

Preamble

These are the rules which govern the general use of the upper and lower rifle / pistol ranges by members and their authorized guests. They apply at all times that the ranges are "open" to general use. When a given range is "closed" to general use due to a Club-sanctioned activity, use of the range will be governed by the rules and procedures defined for that activity.

Overall Authority

The Board of Directors shall have the power to manage all the affairs of the Club on any and all questions relating in any manner whatsoever thereto, and to make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of all business. *They shall have entire jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the care, control, supervision and management of the Club* and its' finances and all appropriations shall be made by them. Immediate delegation of this Board of Directors authority for operations (between sanctioned Board of Directors meetings) is given to the President or subsequent officer-in-charge to fulfill the mandates of the Board of Directors, carry out daily operations, and act in the best interest of the Club.

Membership (and guests)

Membership in Cherokee is a family membership, and includes the member's immediate family. The "immediate family" is defined as spouse and dependent children that are not in the work force. Family members other than spouses who enter the work force must join separately and pay their own dues. A family member who is still in school is considered a member until he/she is out of school and goes into the work force.

Juvenile Dependents:

Dependent juveniles must be accompanied by an adult family member.

If a juvenile dependent is at least 16 years of age and has successfully completed an "Approved Hunter Safety Course," then he/she will not have to be accompanied by the adult family member. However, he/she may not bring a guest.

Guests:

A member may bring the same guest out to the range to shoot only twice within a given calendar year. However, if that guest lives more than 500 miles away, he/she may come as a guest anytime that he/she is in town.

Additionally, members may bring youth guests under the age of 16 without limits, as long as the guest is supervised while on Club property.

Members are responsible for their invited guests, to see that the guests practice safe conduct while at the Club.

Encourage your guest to join Cherokee Rod and Gun Club.

No member is allowed to bring more than one guest (or guest family) at a time to the range without express written approval by the Board of Directors.

Speed Limit

There is a speed limit of 15 mph everywhere on Club property. This speed limit is strictly enforced.

Range Access

Apart from organized, Club-sponsored events which are open to the public, access to the ranges of Cherokee Rod and Gun Club is limited to members who have completed the safety walk-through, and to their invited guests. Members may not possess a gate key-card until they have completed the Safety Walk-Through orientation. The safety training course will review the facilities available at the Club and the safety practices which should be observed while on Club grounds.

When on Club property, all members are required to wear or display their membership key card in a clearly visible manner. If you notice another member on Club property not wearing his/her membership key card, please remind them of this requirement.

Be prepared to show your card to any Range Officer at his/her request.

It is a violation of Club rules to give your gate card (Key Card) to anyone, except the adult members of your immediate family (e.g. spouse, or qualified dependent children). If you happen to lose your membership key card, you can obtain another for \$1.00 from the Club Membership Chair.

Members have free use of the Club House, the Upper Rifle/Pistol Range, the Lower Rifle/Pistol Range, the Trap Range, the Skeet Range, the Archery Field Practice Range and the Archery Safari Range during daylight hours for fun shooting, except when certain ranges or areas are closed for Club-sanctioned events.

Access to the club facilities is controlled by the gate. Therefore members must always lock the gate behind them when entering or leaving the Club. An exception to this practice is during Club-sanctioned events which are open to the public. During these times, the gate will be locked open by those in charge of the event, and will be closed by them when the event is over. At all other times the gate is to remain closed.

Any person(s) trespassing, hunting, poaching on, or vandalizing Club property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The Club will pay a reward of \$3000 to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of trespassers, poachers, or vandals on Club property.

Hunting is not permitted anywhere on Club Property.

Range Hours

Both Rifle/Pistol ranges are open from sunrise to sunset on Monday through Saturday, and from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 pm on Sundays, except as modified by Club-sanctioned events.

At times, individual ranges may be closed to unorganized "fun shooting" during certain scheduled Club-sanctioned events. It is the intent of the Club that, in so far as is possible, no more than one range will be closed to general use at any given time.

The Lower Rifle/Pistol range is closed at 5:00 pm on meeting nights.

General Safety Rules

Tracer or incendiary ammunition may not be used at any range.

Gun safety will be practiced at all times.

Hearing protection is **REQUIRED** while on the range.

Eye protection **REQUIRED** while shooting.

Firearms must remain unloaded until you are on the firing line.

When leaving the firing line, or when commanded to **MAKE SAFE** your firearm, remove or empty any magazines, open the breech, and make sure the chamber is empty.

Always keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction, whether the gun is loaded or unloaded.

Loaded firearms **MUST** be pointed downrange at all times.

Unload all firearms when not in use.

NEVER point a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot.

In the event of a malfunction, misfire, or other problem with your firearm, keep the muzzle pointed downrange and towards the ground. If a range officer is present, he/she will assist you if necessary.

Live ammo should be disposed of **ONLY** by placing it in the designated container at the range. Do not throw it on the ground or in the trash can. Do not attempt to use "found" live ammo picked up from the ground.

Anyone who observes an unsafe condition at the range, such as a person or an animal (e.g. deer, or turkey) downrange, or any other unsafe condition should immediately call for a **CEASE FIRE**. One does **NOT** need to be a Range Officer to issue this command.

Whenever someone is forward of the firing line or a **CEASE FIRE** command is given, all shooting must cease immediately. Make your firearm safe by opening the action and emptying the chamber. Place your firearm on the table, with the action open, and do not handle or reload it until everyone has returned from downrange and the all clear signal is given. Never handle any firearm for **ANY** reason while a human being is forward of the firing line.

Always check before shooting that everyone present is behind the firing line.

If a Range Officer is present, be sure that he/she has declared the line "hot" and that it is safe to fire before shooting.

Before going forward of the firing line to check or replace your targets, always check with everyone present on the firing line to be sure that they have ceased firing and are aware of your intentions.

If a range officer is present, be sure he/she has declared a cease fire before going forward. Report any unsafe or dangerous acts to the board of directors, or any range officer if present. Get a license number if possible, but do not enter into a potentially violent confrontation with an offender.

Fire only at targets directly in front of your shooting station. Do not fire at targets (diagonally) across the range.

Always place your targets in front of a suitable backstop or berm. Never toss targets into the air and shoot at them with a handgun or rifle. Bullets fired in this manner can travel very long distances. "Know your target and what is beyond."

General Rules - Behavior

Full automatic and simulated full automatic firing is prohibited on both Rifle/Pistol Ranges.

The use of or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, illegal drug, intoxicant, depressant, or any medication that would impair judgment, before or during participation in any shooting activity is prohibited

Cleanup / littering

It is up to each member to keep the property cleaned up. Each member must clean up his own area if he littered it. Do not leave target material on range. If you shoot plastic bottles and/or jugs, or any other disintegrating material, pick up the pieces after you finish shooting. Leave the range clean and looking good for the next shooter.

Members are also responsible for picking up their empty shell casings, or sweeping them off the shooting area. Do not sweep them into the lawn area where they can interfere with the lawnmower.

Range Officers

Range Officers are volunteers at the Club. The purpose of the Range Officer is to assure that all use of the Club is conducted safely and in accordance with Club Rules.

The Range Officer will report any violations of Club Rules or any disregard for safety to the Club Disciplinary Committee.

Range Officers have the authority to restrict any activities which, in their judgment, might present a hazard to the shooter or to others. Please comply with the Range Officer's requests.

Use of Rifle Visers

The rifle visers provided on the upper and lower ranges are intended SOLELY as maintenance workstations. They are not shooting benches. No loaded firearms and no live ammunition are allowed on the benches for any reason. The muzzle of the firearm must always be pointed in the direction indicated on the bench. The benches must not be moved for any reason.

Lower Rifle/Pistol Range Rules

All of the above General Rules for Safety and Behavior apply to the Lower Rifle/Pistol range and are required of all users of the Lower Range range unless superceded by the rules and procedures of Club sanctioned events.

Please do not use clay pigeons or glass for targets on the Lower Rifle/Pistol Range. These materials present a hazard to those who mow the grass on the range.

All shooting on the Lower Rifle/Pistol Range will be done from the concrete pad unless otherwise authorized during certain club sanctioned events

Make sure that your target is directly in front of a berm before shooting.

All rifle and pistol targets must be placed a minimum of twenty-five (25) yards from the concrete pad to help prevent ricochets into the buildings. Targets must be placed in front of firing berms.

No .50 cal BMG may be fired on the lower range.

Firing of shotguns on the lower range is limited to SLUGS ONLY.

Do Not shoot at the cross-ties, the steel rails, or the steel animal targets with high power rifles. High power rifles inflict extreme damage to these targets. The targets are for use in Club sanctioned Silhouette events and are not for general plinking use.

The purpose of the cross-ties is to protect the silhouette target raising mechanisms. Do not place targets on them or shoot at them.

Because of the danger of ricochets hitting nearby buildings, do not use metallic targets (such as "spinners") on the lower range.

Upper Rifle/Pistol Range Rules

All of the above General Rules for Safety and Behavior apply to the Upper Rifle/Pistol range and are required of all users of this range unless superceded by the rules and procedures of Club sanctioned events.

All shooting on the Upper Rifle/Pistol Range will be done from the concrete pad unless otherwise authorized during certain club sanctioned events.

Please do not use glass targets on the upper range.

Before going more than 200 yards downrange to place or examine targets, you **MUST** put up the yellow tape across all firing positions and place the warning sign(s) in a prominent place forward of the firing line. This is because if someone is farther than 200 yards downrange, they may not be visible to those on the firing line.

The yellow tape and warning sign indicate that someone is downrange and **NO SHOOTING** or handling of firearms is allowed.

Shotguns may be fired on the Upper Rifle/Pistol Range using shot or slug ammunition.

Metal targets such as "spinners" may be used on the upper range if used in a safe manner. In general, metal targets may not be used at ranges less than 25 yards with centerfire ammunition using jacketed bullets. Recommendations of the target manufacturers should be followed.

Penalties

A member who litters will be asked to appear before the Board of Directors for a warning. Failure to appear will be considered an admission of guilt and he/she may be suspended. This applies to all ranges & grounds.

Violation of club rules and range rules will result in disciplinary action by the board of directors and possible expulsion from the club with the loss of dues and club benefits.

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