **three** guests to the Club during any one visit. Non-shooting guests count toward the maximum of **three** guests per member. Spouses who have completed a Range Tour and background check and who have their own badges may bring a maximum of **two** guests. All guest rules that apply to a member also apply to a spouse. The member / spouse is responsible for all actions of their guest(s). Guests must legibly sign-in immediately underneath the member / spouse and indicate their guest status at every range on every visit as soon as they arrive at the range. The sign-in sheet is a waiver of liability. By signing-in, all guests are agreeing to the terms of the waiver. Every member / spouse bringing a guest must inform the guest that the sign in sheet is

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a waiver. If a guest refuses the terms of the waiver they must be immediately escorted off the property by the member / spouse and the guest forfeits the privilege to return to the Club. Members / spouses must accompany their guests at all times and are not to shoot while their guest is shooting. Only one guest may be shooting at a time. Guests who are GA residents are limited to three visits, total. Guests who reside out of state may visit more often. After three visits as a guest of any member / spouse, guests are expected to complete an application and apply for membership. A visitor may not visit as a guest more than three times by accompanying different members. The three visit limit is cumulative irrelevant of who the host member is. The member and spouse are the only ones with guest privileges. Dependent children and other family members have no guest privileges and may not visit the club without the member or spouse being with them.

## **2.4 - Hours of Operation**

Club hours are from sunrise to sunset (specific times for specific dates are listed on the RBGC and other weather sites) on all ranges except the shotgun ranges, which are open late on certain days of the week, light and weather permitting (check the website for scheduled days and hours of operation). Evening shooting (until 9:00 p.m.) will be scheduled periodically on the lighted field. Check the website or contact the shotgun Manager for current schedules.

## **2.5 - Club Safety Rules and Range Etiquette**

This section covers rules that apply to the Club as a whole; rules for specific ranges are found in section 4 - Range Descriptions.

Range safety is a must for RBGC to remain a safe place to shoot. All members and guests are expected to follow the Club's Range Rules, and all members share the responsibility to enforce these rules. If you see dangerous or prohibited activity taking place, courteously bring the behavior to the person(s) attention. They may simply be unaware of the danger or rule violation. A gentle reminder is better than an accident or a lawsuit.

If it is not possible to correct any safety or rule violation diplomatically, note the person's name and/or description of the individual, the make, model and license number of their car, or anything else that will help club officials identify the member and immediately notify the Range Officer responsible for the specific range, the CRO, ACRO or the Club Manager. In addition, please report any damage to Club property to a Club officer immediately.

### **2.5.1 - Basic Safety Rules**

The following basic safety rules apply on all ranges at all times:

- Always assume every firearm is loaded until you can see that it is not.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Always keep your firearm's muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Always know what your bullet will hit and where it should stop.
- Be sure your firearm is mechanically safe to operate.
- Know how to use your firearm safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm.

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- Eye and hearing protection are highly recommended unless specifically required on a specific range.
- Keep your firearm unloaded with the action open until you are ready to shoot.
- Only load your firearm at the firing line.
- Shoot only at targets that are appropriate for the range you are using.
- Fire only from a shooting bench or from **directly** behind the firing line.
- Stop firing **immediately** if any person on the range moves forward of the firing line or forward of any muzzle of any firearm while shooting is in progress or if you see an animal, person or vehicle on the range or in the line of fire.
- When you are not currently shooting, stay behind the muzzles of all firearms in use.
- A Firearm may never be discharged at anytime or on any range in front of the specified firing line.
- **Do not handle any firearm on the firing line when people are down-range or forward of firing points or when the flashing red or amber lights indicating a cold range are flashing.**
- Pick a firing point lined up with your target and a nearby backstop so you can shoot straight down the range. Firing diagonally across the range is prohibited and could result in ricochets or bullets leaving the range over a side berm.
- Do not walk or climb on side berms or back berms.
- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU USE TARGET FRAMES OR OTHER FIXED ITEMS AS TARGETS. DESTROYING CLUB PROPERTY WILL RESULT IN YOUR PERMANENT SUSPENSION FROM RIVER BEND GUN CLUB.**

**2.5.2 - Rules for Carrying Firearms to and from the Ranges**

Only firearms appropriate for use on a given range may be used on that range. When firearms are moved between vehicles or carried to and from ranges they must be unloaded and carried in an appropriate case, gun rug, or shooting cart. If they are not in a case, gun rug, or shooting cart, the action **MUST** be open and there **MUST** be an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in the action or the bolt must be completely removed. Every member is given 2 ECIs during the Range Safety Tour and ECIs are available upon request on Shotgun Hill.

While moving from one bay to another on a range, pistols in holsters may not have a magazine (even an empty one) in the gun and revolvers must be unloaded.

Note: For ALL non-match shooting, ALL FIREARMS must be taken from the parking area to the range in a case, a gun rug, on a cart, or uncased with the action open and an ECI inserted or bolt completely removed. Pistols may not be worn in holsters outside the confines of the range being used.

**Shoulder holsters are prohibited except in the case of full-time law enforcement personnel who are clearly identifiable by a uniform, displayed badge or other official ID.** Law Enforcement Officers may carry their firearms in a loaded condition. However, no other person may carry a loaded firearm of any kind on Club property except when on a firing line or when moving from a loading area to a firing line, and only in accordance with accepted practices of disciplines routinely shot at the Club.

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**All guns not on an active firing line must remain unloaded. A loaded firearm must never be left unattended. This is a serious violation of RBGC Range Rules.**

**2.5.3 - Range Cold Indicators - Flashing Lights (Red or Amber)**

Some of the ranges are equipped with flashing red lights to indicate the range is cold. Under no circumstances should anyone be on the firing line when these lights are on. If you are ready to leave or clean your gun when asked to make the range cold, indicate that you need a few minutes to unload and remove your gun from the line while the range is still hot. If you are switching guns, ensure that the gun on the line is unloaded with the bolt open and an ECI inserted and move it to a rear table then, making sure that the bolt on the other gun is open and an ECI inserted, bring that gun from the rear table to the line. Once your gun switch is complete, step behind the red line and do your part to ensure the range cold procedure is complete. Note: Cleaning unloaded firearms, adjusting sights and general repair / maintenance on unloaded firearms on the rear tables is allowed during a hot or cold range as long as there is no ammunition on the tables.

**When the red or amber lights are flashing, no one should be seated at a bench on the firing line, touching a gun on the firing line, or moving items back and forth from the firing line to the rear tables. Some ranges may have Red Lines painted down the center, behind the firing line. While the range is cold everyone on the range must stay behind the red line except to go down range and hang targets or to pick up brass from the ground in front of the firing line.**

**2.5.3.1 - Making the Range Cold**

Use the following procedure for calling a range cold.

When arriving at a range where others are present and shooting:

- 1 Sign-in and make sure all family members and guests sign-in.
- 2 Unload your gear and arrange it on the appropriate tables.
- 3 All firearms should be brought from your car to the range in cases, gun rugs or shooting carts. If they are not in a case, gun rug or shooting carts, the action must be open and there MUST be an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in the action or the bolt must be completely removed.
- 4 Before removing a gun from the gun case, open the action or remove the bolt. There should never be a magazine in the gun when you arrive at the range. Rifles on MP-1 or MP-2 should have the muzzle pointed into the corn field with the bolt open when on the middle or rear table or at the back berm when on the firing line. An ECI should be in every rifle not in immediate use.
- 5 After organizing your gear and collecting your targets and stapler check with each individual on the range and ask if you can make the range cold to set targets.
- 6 Upon confirmation from each person on the range, even those not seated at a bench or involved in shooting, position yourself at the red switch that controls the flashing lights.
- 7 Make eye contact down both ends of the range and announce "Range Cold" loud enough for everyone to hear. Watch and listen for acknowledgement from everyone.
- 8 Turn on the flashing lights.



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- 9 Before going down range, ensure that there is no one seated at a bench or on the firing line.
- 10 Proceed down range and properly set your targets. Set enough for at least 20 minutes of shooting.
- 11 Return to the shooting area staying clear of the benches at the line.
- 12 When everyone has returned from downrange, check with each person to ensure they are ready to make the range hot.
- 13 When everyone has agreed to go hot, position yourself at the red switch making eye contact down both ends of the range and announce "Range is Hot" loud enough for everyone to hear and acknowledge.

If you arrive and the range is already cold, follow the steps below:

- 1 Sign-in and make sure all family members and guests sign-in.
- 2 Make sure that there is no one at the switch about to make the range hot and if there is ask if they will maintain the cold range while you set your targets.
- 3 Follow steps 9-13 above

If you arrive and the range is empty, start at number 1 above and proceed to 13 only eliminating steps 5 and 12. Please Note: Someone may have arrived after you were already placing targets and you did not see them go down range to set their targets. Before making the range hot visually scan downrange left to right and announce loud enough for anyone to hear "Range Going Hot" followed by "Range is Hot".

#### **2.5.4 - Range Etiquette**

The following rules will help ensure safety and enjoyment for all on the range.

- Prearrange for supervision of your children who are not shooting and of your pets, before you set up for shooting. Children and pets are not allowed on Club property unattended. Barking dogs may annoy and distract other members. If your dog is prone to barking when leashed please leave it at home.
- Open the action of all firearms and insert an ECI before removing them from their cases.
- Keep all firearms pointed in a safe direction. Point firearms down-range only when at a firing point.
- When moving firearms from a staging area to a firing line, the muzzle should be pointed straight up in the air.
- Be considerate of others. Put up enough targets to shoot for 20 to 30 minutes.
- Observe the rules for proper target positioning (see section 2.6).
- Do not drive your vehicle onto the range or firing points unless you have been approved to do so by a Club officer or RO.
- **Personally make sure that every shooter using the range understands that the firing line has been cleared before moving down range.**
- **Before calling the firing line "hot" again, personally verify that each shooter knows that the line is going hot.**
- **Use a rate of fire that will not allow bullets to impact the ground, the target frames or go over the berm and keep your projectiles within the confines of the range.**
- Clean up your targets when you finish shooting and put them in a trash can.
- Police your firing area before leaving. The Club does not have a sanitation staff and members are expected to leave the ranges free of trash and debris.

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## **2.6 - Acceptable Target Types and Positioning**

Paper targets are acceptable on every range except the shotgun ranges (However, large backer paper may be used on the shotgun patterning board on Cowboy Hill, bay 11. See section 4.1.4).

Center paper targets on frames to prevent damage to the frame structure, and place them high enough so that the bullet will impact the backstop and not the ground. Keep target frames and supports near a backstop. This helps prevent ricochets. Cans, wood blocks, plastic, cardboard, paper boxes and other such materials are acceptable as targets only on the Plinking ranges. Be careful to position all such targets near the backstop to prevent ricochets. Anyone using such items as targets must clean up the range before leaving.

Steel "pepper poppers" and heavy metal plates are allowed only on the Action Pistol Ranges, the Cowboy Ranges or Centerfire Plinking ranges. Be very careful with steel targets because ricochets are common and lead / bullet jacket splatter from steel plates is a serious hazard. Keep targets near the backstop to limit danger. **Shooters should stay at least 12 yards (36 feet) away from metal plate targets and MUST ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING AT STEEL TARGETS. To avoid injury due to ricochets, BB guns may not be fired at steel targets.** Spectators must stand back from the firing line and **MUST ALSO WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHILE STEEL TARGETS ARE BEING SHOT.**

Metal silhouette and spinning metal targets for informal practice are also acceptable on the Plinking and Action Pistol ranges. **Steel plates may be shot with centerfire rifles ONLY on the Rifle Silhouette range.**

The following types of targets are **NOT ALLOWED**:

- Drainage pipes, number markers, target frames, range equipment and structures, or any other Club property.
- Live trees or animals.
- Any fruit or produce.
- Glass bottles, china plates, ceramic jug or other frangible materials which could produce flying fragments and small, long-term, hazardous debris.
- Rocks, concrete, stones, railroad rails and heavy metal items which cause great risk of ricochets that would endanger not only fellow club members but also our neighbors, and consequently the Club's existence.
- Clay pigeons, balloons and other materials that create trash and are difficult to clean up. **(Note: Clay pigeons may be used as targets on the Rimfire Plinking range ONLY.)**
- Placing targets on top of the backstop of any range, or shooting at objects located on a backstop is **prohibited**.

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### **3. FIREARM CATEGORY DEFINITIONS**

Any firearm should fall into one or more of the following categories according to its physical configuration or its usage. If you cannot determine which category your firearm belongs to, ask a range officer, the CRO or the Club Manager.

#### **3.1 - Military or Police Ordnance**

Firearms (excluding black powder firearms) with military or police projectiles larger than .50 caliber (specifically including 14.5 mm Russian antitank rounds, 20 mm or larger cannon shells or variations thereof, rockets, mortars, grenades, explosive rounds and similar ordnance) **MAY NOT** be fired on Club property. Any member wishing to fire a .50 cal. BMG rifle (Super Gun) must contact the CRO for certification before firing it at the range. After being certified, the .50 cal. BMG and other Super Gun calibers may **only** be fired on the High-Power (HP) range, Multipurpose 1 (MP1) range, or Multipurpose 2 (MP2) range. When MP1 is used, a buffer zone of six benches (the three adjacent benches on each side of the firing point) must be kept **empty**. If another shooter needs one of the benches in the buffer zone, the 50 cal. BMG shooter must stop firing and allow the other shooter to use the bench. When MP2 is used, the right most position must be used and the three adjacent benches on the left must be kept empty.

**Prohibited Ammunition: tracer, armor-piercing, flechette or exploding rounds and any other ammunition deemed unacceptable by the Club Manager or CRO may be NOT be fired at any time. Note: Armor-piercing rounds may be fired only at paper or cardboard targets.**

#### **3.2 – Fully-Automatic Firearms**

Firearms capable of full-automatic fire or requiring BATFE documentation **may not** be fired in the full-automatic mode on any range at RBGC. Exception:-Members may fire pistol caliber full-auto firearms in full-auto mode upon successful completion of the NFA Firearms certification process. (See section 4.4.4 – **National Firearms Act (NFA) Firearms Range Rules for Action Pistol Bays 2 and 3**).

#### **3.3 - Handgun Categories**

##### **3.3.1 - Black Powder Cartridge Handguns**

Pistols or revolvers firing cartridges loaded with black powder, Pyrodex, or other substitute propellant for black powder.

##### **3.3.2 - Defense Handguns**

Pistols or revolvers with fixed or adjustable sights and barrels less than 8 inches long.

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**3.3.3 - Hunting, Varmint or Silhouette Handguns**

Handguns with muzzle velocities over 1600 feet per second or muzzle energies above 600 ft-lbs. that are designed primarily for hunting or metallic silhouette competition.

**3.3.4 - Target Centerfire and Rimfire Handguns**

Pistols or revolvers with adjustable sights and barrels at least 4 inches long that are designed primarily for target shooting.

**3.3.5 - Muzzle-Loading Handguns**

Pistols or revolvers loaded from the muzzle or front of the chamber using black powder, Pyrodex, or other substitute propellant for black powder.

**3.3.6 - Magnum Handguns**

Pistols or revolvers chambered for magnum calibers.

**3.3.7 – Tactical Handguns**

Centerfire pistols that share operating and magazine loading characteristics with rifles or sub machine guns but have no butt stock. Rifle caliber (5.56 NATO, 7.62x39mm, etc.) Tactical Handguns may be shot on rifle ranges only unless the member has successfully completed Tactical Rifle certification.

**3.3.8 – Shotshell Handguns**

Handguns (pistols, revolvers, single shot handguns) capable of firing shotshells intended for use in shotguns may be used to fire 7 ½ or smaller, lead shot only at paper or cardboard targets on pistol ranges where there are no steel targets present. Steel shot may not be used under any circumstances. Exception: Lead shot up to #2 may be used on the shotgun patterning board on CB bay 11.

**3.4 - Rifle Categories**

**3.4.1 - Black Powder Cartridge Rifles**

Muzzle-loading or cartridge rifles using black powder, Pyrodex, or other substitute propellant for black powder.

**3.4.2 – Defensive - Tactical Rifles**

Semi or fully automatic rifles (used at RBGC only with semiautomatic selected) typically used by military and police forces. Rifle calibers in .308 or smaller and pistol calibers .45 ACP or smaller. Examples include but are not limited to: M-1A, M-16, AR-15, AR-10, M1 Carbine, Mini-14, Mini-30, FAL, SMG, MP5, and other similar firearms.

**3.4.3 - Hunting Rifles**

Smokeless powder cartridge rifles which shoot a single bullet with each trigger pull and are designed primarily for hunting.

**3.4.4 - Target Centerfire and Rimfire Rifles**

Rifles designed primarily for target shooting, including but not limited to match-grade, semiautomatic military rifles (AR-15, M-16, M-14, M-1, M-1A) as well as bolt-action rifles

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of various calibers, usually equipped with aperture or telescopic sights. This category also includes custom-built bolt-action bench rest rifles featuring heavyweight barrels, very light trigger pulls, wide fore-end stocks and high magnification scopes, in calibers ranging from .17 and up, but usually not exceeding .308 caliber.

**3.4.5 - Super Guns**

Super Guns describes rifles that shoot heavy jacketed bullets at high velocity and have an extreme range. These features make Super Guns especially dangerous in the hands of inexperienced shooters who may be unable to ensure the bullet impacts a berm with every shot. These rifles shoot ammunition that includes but is not limited to 338 Lapua Magnum, 416 Barrett, and 50 BMG. As new ammunition is brought to market, this list may be expanded. Every member should assume that ammunition designed to deliver a jacketed bullet weighting over 300 grains with a muzzle velocity of 2900 FPS or greater will fall into this category. Members using Super Guns on MP1 and MP2 should ensure they are separated from adjacent members by at least 3 benches on each side of the shooting positions. **To shoot any of these rifles at River Bend Gun Club you must first receive approval from the CRO or Super Gun RO by demonstrating competence with your firearm.** The Super Gun check-out should be scheduled with the CRO. **Guests are not permitted to shoot Super Guns at River Bend under any circumstances.**

**3.4.6 - Short Barreled Rifles**

Short-barreled rifles with barrel lengths less than 16 inches may be used on any "rifle appropriate" range provided you have the BATFE paperwork for the gun. **USE OF ANY BATFE RESTRICTED FIREARM AT RIVER BEND WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE RANGE RULES.**

**3.4.7- Pistol Caliber Rifles, Carbines**

Pistol caliber (9 mm, .40 S&W, 45 acp, etc.) rifles and carbines that have a fixed or folding buttstock may be shot only on rifle ranges unless the member has successfully completed Tactical Rifle certification. Exception: See section **4.4.1 - AP Bay I**

**3.5 - Muzzle-Loading Long Guns**

Long barreled guns with smooth or rifled barrels loaded from the muzzle using black powder, Pyrodex, or other substitute propellant for black powder. These include the traditional Black Powder and Modern bolt action Muzzleloaders.

**3.6 - Shotgun Categories**

**3.6.1 - Slug Shotguns**

Smokeless powder, cartridge shotguns that shoot a single slug with each trigger pull and are designed primarily for hunting.

**3.6.2 - Target and Hunting Shotguns**

Smoothbore shotguns that shoot multiple pellets with each trigger pull and are designed

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primarily for skeet, trap, sporting clays, small game, upland birds, and waterfowl hunting.

**3.6.3 – Defensive - Tactical Shotguns**

Smoothbore, semiautomatic and pump shotguns typically used by military or police forces. These may have extended tubular magazines or magazine fed actions with traditional full stocks, full stocks with a pistol grip or folding stocks.

**3.6.4 - Short Barreled Shotguns**

Short barreled shotguns with barrels less than 18 inches that may be used on ranges appropriate for 3-Gun activities provided you have the BATFE paperwork with you. Short barreled shotguns are allowed on the Trap, Skeet, Five Stand or Sporting Clays courses ONLY WITH SAME DAY PERMISSION FROM THE SHOTGUN MANAGER OR CRO. **USE OF ANY BATFE RESTRICTED FIREARM AT RIVER BEND WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE RANGE RULES.**

**3.7 - Cowboy Guns and Ammunition**

During Cowboy matches, Cowboy firearms and **ammunition must meet the requirements listed in the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Shooter's Handbook.**

**3.8 - Archery**

The Archery Range at River Bend Gun Club is located adjacent to the river on the opposite side of the corn field from MP1 and MP2. Long bows, recurve bows, compound bows and cross bows are allowed. Access to the Archery range is the dirt road at the far end of MP1. **DO NOT enter this range from any other direction.**

**3.8.1 - Target Points, Field Points and Broadheads**

Target and field points are arrow heads that are conical in shape with a pointed end. These are designed for target shooting. Broadheads are hunting arrow heads with very sharp, knife-like edges. **BROADHEADS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT RIVER BEND GUN CLUB. USE OF BROADHEADS AT RIVER BEND IS A VIOLATION OF THE CLUB RULES.**

**4. RANGE DESCRIPTIONS**

The Club ranges are listed in this section as they are approached along the road into the range, along with the categories of firearms permitted at each.

**4.1 - Cowboy Hill Range**

The Cowboy ranges, Bays 1 thru 7 are for **Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS), USPSA** matches, general member practice and other activities approved by the CRO or BoD Bays, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been designated for general club member use when cowboy and USPSA matches are in progress. Paper and metal targets (including reactive targets such as pepper poppers and falling plates) may be used on all bays except for bays 8 and 11. Paper targets may only be used on Bay 8 and Bay 11 is designated for the patterning of shotguns.

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For the purpose of practicing Cowboy Action Shooting with **Cowboy guns and Cowboy ammunition** on bays 1 thru 7, targets should be carefully placed in accordance with the following rules:

- Set steel targets at least 12 yards, minimum range.
- **To avoid injury due to ricochets, BB guns may not be fired at steel targets.**
- Place all targets so that bullets will impact the rear back stop (berm) if the target is missed, and will not ricochet into adjacent bays.

**Caution: Do not set targets closer than the minimum distances specified above. Bullets or fragments ricocheting from steel targets could cause serious injury to you and others. Shooters, spectators and bystanders MUST ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHILE STEEL TARGETS ARE BEING SHOT.**

- Holstered revolvers and pistols that are unloaded may be carried between the parking lot and the ranges ONLY during RBGC sanctioned Cowboy, USPSA and GSSF matches.
- No Vehicles are allowed beyond the parking areas without prior approval from the CRO, Club Manager or RO.
- **Eye and ear protection are required for all competitors, spectators and bystanders at all times on these ranges.**
- Shooting through windows or doorways as required during Cowboy or USPSA matches or general member practice is allowed as long as the bullets impact the rear berm.
- Accidental damage to any permanent prop must be immediately reported to the Club Manager or RO and the shooter is responsible for repairing the damage.
- Clay bird throwers may not be used anywhere on these ranges during general practice.
- **Do not walk or climb on side berms or back berms.**

#### **4.1.1 - Cowboy Bays 1 through 7**

Cowboy Bays 1 thru 7 are for **Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS), USPSA** matches and general member practice unless other activities have been approved by the CRO or Club Manager.

**During Cowboy matches and practice on bays 1 thru 7, Cowboy pistol and rifle ammunition must comply with the SASS Rule Book.** Shotgun ammunition used on Cowboy bays 1 through 7 must use number 7½ or smaller, lead birdshot. **Steel shot, magnum shotshells and high-velocity loads are not allowed under any conditions.**

For general member practice, rifles chambered for 22 short, long and long rifle may be used on bays 1 through 7.

**Note: See section 4.4.3 - Tactical Rifle Rules for Action Pistol Bays 2 and 3 and CB Hill Bays 1 and 2** on page 26 for Range Rule information about Tactical Rifle use on CB bays 1 and 2.

#### **4.1.2 - Cowboy Bay 8**

Cowboy Bay 8 is for general membership and is limited to handgun use only. No Steel targets are allowed.

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- Handgun calibers permitted are standard center fire calibers. Magnum, +P and +P+ calibers are permitted on paper targets ONLY.
- Rifles and handguns chambered for 22 short, long and long rifle may be used on bay 8.
- Target frames must be moved back to the edge of the range when shooting is completed.
- Paper or cardboard target shooting scenarios may be set but they must be set in such a way that the bullets will impact the back berm of the range.
- Paper and cardboard targets may be set at any distance as long as every bullet impacts the back berm.

**4.1.3 - Cowboy Bays 9 and 10**

These bays are for general membership use and limited to handgun use only.

- Bays 9 and 10 are set up with steel plate targets.
- **To avoid injury due to ricochets, BB guns may not be fired at steel targets.**
- Rifles chambered for 22 short, long and long rifle may be used on bays 9 and 10.
- No Magnum, +P or +P+ caliber ammunition may be used on these bays. Remember - no centerfire rifles or shotguns may be used on these bays.
- **Do not move the benches or stand forward of them when firing. The minimum range for firing at steel targets is twelve (12) yards.**
- **Do not move the steel plate racks.**

**No magnum pistols, shotguns, 17 cal, 5.7x28 cal, center fire rifles, or pistols chambered in rifle calibers are allowed on steel plate ranges at any time.**

**4.1.4 - Cowboy Bay 11**

This is the Shotgun Patterning bay for general membership and is limited to shotguns only. NO SHOT LARGER THAN #2 is allowed on this range.

- Bay 11, is set up for patterning #2 lead shot or smaller, shot gun loads.
- No steel shot is permitted on bay 11 or anywhere on Club property.
- No slugs are permitted on this range
- No rifles or handguns are permitted on Bay 11.
- After firing is complete all materials used for patterning the shotgun must be placed in an appropriate trash container.
- Shotgun must be single loaded with one shell at a time.
- Target must be set in such a manner that the shot must impact the back berm.
- Eye and ear protection is required for shooters, spectators and bystanders.

**4.2 - Plinking (PK) Ranges**

Plinking can generate unsightly trash. It is the club member's responsibility to keep these ranges clean by depositing all debris in the trash can when finished shooting. Remember that any targets likely to cause ricochets or to shatter into numerous small pieces are not allowed.

**EYE AND EAR PROTECTION FOR SHOOTERS, SPECTATORS AND BYSTANDERS IS REQUIRED ON THE PLINKING RANGES.**



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**None of the following are allowed on the Plinking Ranges: shotguns, .17 cal, 5.7x28 cal, magnum calibers, center fire rifles, or pistols chambered in rifle calibers.**

Rifles chambered for 22 short, long and long rifle may be used on all plinking ranges.

**4.2.1 - Rim-fire Plinking Range**

This range is for .22 caliber rim-fire handguns and rifles chambered in 22 short, long and long rifle. Air pistols and rifles chambered for 177 and 22 caliber are also permitted. **17 and 22 magnum rimfire guns are prohibited.** Acceptable targets for this range include paper targets as well as plastic containers, cans, spinning metal plates, wooden blocks, or the steel plates provided. The target frames are intended for paper targets only. Please keep all non-paper targets near the backstop, and fire at them only from behind the bench while staying between the side berms. Firearms may be loaded only at the firing line, and all firing must be done from behind the bench. Do not walk or climb on side berms or back berms. **The plate racks in this range may not be engaged from closer than 12 yards or 36 feet. To avoid injury due to ricochets, BB guns may not be fired at steel targets.**

**4.2.2 - Center-fire Plinking Range**

This range is for any center fire handgun firing a center fire pistol cartridge and for .22 caliber rim-fire handguns and rifles chambered in 22 short, long and long rifle. Air pistols and rifles chambered for 177 and 22 caliber are also permitted. **17 caliber rimfire guns are prohibited.** Acceptable targets for this range include paper targets as well as plastic containers, cans, spinning metal plates, wooden blocks, or the steel plates provided. The target frames are intended for paper targets only. Please keep all non-paper targets near the backstop, and fire at them only from behind the table while staying between the side berms. **Shooters may only use non-magnum center fire pistols chamber for pistol calibers on this range.** Firearms may be loaded only at the firing line, and all firing must be done from behind the bench. Do not walk or climb on side berms or back berms. **The plate racks in this range may not be engaged from closer than 12 yards or 36 feet.**

**No magnum pistols, shotguns, 17 cal, 5.7x28 cal, 7.62x 25, center fire rifles, or pistols chambered in rifle calibers are allowed on steel plate ranges at any time.**

**4.3 - Bullseye Pistol (BE) Range**

This 30-position PISTOL ONLY range is designed for recreational or competition precision shooting at paper bull's-eye targets only.

**General BE Range Rules**

- Do not use plinking or plinking-type targets on this range.
- Use 21" x 24" cardboard backers for the metal frames (bring your own if you wish).
- Use round bullseye paper targets only (no silhouettes).
- Place only **one target** in the **center** of the backer.
- Fire only from on the concrete directly behind the tables (**DO NOT MOVE IN FRONT OF THE FIRING LINE TO SHOOT**)
- Do not move target frames and benches.

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**Use a rate of fire that will not allow bullets to impact the target frames, impact the ground or go over the berm** (excessively rapid fire with any caliber, especially magnums, may result in excessive damage to the target frames and carries a high risk of ricochets).

- 22 rimfire rifles may be used on the far right side in the open area **ONLY DURING YOUTH ACTIVITIES SUPERVISED BY THE YOUTH RO.**

**4.3.1 - Target Positions 1-25**

Positions 1-25 are reserved for matches (NRA 2700, International Pistol etc.), or for pre-approved practice by accomplished Bulls-Eye shooters only. These are turning frames at 25 yards and fixed frames at 50 yards. Firearms allowed are Non-Magnum Target Handguns chambered in .22 rimfire, .38, 9mm and .45 ACP calibers only. **Magnum calibers are not permitted on these positions.**

**4.3.2 - Target Positions 26-30**

Positions 26-30 are for general membership use for Bulls-Eye type shooting. These are fixed frames at 25 and 50 yards: Firearms allowed are black powder handguns and handguns chambered in 22 rimfire and centerfire calibers.

**4.3.3 - Position 31 just to the right of the sidewalk downrange**

This is a wooden target frame at 50 yards and is available for general membership use for any type of Handgun shooting with Target, Defense, Hunting, Varmint, Silhouette, Black Powder Cartridge, or Thompson Center Contender pistols. Magnum calibers may be shot here.

**4.3.4 - Open Area to the Far Right of the Target Frames**

The open area to the far right of the target stands has PVC pipes in the ground to accommodate targets stands for our Youth programs as well as an area for a Ransom rest that can be checked out by members. Magnum calibers may be shot here. All shooting is to be done from the cement and not from in front of the bathrooms.

**4.4 - Action Pistol (AP) Range**

This range has three bays for recreational and competition action shooting. A variety of targets including silhouette and IPSC targets, reactive "pepper poppers", metallic targets and metallic action falling plates may be shot on these ranges. Rimfire and centerfire handguns and 22 rimfire rifles may be shot on bays 1, 2 and 3. **Prior CRO approval is required before any member may shoot shotguns or centerfire rifles on AP bays 2 and 3. Contact the CRO for information about the certification procedure.**

**No firing is permitted from behind the concrete pad on any of the Action Pistol Bays. Members and guests may not fire from under the covered areas on The Action Pistol Bays.**

**General AP Bay Rules**

- Do not carry firearms between the parking lot and the range in holsters. All firearms being transported to and from the parking must be unloaded and contained in a case,

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box or gun rug.

- Handguns carried in a holster within the AP area must have the magazine removed and leave the chamber empty until you are in firing position. Revolvers must also be carried unloaded.
- Rifles and shotguns carried on the AP bays must be unloaded, with the action open and an empty chamber flag displayed.
- Put used targets and backers in the trash containers provided and replace wooden frames against the side berms when you are finished shooting.
- **EYE AND EAR PROTECTION FOR SHOOTERS, SPECTATORS AND BYSTANDERS IS REQUIRED ON THE AP RANGES AND IN THE AP AREA.**

#### **4.4.1 - AP Bay 1**

This bay is set up with two resettable reactive target stands. The left stand supports six 8-inch plates and the right stand contains six regulation-size bowling pins. Shooters may also use their own resettable reactive targets here. This bay is for **non-magnum handguns and for rifles / carbines chambered for the following calibers: 22 short, 22 long, 22 long rifle only**. Any member using their own resettable target here must place the targets more than 12 yards from the firing line and must be mounted such that bullets missing the targets strike the rear berm.

- **No 'Plinking' type targets** may be used on this bay.
- **No centerfire rifles or shotguns, or pistols firing Magnum or high-velocity ammunition** are allowed (See calibers allowed listed above).
- **Do not move the benches or stand forward of them when firing. The minimum safe range for firing at steel targets is twelve (12) yards.**
- **Do not move the fixed reactive steel target frames or the wooden tables.**
- Use the centrally located wooden target frame and board provided **only** for the attachment of paper targets
- **To avoid injury due to ricochets, BB guns may not be fired at steel targets.**

#### **4.4.2 - AP Bays 2 and 3**

These bays may be used for handguns and 22 rimfire rifles. The use of centerfire rifles and shotguns is permitted only for members who have completed the Tactical Rifle certification. **High velocity pistol and rifle ammunition is permitted only on paper targets. No steel targets may be present on bays 2 and 3 when rifles are being used.** (See 'Exception' in section 4.4.3, number 8) Target stands are provided on the left and right sides of the bay and should be moved to the middle of the bay to have targets affixed to them. You must provide your own cardboard backers for attaching targets. Under no circumstances should any targets be situated so that the bullets fired at it hit the side berms. All targets should be arranged so that bullets passing through or missing targets will impact the back berm.

**Member owned steel targets must be placed at the base of the back berm and must be engaged from at least 12 yards or 36 feet away with non magnum, pistol ammunition or shotgun birdshot only. No steel targets may be present on bays 2 and 3 when rifles are being used.** (See 'Exception' in section 4.4.3, number 8)

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- Place targets high enough on the frames so that projectiles strike the back berm, not the ground. Place target frames between the firing line and back berm.
- **Do not move the firing line tables.**
- **DO NOT place frames in positions that allow bullets fired through them to impact the side berm**

**4.4.3 - Tactical Rifle Rules for Action Pistol Bays 2 and 3 and CB Hill Bays 1 and 2**

1. Eye and hearing protection is required and must be worn by all members, guests and bystanders at all times when anyone is shooting on the AP and CB Hill bays.
2. All firearms must be unloaded with the magazine removed, bolt / action locked open, an empty chamber indicator (ECI) in place and in a gun rug, gun case, box or other suitable container when being transported to and from the parking lot to the designated bays.
3. All members, family members and guests must sign in upon arriving and must sign in on each designated bay used. Non shooting guests must also sign in.
4. **RBGC members and spouses with their own badge who completed the Tactical Rifle certification may shoot center fire rifles, carbines and shotguns on AP bays 2 and 3 and CB Hill bays 1 and 2.** Guests and non certified club members may shoot center fire rifles, carbines or shotguns on the designated bays while under the direct supervision of a club member or spouse with their own badge who have completed the Tactical Rifle certification.
5. Certified club members and spouses who have completed the Range Tour must display the green 'RBGC Tactical Rifle' pin when shooting rifles, carbines or shotguns on designated bays. Do not 'loan' your pin to anyone else.
6. All projectiles must strike the back berm. No projectiles may be fired into the floor of the bays, into the side berms or over the back berms.
7. Shooters must shoot from the concrete pad, from either side of the pad or from in front of the pad. Shooters may move forward but may not shoot from behind the pad.
8. When shooting rifle caliber center fire rifles and carbines on the designated bays, only paper and cardboard targets may be used. No steel targets may be on the bay when shooting rifle caliber center fire rifles and carbines. **Exception: Tactical Rifle certified members, spouses and guests and members who are shooting under their direct supervision may shoot at the steel plate / bowling pin racks on AP bay 1 and at their own steel targets on AP bays 2 and 3 and CB Hill bays 1 and 2 only when shooting pistol caliber rifles / carbines chambered for the following calibers: 22 long rifle, 32 acp, 380 acp, 9 x 18 mm Makarov, 9 x 19 mm Luger, 40 S&W, 45 acp. Member supplied steel targets must be placed against the back berm. Anyone shooting at steel targets must observe a minimum distance of 12 yards (36 feet) from the steel when shooting and every person within sight of steel targets **MUST** wear eye protection.**
9. Shooters must not break the 180 degree rule and must keep the muzzle pointed down range or straight down when using a tactical sling. Unloaded rifles, carbines and shotguns should be carried with the muzzle straight up or pointed straight down.

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10. Shotguns using lead shot may be used on the designated bays. Steel reactive targets may be used only with shotguns using lead shot. No steel shot is allowed under any circumstances. All steel targets must be removed from the range whenever rifles or carbines are used.
11. Certified members may use AP bays 2 and 3 to pattern lead buckshot. Shotguns using slugs must be shot on MP1 or MP2.
12. When not being fired, rifles, carbines and shotguns must be unloaded, with the magazine removed, the bolt locked open and a chamber flag inserted between the bolt face and the chamber. Empty cartridge cases and shot shells may not be used as chamber flags.

**4.4.4 – National Firearms Act (NFA) Range Rules for Action Pistol Bays 2 and 3**

1. Eye and hearing protection must be worn by all members, guests and bystanders at all times when anyone is shooting National Firearms Act (NFA) firearms on Action Pistol (AP) bays 2 and 3.
2. All firearms must be unloaded with the magazine removed, bolt / action locked open and in a gun rug, gun case, box or other suitable container when being transported to and from the parking lot to the AP bays.
3. All club members, family members and guests must sign in upon arriving and must sign in on each AP bay used. Non shooting guests must also sign in.
4. Only RBGC club members and spouses who complete the NFA Firearms Certification and receive NFA badges may shoot NFA firearms on AP bays 2 and 3. Badges must be displayed while shooting NFA firearms. Guests are not eligible to take the NFA Firearms Certification and may not shoot NFA firearms on AP bays 2 and 3.
5. NFA Firearm Certification requirements include:
  - a. Must be at least 21 years of age
  - b. Must be a RBGC club member in good standing or a member's spouse who has completed a Range Tour and has their own spouse badge
  - c. Must be prepared to display BATFE documentation required to legally own each NFA firearm used
  - d. Must demonstrate proficiency with each, specific NFA firearm that includes knowledge of firearm operation and controlled full auto fire
6. NFA certified club members and spouses with badges must display the orange 'RBGC NFA' pin when shooting NFA firearms on AP bays 2 and 3. Certified club members may not 'loan' their pin to anyone else.
7. NFA firearms that are eligible for NFA Firearms Certification must be chambered for one of the calibers listed below:
  - .22 short, long, long rifle
  - .25 acp
  - .32 acp
  - .30 US M1 Carbine
  - .357 Sig
  - .380 acp
  - .40 S&W
  - .45 acp
  - 7.62 x 25 mm (Tokarev)

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9 x 18 mm (Makarov)  
9 x 19 mm (Luger)  
10 x 25 mm (10 mm Auto)

8. All projectiles fired must impact the back berm. No projectiles may be fired into the floor of the bays, into the side berms or over the back berms.
9. Shooters must shoot from the concrete pad or from either the right or left side of the pad. Shooters may move forward but may not shoot from behind the pad.
10. When shooting NFA firearms on AP bays 2 and 3, only paper or cardboard targets may be used. **Exception: When shooting pistol caliber sub machine guns chambered for the following calibers: 22 long rifle, 32 acp, 380 acp, 9 x 18 mm Makarov, 9 x 19 mm Luger, 40 S&W, 45 acp, member supplied steel targets may be used and must be placed against the back berm. Anyone shooting at steel targets must observe a minimum distance of 12 yards (36 feet) from the steel when shooting and every person within sight of steel targets MUST wear eye protection.** NFA firearms may not be used on AP bay 1 under any circumstances!
11. Shooters must not break the 180 degree rule and must keep the muzzle pointed down range, straight up or straight down when using a tactical sling. Unloaded NFA firearms should be carried with the muzzle straight up or pointed straight down when using a tactical sling.
12. When not being fired, NFA firearms must be unloaded, with the magazine removed, the bolt / action locked open and a chamber flag inserted between the bolt face and the chamber. Empty cartridge cases and shot shells may not be used as chamber flags.
13. NFA firearms may be fired only on AP bays 2 and 3 under the direct supervision of the Chief Range Officer (CRO), Assistant Chief Range Officer (ACRO) or specifically designated Range Officers (RO's) or Assistant Range Officers (ARO's). Range supervision for NFA firearms must be confirmed in advance by contacting the CRO at [www.CRO@RBGC.org](mailto:www.CRO@RBGC.org).
14. The certification procedure will consist of a written test and live fire operation of the NFA firearm(s) the member wants to be certified with in order to demonstrate to the CRO that the member is qualified to safely operate their specific NFA firearm safely and within the rules constraints listed above. To help defray the cost of additional club insurance coverage for NFA firearms, members must pay a one-time \$20 certification fee to RBGC. Only one fee per member is required, regardless of the number of NFA firearms the member is certified to use.  
**CRO and specifically designated members who may certify and supervise NFA firearm shooting are listed below:**  
Will Owensby, CRO, contact: [CRO@RBGC.org](mailto:CRO@RBGC.org)  
Bill Franco, ACRO, contact: [CRO@RBGC.org](mailto:CRO@RBGC.org)  
Bruce Perry, RO FAL venue  
David Norcross, RO Action Pistol venue  
Derek Giddings, RO 3 Gun venue

#### **4.5 - Multipurpose Ranges**

These ranges have fixed-position target frames and fixed firing lines. No other target systems may be used unless similar in design to those already on the range, or approved in advance by the Club Manager or CRO.

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All targets on these ranges must be placed on the provided target backers unless approved in advance by the Club Manager or CRO. Targets must not hang below the backers. Targets must be placed so that the bullets strike the target and then the rear berm. Bullets that hit the dirt may ricochet over the back berm. Make sure that your target placement prevents this. Also, shooters must comply with the cold range procedure detailed in section **2.5.3 - Range Cold Indicators - Flashing Lights. The flashing lights must always be on before anyone may go down range.**

**4.5.1 - Multipurpose Range #2 (MP2, Mark Skuttle Range)**

The left side of this 100-yard range is for firing .22 caliber target rifles only. Centerfire rifles, scoped handguns and shotguns (slugs only) can be fired on the center and right side of the range. Tactical Handguns (see section 3.3.7) may be fired on this range.

- Set targets only at designated positions so that all bullets impact the rear berm.
- Do all your shooting from behind the established firing line.
- **Use a rate of fire that will not allow bullets to impact the target frames, impact the ground or go over the berm.**
- Note: Cleaning unloaded firearms, adjusting sights and general repair / maintenance on unloaded firearms on the rear tables is allowed during a hot or cold range as long as there is no ammunition on the tables.

**4.5.2 - Multipurpose Range #1 (MP1)**

This 200-yard range is for bench rest rifles, target rifles, hunting rifles, slug shotguns, black powder long guns and pistols, and scoped hunting, varmint and silhouette handguns (including Thompson Center Contender pistols using rifle cartridges), firing at paper targets placed at 25, 50, 100 and 200 yards only. Tactical Handguns (see section 3.3.7) may be fired on this range.

- Set targets only at designated positions so that all bullets impact the rear berm.
- If you are firing a slug shotgun, place your targets immediately in front of a backstop in order to minimize ricochets.
- Do all your firing from behind the front edge of the concrete slab and in line with a target frame. No firing is permitted from the grass area.
- **Use a rate of fire that will not allow bullets to impact the target frames, impact the ground or go over the berm.**
- Use the three open bays for standing, seated, or prone competition shooting practice only.
- For special rules concerning .50 caliber BMG rifles, see sections 3.4.5 and 3.1
- Use positions 1 thru 4 for black powder muzzle-loading firearms only.
- Load muzzle loading firearms **ONLY** in the designated muzzle loading area behind the firing line. **BE CAREFUL WITH BLACK POWDER!**
- Note: Cleaning unloaded firearms, adjusting sights and general repair / maintenance on unloaded firearms on the rear tables is allowed during a hot or cold range as long as there is no ammunition on the tables.

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**4.5.3 - .22 Caliber Rimfire Rifle Range (RR)**

This 100-meter range is restricted to .22 caliber rimfire rifles that are chambered for cartridges commercially catalogued as 22 Short, 22 Long or 22 Long Rifle. Handguns of any kind are not allowed. The use of any centerfire cartridge or any rimfire cartridge other than .22 caliber Short, Long or Long Rifle is not allowed.

The range has 36 paved and covered firing lanes, electric power, water, two modern restrooms and parking for approximately 40 vehicles. Distances for paper targets are 50-feet, 25-yards, 50-yards, 50-meters and 100-yards (25 yard targets on lanes 1 through 10 only). Matches on this range include NRA Light Rifle, NRA Smallbore Rifle Prone and NRA F-Class Smallbore Rifle (a competition program for NRA Smallbore Rifle Silhouette is under development and is expected to begin in 2017).

- Set paper target frames only at designated positions (50-feet, 25-yards, 50-yards, 50-meters and 100-yards).
- All bullets must impact the rear berm without striking the range floor.
- Personal steel targets may be setup immediately in front of the earthen backstop which is approximately 100 meters down range. Steel targets must be placed so that the bullets strike the target or the rear berm without striking the range floor. Steel targets are not allowed at any other distances closer to the firing line.
- All shooting must be done from the covered concrete firing line (shooting from the range floor forward of the covered concrete firing line is not allowed).
- Use a rate of fire that will not allow bullets to impact the target frames, impact the ground or go over the earthen backstop.
- Note: Cleaning unloaded firearms, adjusting sights, general repair and maintenance of unloaded firearms behind the red line is allowed during hot or cold range conditions as long as there is no ammunition on the table and the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction.

**4.6 - Muzzle-Loading (ML) Range (This range is closed indefinitely.)**

**4.7 - High-Powered Rifle (HP) Range**

**Before using this range a member should shoot or observe an organized High Power match, on this range that is run by an RO so that they can become familiar with range operations. It is critical that shooters on this range be capable of putting every round into the back berm at 200, 300, and 600 yards.**

This range is for centerfire target and hunting rifles, caliber .222 or larger, equipped with target or telescopic sights. **Supergun use on this range is restricted based on rules 3.1 and 3.4.6.** Pistols, shotguns, centerfire rifles smaller than .222 cal., and rimfire rifles may **not** be fired on this range (the Club may allow exceptions to this for Sanctioned Matches run by a Club RO).

**Range flags** must be displayed at the 300-yard firing line whenever the HP range is in use (the flags are in metal cans at the poles on the 300-yard firing line and the target line).



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**Before firing any rounds on this range the following Gate procedures should be followed:**

**If shooting from the 200 yard or 300 yard line:** Close and lock gate A and close gate B between the pit road and the 300-yard line.

**If shooting from the 600 yard line:** Follow the gate procedures for 200 yard and 300 yard lines and close gate C at the creek by the RF Plinking range.

While the 200, 300 and 600 yard firing lines may be used by an experienced shooter alone, it is strongly recommended that use of the 600 yard firing line include at least two **members**: one shooter and one target spotter in the pits (**eye and ear protection** are required while working in the pits). Because guests cannot be left unattended you may not leave your guest alone on the firing line or in the pits. When using this range, radio or wire communications must be used for communication and safety between the shooter and the target pits. This equipment is available from Club officers upon request. Any target spotters left in the pits must remain behind the cement wall at all times when the range is hot.

Only Club-supplied frames and 200/300/600-yard paper targets may be used on the permanent target stands. Target frames for general use are located in the green shed attached to the right side of the range storage building located to the rear of the pits.

**4.7.1 - HP-Rifle Range Load Testing**

The High Power range is primarily a position shooting range for 200, 300 and 600 yard National match and mid-range (600 yard) shooting. There is a load testing bench behind the 600 yard firing line. If you wish to shoot from this bench it must be moved to the normal 600 yard firing line for use and returned to its normal storage area off the firing line when done.

**4.7.2 - Multiple Members on the HP Range**

The member who raises the flags on the 300 yard firing line "owns" the entire HP range until they leave. This member controls what firing line is in use. If this member decides to move to one of the other firing lines all persons must follow or leave the range.

**4.7.3 - Rifle Requirements for Use on HP Range**

Only rifles chambered for cartridges that are capable of shooting 600 yards accurately are allowed to be fired on the 600 yard firing line. While they may be used from the 200 and 300 yard firing lines, NO SBR may be used at the 600 yard firing line.

**4.7.4 - Sealed Pits**

When the HP range is in use and the pits are sealed, anyone leaving the sealed pit area will be in violation of the ranges rules. This will be considered a severe safety violation.

**4.7.5 - Shooting Positions on HP Range**

Shooters may shoot standing, kneeling, sitting, or prone from the 200 and 300 yard

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firing lines. PRONE ONLY or seated at the load testing bench are the only positions allowed from the 600 yard firing line.

#### **4.8 - Action Complex (AC) (These ranges are closed indefinitely)**

#### **4.9 – Rifle Silhouette Range**

The Silhouette Range is primarily an NRA approved range for Black Powder Cartridge Rifle and High Power Rifle Silhouette competitions. Metallic gongs will be provided at 200 meters (219 yards), 300 meters (327 yards), 385 meters (420 yards) and 500 meters (545 yards) for use with hunting rifles and scoped hunting, varmint and silhouette handguns using rifle cartridges. **Placement of targets at any distances other than the distances listed above is prohibited.**

#### **NO SUPER GUNS ARE ALLOWED ON THIS RANGE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**Armor piercing, or solid non-lead bullets are allowed only for paper targets and member owned steel targets. Club owned steel targets and target rails may not be shot with armor piercing ammunition at any time.**

The silhouette range consists of one firing line and multiple target berms. Shooters will shoot from the prone, kneeling, or seated position from the firing line. Metal gongs will be permanently placed on each target line and will be available for regular use. Traditional Silhouette targets are reserved for organized club activities involving the silhouette disciplines.

Shooters MUST align themselves in front of the intended target. **Although shooting diagonally across the range is not permitted, any of the permanent steel targets in place may be engaged from the five center positions on the firing line.** In order to ensure that bullets have no chance of leaving the range, sighting or aiming over the 500 meter back berm is not permitted for any reason. Shooters unfamiliar with the ballistics of their load at distance should start on MP-1 or MP-2 and make sure they know their 100 or 200 yard zero. Under no circumstances should a shooter shoot at any targets using a random hold-over. Shooters must know their exterior ballistics or not shoot here. Also, shooters must comply with the cold range procedure detailed in section **2.5.3 - Range Cold Indicators - Flashing Lights. The flashing lights must always be on before anyone may go down range.**

#### **4.9.1 - Rifle Requirements for use on Rifle Silhouette Range**

Only rifles chambered for cartridges that are capable of shooting 500 meters accurately are allowed to be fired on the firing line.

- This range is limited to the use of centerfire rifles and scoped handguns, only.
- Rimfire rifles are allowed on this range.
- The following calibers are permitted on this range:
  - The minimum caliber allowed on this range is .17 Remington.
  - Lead bullets smaller than .358 caliber moving at 2400 FPS or less.

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- Lead bullets between .358 and .458 caliber moving at 2000 FPS or less.
- Lead bullets larger than .458 caliber moving at 1800 FPS or less.
- Jacketed bullets up to .308 moving at 3000 FPS or less.
- Jacketed bullets larger than .308 and smaller than .458 moving at 2800 FPS or less.
- No jacketed bullets larger than .458 are permitted on this range.
- Only approved shooter provided target holders are to be used. **Under no circumstances are targets to be placed above the top of the berms.**
- **No targets are to be mounted on any of the steel uprights**
- It is strongly recommended to wear eye and ear protection in the shooting area.
- Sight-in benches are provided.
- The forward edge of the concrete pad is considered the Firing Line. Under no circumstances are personnel allowed to move forward of the firing line when the range is "Hot".
- The red line behind the firing line is considered the Caution Line. All personnel are to be behind this line when the range is called "Cold".
- An "Empty Chamber Indicator" must be displayed in the breech of all firearms when not in use. These may be purchased from the Manager or in the Shotgun club house.
- All firearms on the cleaning benches are to be placed so they are pointing into the woods angled towards the ground behind the firing line.
- The "Cold Range" indicator of yellow flashing lights will be displayed on the firing line when all shooters have agreed and have unloaded their firearms and rendered them safe. Only after this is done are shooters allowed to proceed to the target area.
- A gate to the target area is provided with a flagpole. Whenever the range is in use, the gate is to be closed and a red range flag will be displayed on the pole. The flag will be stored in a container on the pole.
- **Use a rate of fire that will not allow bullets to impact the target frames, impact the ground or go over the berm. See section 2.5.1 - Basic Safety Rules.**
- Note: Cleaning unloaded firearms, adjusting sights and general repair / maintenance on unloaded firearms on the rear tables is allowed during a hot or cold range as long as there is no ammunition on the tables.

#### **4.10 - Shotgun (SH) Ranges**

Short Barreled Shotguns are those with barrel length of less than 20 inches and are typically appropriate for 3-gun activities. Barrels with length shorter than 18 inches require the BATFE paperwork be present with the firearm. Short Barreled shotguns are only allowed on the Trap, Skeet, Five Stand or Sporting Clays courses WITH SAME DAY PERMISSION FROM THE SHOTGUN MANAGER OR CRO. This permission must be obtained every time for use on a Shotgun Hill venue. USE OF ANY BATFE RESTRICTED FIREARM AT RIVER BEND WITHOUT THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN YOUR POSSESSION IS A VIOLATION OF THE RANGE RULES.

These rules include the Shotgun Hill Venues of Skeet, Trap, Five-Stand, Wobble Skeet, Wobble Tower and the Sporting Clays ranges. These venues are for shotguns only, firing at clay targets only.

Shooters must sign in at the field house before shooting any of the venues and must check out and pay before leaving the ranges. The automatic equipment of the shotgun ranges will be available for use only when the ranges are staffed by Club personnel authorized by the Board

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of Directors. The days and hours of shotgun range operation will be communicated via email or posted to the RBGC Forum on a regular basis. Outside scheduled range operating hours, members should not be present on the ranges.

The person pulling targets (the “puller/trapper”) is in charge of the field, and all shooters must follow their commands. When the command “Cease Firing” is given by anyone, immediately cease all firing, open your action and remove all shells from your gun.

**General Rules for Safe Handling**

- Always open the action of your firearm upon removal from the case.
- Always keep firearm pointed in a safe direction
- Always keep finger off the trigger until just prior to calling for the target.
- Always keep gun unloaded until in the shooter’s box and ready to engage targets.
- Always walk behind the firing line when changing firing position
- Always treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Always inspect chamber and barrel from breech end for obstructions or use rod to check clear in the barrel.
- Never load a firearm except at a firing station
- Never change firing positions with a loaded gun
- Never load more than two shells
- Never turn and face away from the firing line with a loaded gun
- Never mix shot shell ammo gauges
- **Never dry fire outside the shooter’s box**
- Never shoulder a firearm to simulate a shooting position anywhere outside the shooter’s box
- Never aim or track a target behind the firing line outside of the shooters box with a firearm

The action of a shotgun is to be kept open when it is in hand and not in the shooting station. Actions may be closed on Over/Under shotguns when they are in a gun rack. Auto and pump actions should be kept open in hand or in a rack.

Gun carry: Over/Under shotguns should be carried with the action open in one of two ways: 1) with the barrels facing downward/forward and action resting on the shooter’s forearm and at the side of the shooter or, 2) with barrels facing downward/forward and action resting on the shoulder of the shooter. Semi-automatic and pump action shotguns should be carried “military style” with the action open, butt of the gun in the shooter’s hand and barrel pointing skyward and resting on the shooter’s shoulder. The action should face forward, away from the shooter, such that anyone in front of the shooter can see that the action is open. When moving a gun to or from the carry position to a gun rack or other location, the shooter should use care not to “sweep” bystanders or point the shotgun in an unsafe manner.

**RELEASE TRIGGER SHOTGUNS MAY NOT BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**

Eye and hearing protection is required for all shooters and spectators on the shotgun ranges. Authorized shotgun ammunition:

- 12 ga or smaller

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- Shoot only 2 ¾ inch or shorter shells (with exception for 3 inch .410)
- Use only 7 ½ shot or smaller
- LEAD SHOT ONLY (NO STEEL SHOT IS ALLOWED)

No slugs, buckshot, steel shot, or any loads of lead shot larger than #7½, are permitted on these ranges. Please remember that the smaller the number the larger the shot so number 7 ½ - 12 is the only shot allowed on Shotgun Hill. Members found on Shotgun Hill or Sporting Clays with steel shot or shot larger than 7 ½ are subject to disciplinary action up to and including temporary or permanent suspension from the club.

- All shotguns, even empty, must be handled with care
- Do not carry in a manner where your barrel sweeps across other people.
- Place your shotgun in a stand or case when not in use.
- Keep your shotgun open and unloaded at all times except when you are in a shooter box preparing to shoot.
- Do not load more than TWO shells in the shotgun at any time. Generally the practice is to load no more shells than the number of targets that will be presented at one time. One for single targets, two for doubles and NEVER THREE OR MORE
- Do not place shells into any part of the gun until you are standing in the shooter box with your gun pointed safely toward the flight area.
- Do not close the action on Five Stand or Sporting Clays until the muzzle of the shotgun is through the shooting window and over the bottom bar
- Maintain control of your shotgun at all times so as to pose no threat to others.
- Shotguns should be transported to and from the club with empty chambers.
- Shotguns may not be dry fired anywhere on Shotgun Hill other than within a shooter box
- Actions must be open before leaving a shooter box
- Shoot only from designated shooter boxes
- Shotguns must be shot from the shoulder – any exceptions for Exhibition Style shooting must have the same day approval of the Shotgun Hill Manager
- Shotguns without shoulder stocks are not approved for use on shotgun hill and short barreled shotguns (SBS) those with a barrel length of less than 20 inches may be used on the shotgun hill only with same day approval by the Shotgun Manager. Approval must be obtained each visit with a short barreled shotgun.

Do not set an unsafe example for other less experienced shooters

On occasion a range will need to be made "COLD". This will require that all firearms on the range are unloaded, placed in a rack, and no one is to handle a firearm while the range is COLD. This will be necessary anytime that a trap machine needs to be filled with targets, or there is some maintenance required. An Orange Cone on top of the center trap house is an indication that the range is cold and is closed to shooting at that time . While this Orange Cone is visible, immediately cease all firing, open the action, remove all shells from your gun, and place your gun in a rack or in the bag. While this cone is visible or personnel are known to be in the trap houses you may not sight your firearm down range in the direction of the trap house or personnel. FIRING IN THE DIRECTION OF PERSONNEL IN THE TRAP HOUSES MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION UP TO AND INCLUDING SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM THE GUN CLUB.

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No one except authorized personnel may make adjustments to the trap machines or enter the trap houses except when authorized by Shotgun Hill staff.

Only one shooter, from a single firing station, may fire at a time. A second person may occupy the shooter box when coaching the shooter.

Never “poach” or shoot at another shooter’s missed targets. If it is their turn to fire, it is not yours.

Sighting or gun fitting / checking gun fit is only permitted in the shooter box. It is FORBIDDEN to shoot at, OR EVEN SIGHT AT, any live animals, people or vehicles while on any range. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND TREAT IT AS THOUGH IT IS LOADED!

You are requested to remove your spent hulls from the field upon completion of your rounds. You may retrieve your hulls or discard them in the provided containers. Either way you are expected to remove your hulls from the field with minimal delay to the next group of shooters.

Continuous use of the range when others are waiting is discourteous. Do not go directly from the last station back to the first to begin a new round until you have ascertained that there are no others waiting to shoot.

**4.10.1 - Shotgun Patterning Board**

The patterning wall on Shotgun Hill is no longer available for use as a patterning board. All shotgun patterning should be done on Cowboy Bay 11 and you should refer to the rules for that bay before using to understand the shot size restrictions, target materials required, and shooting procedures.

**4.10.2 - New Sporting Clays Range**

The New Sporting Clays Range is located along both sides of Reiber Road on the way to the Silhouette Range. Shooters must sign in on Shotgun Hill and sign out a trap cord prior to shooting this course. Shotguns should have the muzzle through the window of the shooting station before closing the action and the action should be opened before withdrawing from the shooting station window. Shots must be from the shooting station window only and nowhere else along the course. Each shooter must remove their spent hulls and either retain the hulls or place in the trash bin provided at each station. Each group of shooters is limited to one pair of show birds for each station. Under no circumstances attempt to approach or adjust the trap machines. Contact the shotgun hill staff for assistance. For additional information about the Sporting Clays Range, contact the Shotgun Hill Manager or General Manager.

**5. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF RULES**

Except as provided elsewhere herein, violation of Range Rules will result in action deemed appropriate by the Chief Range Officer, Club Manager or other club officials (Range Officer, Board of Directors, Shotgun Manager, etc.) based upon the nature of the violation and the conduct and demeanor of the offending party. Penalties may include, but are not limited to suspension and/or a repeat of the “Range Safety Tour,” or permanent expulsion. Members are

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responsible for the conduct of their guests and as such will be held accountable for Range Rule violations committed by their guests. Appeals of any penalties will be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club.

## **6. SPECIAL CERTIFICATION PINS**

Members who have completed the required certification processes for Superguns, Tactical Rifle or NFA Firearms will receive the appropriate pins for their badges. Currently, the Supergun pin is red, the Tactical Rifle pin is green and the NFA pin is orange.

## **7. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Every day, members and guests enjoy the benefits of the best gun club in Georgia. Together with Club Membership, the Board of Directors, the Range Committee consisting of the Club CRO, the Assistant CRO, the Range Officers (RO's) and Assistant Range Officers (ARO's) are responsible for ensuring the safety of members and guests on club property. River Bend Emergency Procedures were formalized and improved in 2013 by enhancing the ability to communicate with Emergency Services for on-site emergencies.

The Club now leases four new emergency phones from a company called Kings 3. These phones are located on Cowboy Hill, in the MP2 parking lot, outside the club Manager's office, and at the gate to the Silhouette Range.

These phones are very simple to operate. All you need to do is push the red button on the call box and a monitoring center employee will answer the phone. The monitoring center employee will contact the appropriate Emergency Services agency and provide them with instructions on how to get to the incident location. The monitoring center employee can also provide guidance on basic first aid procedures to help you manage any medical emergency until help arrives. Please take a moment to locate these call boxes around the property. If you are an RO or ARO please communicate the locations and functionality to your participants during your events. These tools are only effective if people know where they are.

## **RBGC Emergency Response Plan**

**This plan is designed as a guideline for responding to medical emergencies at RBGC**

Responsibilities:

1. Assess medical issue
2. Contact Emergency Services via call box, land line or cell phone
3. Provide clear directions/access to the facility for Emergency Services Agencies
4. Contact RBGC club management
5. Document incident

The Range Officer assigned to the shooting venue or responding the member will be responsible for coordination of the event response:

1. Identify and treat medical issues within your ability.
  - a. Identify the most qualified medical responder to treat the subject

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- b. Designate a member to obtain the (Automated External Defibrillator) AED and medical kit
  - i. The AED's are maintained in the following locations:
    1. Cowboy Hill men's restroom
    2. Club Manager's office restroom hallway behind the office
    3. Shotgun Hill inside the club house
    4. MP2 in the restroom
2. Designate a member to contact and coordinate with Emergency Responders
  - a. Emergency call boxes are located in the following locations
    - i. Cowboy Hill Clubhouse
    - ii. MP2 parking lot
    - iii. Club Manager's Office
    - iv. Silhouette Range Entrance
  - b. Land line phones are located in the following locations
    - i. Club Manager's office
    - ii. Conference center
    - iii. Shotgun hill office
  - c. If the medical issue is a gunshot wound, ensure that that it is clearly communicated to the 911 operator that it was the result of a training accident
  - d. Properly communicate the Club address and range information
    - i. Number One River Bend Gun Club Road which is off of Hubbardsville Circle, off of Shiloh Church Road, off of Yellow Creek Road
    - ii. Advise the operator that there will be a member at the gate to let them in and to escort them to appropriate range
3. Designate two members to assist Emergency Responders enter the property
  - a. First member should go to the intersection of Yellow Creek and Shiloh Church Road and escort the Emergency Responder to the gate and up to the range
  - b. Second member should go to the gate to ensure that EMS can get in the gate. This member must stay at the gate to assist with follow-up Emergency vehicles.
    - i. Members of the media should not be allowed to enter the property. The club is private property and we have a right to refuse access.
    - ii. Based on the severity of the incident, an entry restriction may be enacted. If enacted no one should be allowed to enter the property unless they are an Emergency Responder, a member of Club Management or a member of the Board of Directors. No members should be allowed to enter the facility until approved by Club Management.
4. The Range Officer or his designee should contact Range Management to report the incident as soon as possible (CRO, ACRO, General Manager, Shotgun Hill Manager). The RO or designee should provide the Manager with updates as available.
5. The RO or his designee should document the incident
  - a. Obtain who, what, when, where, and how.
  - b. Obtain witness statements as appropriate
  - c. Provide documentation to club Management



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**8. DETERMINING WHERE TO SHOOT YOUR FIREARM Page 42**

Follow these steps to determine which range to use for the type of shooting you want to do:

- Determine the category for your firearm using the Firearm Category Definitions in Section 3.
- Use the Range Usage Chart on the next page to identify acceptable ranges for that firearm category (indicated by an "X").
- Select an acceptable range.

If none of the ranges indicated as acceptable for your firearm are available for use, please see the Club Manager or CRO for guidance.

Remember, **YOU** are responsible for using the range you chose **SAFELY**.

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RANGE USE CHART

Firearm Category	PK1	PK2	CB 1-7	CB 8	CB 9-10	CB 11	BE	AP3	AP2	AP1	MP2	MP1	RR	HP	SL	SH
<b>Handguns</b>																
Black Powder Cartridge		X	X1	X1	X1		X	X	X	X						
Defense Handguns		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X						
Hunting-Varmint-Silhouette							X2				X3	X3				X3
Target Handguns	X8	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X						
Muzzle Loading Handguns		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X						
Magnum No Scope		X7		X7			X2	X7	X7	X7						
Magnum with Scope		X7		X7			X2	X7	X7	X7						
Tactical Handguns (rifle caliber)								X5	X5	X5						
Shotshell Handguns			X4, 7	X4, 7	X4, 7			X4, 7	X4, 7	X4, 7						
<b>Rifles</b>																
Black Powder Cartridge Rifles			X1								X	X	X	X	X	X
Defense-Tactical Rifles			X5					X5	X5		X	X	X	X	X	X
Hunting Rifles											X	X	X8	X	X	X
Target Centerfire Rifles											X	X	X	X	X	X
Super Guns											X5	X5			X5	
Short Barrel Rifle (SBR)	X8	X8	X8					X5	X5		X	X			X	X
Pistol Caliber Carbinas + Rifles	X8	X8	X8					X5,9	X5,9	X5,9	X	X			X	X
Cowboy Style Rifles			X1					X5	X5		X	X			X	X
Target Rimfire Rifles	X8	X8	X8	X8	X8			X8	X8	X8	X	X	X	X		X
Muzzle Loading Rifles											X	X				
Select Fire, Sub Machine Guns								X5	X5							
<b>Shotguns</b>																
Slug Shotguns											X	X				
Target			X4				X									X
Defense - Tactical Shotguns			X4				X	X5	X5							X5
Short Barrel Shotguns (SBS)							X	X5	X5							X5
Hunting (7.5 to 12 shot)			X4				X									X
Hunting (2 to 12 shot)							X									
	PK1	Rimfire Plinking					BE	Bulls Eye Pistol								
	PK2	Centerfire Plinking					AP3	Action Pistol Bay 3			RR	Rimfire Rifle Range				
	CB1-7	Cowboy Bays 1-7					AP2	Action Pistol Bay 2			HP	High Power Rifle				
	CB8	Cowboy Bay 8 No Steel Targets					AP1	Action Pistol Bay 1			AC1-8	Action Complex Bays 1-8				
	CB9-10	Cowboy Bays 9-10					MP2	Multi Purpose 2			SL	Silhouette				
	CB-11	Cowboy Shotgun Patterning					MP1	Multi Purpose 1			SH	Shotgun Hill				

1 - velocity restrictions per CB rules 2 - only allowed on far right side 3 - if equipped with scope or other optic 4 - 7.5 to 12 lead shot only  
5 - with prior CRO certification 6 - not allowed from the 600 yard line 7 - paper, cardboard targets only 8 - 22 short, long, long rifle ONLY  
9 - 22 rimfire, 32acp, 380acp, 9 mm Makarov, 9 mm Luger, 40 S&W, 45acp, standard velocity, roundnose bullets only

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