



Membership Range Safety Rules

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Chapter 1: Preamble

The “Greenville Gun Club” was incorporated in 1947 and is located on approximately forty-six (46) acres in the community of Conestee, South Carolina. The Greenville Gun Club is a non-profit organization operated for the practice and recreation of the members and their guests.

This document provides the “Membership Range Rules” for all club facilities including for each of the major discipline areas - shotgun, pistol and rifle ranges.

Members and guests should be proficient with the shooting discipline and firearm involved, including the frequently used commands and procedures used in that discipline.



Chapter 2: Organization

As stated in Article V of the GGC Bylaws, there are designated Officers and Directors.

GGC has four officers that comprise the Executive Committee:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

GGC has eight directors and represent their respective disciplines:

- Director of Skeet
- Director of 5 Stand
- Director of Trap
- Director of Pistol 1
- Director of Pistol 2
- Director of Rifle 1
- Director of Rifle 2
- Director of Safety

The Elections Committee is the only other committee designated by the bylaws.

The President may form other committees for specific purposes and specify a Chair during Scheduled Board of Director meetings.



Chapter 3: Range Operations

1. **General.** Live fire conducted at the Greenville Gun Club is designed to provide members and guests a facility where they can enjoy and become proficient with privately owned or obtained firearms.
2. **Facilities for Use.** The Greenville Gun Club is a COLD RANGE. No firearm shall be loaded until you are ready to shoot or the command “load” has been given. Live fire shooting is normally limited to the following ranges and equipment.
 - a. Shotgun ranges – Shotguns only may be used. Only lead shot with a maximum shot sized of 7 ½ and a maximum powder load of 3 ¼ drams equivalent may be used. No slugs, sabot, buckshot, turkey loads and magnum loads may be used.
 - b. Pistol range –All targets shall be placed immediately in front of the berms so that bullets will impact the berm. 50 foot and 25 yard area. All pistols and rim fire rifles may be used. No center fired rifles, shotguns, full automatic firearms or devices that simulate full automatics firearms are allowed. 50 yard area. All pistols, rim fire and center fire rifles except 50 BMG and greater may be used. No shotguns, full automatic firearms are allowed.
 - c. Rifle range – All rifles except 50 BMG and greater may be fired. All targets will be placed immediately in front of the berms at the 50, 100, 200 and 300-yard ranges only.
 - d. Practice bays – All use of these areas will be by and under the direct supervision of a Greenville Gun Club recognized “Safety Officer” who has been approved by the Director of Pistol.
3. **Prohibited Firearms** – The use of pyrotechnics, tracer bullets, tracer shotshells, fully automatic firearms, devices that simulate automatic fire, 50 Caliber BMG or greater center fire, grenade launching devices and cannons are forbidden on any part of the range. Any firearm <18 inches shooting with shot shells (including slugs) are not allowed on GGC property (e.g., the “Judge”, “Contender”, etc.). Specific rules for the various ranges are listed separately. (*Modified 2010*)
4. **Authorized Personnel** – The Greenville Gun Club membership is a family membership including people living at the home and under the age of 21. It is for the use of the members and their guests only. All family members of the GGC member shall be supervised by the GGC member if the other family member has not attended the Safety Orientation Class. Members shall be responsible for supervising their guests. Members may bring the same guest a maximum of three times per year. Members and their guests must certify that they are not in any way prohibited from legally possessing a firearm. Members shall have all guests’ sign the waiver found in each range area.
5. **Hours of Operation** – The Greenville Gun Club can be utilized every day of the year except Easter Sunday. Other days may be closed at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Live firing on the rifle and pistol ranges shall not start prior to 9:00 A.M., and will cease by the posted sunset times. Trap and skeet fields are open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday beginning at 1:00pm - 8:00pm on the lit fields.

Sanctioned shoots may operate at different times at the discretion of the Board of Directors.



Chapter 4: Range Rules – All Facilities

These rules have been adopted to ensure the health and safety of those individuals who use or frequent this facility.

All firing ranges on the property of the Greenville Gun Club are “cold” ranges. All firearms will be unloaded at all times upon entering the grounds and until leaving other than while on the firing line and under the supervision of a Safety Officer if applicable.

Firearm Handling Safety Rules

- a. **ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION**
- b. **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT**, and outside the trigger guard, until ready to fire or until the command “Commence Firing” has been given.
- c. **ALWAYS KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND THE FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE.** On a firing range this means the shooters are in position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live firing.
- d. **KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND.** When on shooting ranges, be mindful also of adjacent areas and act accordingly.
- e. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- f. Know how to use the firearm safely.
- g. Use only the correct ammunition for your firearm. When at a shooting range with more than one firearm, use one at a time and when finished, store that firearm and its ammunition before using the next one.
- h. Store firearms so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons. There may be federal, state or local statutes, ordinances and/or regulations regulating the manner of firearms storage, including some that may make failure to properly store firearms a criminal offence. Besides these regulatory requirements and/or penal prohibitions, such activities may, pursuant to state or local law, give a party a cause of action to sue you for injuries or damages caused by a third party that obtained access to one of your firearms.
- i. Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.



General Range Rules

The use of alcohol before or during the handling of firearms is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. All members and guests shall insure their firearms are secured in their vehicle prior to consumption of alcohol.

Eye and ear protection **MUST** be utilized at all times when firing or in the **PROXIMITY** of others firing.

Issued badge or credential must be displayed when on gun club property (this is the laminated badge).
(Modified in 2010)

All firearms will be presumed loaded at all times – do not point a firearm at anyone or anything other than the designated target.

No loaded firearms are allowed in the clubhouse or on the clubhouse porch.

The firing of handguns and rifles anywhere other than the designated areas is prohibited.

All firearms transported from vehicles to range must be in **SAFE (OPEN) CONDITION** and encased, if applicable.

There is no hunting or shooting of any wildlife.

Shout “**CEASE FIRE**” if you witness a safety violation. Upon hearing “**CEASE FIRE**”, stop firing immediately, unload the firearm and open the action, and wait for further instructions from the person who called the “**Cease Fire**” or other safety officer. All members are responsible for maintaining safety. **IMMEDIATELY** notify club officials of safety violations. The person to be contacted is either the Director of that discipline or the Safety Director.

The pickup of all brass and hulls from the range is the member’s responsibility. Paid employees are not responsible for picking up empties. Brooms are provided to sweep up .22 caliber brass. **THIS IS YOUR RANGE; LET’S ALL KEEP IT CLEAN.**

Minor Children & Guest Policies

Any adult family member who has not attended the Safety Orientation Class must be supervised. Insure all family members and guests know firearm handling rules. No more than four shooting guests at once. Children and guests must at all times be under the direct and positive supervision of an adult member when using the Club and especially when firing firearms. Additionally, it is unacceptable to “drop off” a child or guest at one part of the range, while the supervising member shoots at another part of the range. It is critical that all minor children and guests be supervised.

Concealed Weapon Permit Rules

The Greenville Gun Club is a **COLD** range facility. Any **CWP** holder must unload and put their firearm in a **SAFE** condition prior to leaving their vehicle when on the facility property.

Law Enforcement Rules

All full time employed, academy certified, Law Enforcement Officers exhibiting a badge or wearing apparel indicating their status are permitted to carry loaded firearms on the property if they are at the club on official business. If the officer is going to participate in any of the disciplines, it is expected that the officer will heed Club safety rules and remove any loaded firearm from their person.



Chapter 5: PISTOL Range Safety Rules

Members will adhere to the Range Safety Rules and those of their specific discipline. If there is any conflict between Greenville Gun Club Range Safety Rules and the sanctioned event association rules, the more conservative rule shall apply. Associations may be NRA, ATA, NSSA, IDPA, CPSL, etc.

1. **The use of alcohol before or during the handling of firearms is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. All members and guests shall insure their firearms are secured in their vehicle prior to consumption of alcohol.**
2. Targets are not to be placed near the edges of target frames. **DO NOT SHOOT TARGET FRAMES, BAFFLES, OR SUPPORT BEAMS.** Targets are NOT allowed on or near the tops or sides of berms. *(Modified in 2010)*
3. All targets must be placed immediately in front of the appropriate distance berm to insure bullets do not bounce or ricochet. Targets shall not be hung from the overhead baffle.
4. Eye and ear protection **MUST** be worn at all times when firing or in the proximity of others firing.
5. A minimum distance of 11 yards must be maintained from metallic targets (pepper poppers and plates). These targets are only permitted during sanctioned action pistol shooting matches or in the practice bays (USPSA/IPSC/IDPA/CPSL, ETC.) There will be no “hammering”, multiple hits, of the metallic targets.
6. No metal target frames are permitted on GGC property.
7. All trash must be picked up and disposed of properly.
 - a. Shell casing (brass) may be placed in the proper containers on the pistol and rifle ranges.
 - b. Sweep up rimfire cases and police the range after use.
 - c. Targets should be removed from frames and placed in the trash barrels provided.
8. Observe any additional posted rules and warnings at the range.
9. No one is allowed downrange unless and until all firearms are in Safe Condition and are placed on benches or tables. No handling of firearms is allowed when anyone is down range.
10. **HOLSTERS:** Firearm in strong side holster is permitted only when Pistol range is hot and when on the firing line. Only strong side holsters will be allowed. No cross draws, shoulder or small of the back holsters. Holstered handguns are not allowed on the rifle range or anywhere else on the property. *<Exception: Holsters can be used during sanctioned pistol shoots at the discretion of the match director.>*
11. “SAFE CONDITION” is defined as follows:
 - a. Revolvers – Cylinders open and no ammunition in cylinder chambers.
 - b. Pistols - Slide locked to the rear and open, chamber empty, magazine removed, safety engaged if applicable.
 - c. Other – Action open, chamber empty, safety engaged.



12. Shout “CEASE FIRE” IF YOU WITNESS A SAFETY VIOLATION. All members are responsible for safety at all times. Contact the Director of that discipline or the Safety Director.
13. Shooting on all the pistol range is limited to rifles, muzzle loaders and handguns. NO SHOTGUNS ALLOWED ON THE PISTOL RANGE EXCEPT FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS.
14. Shooting at less than 50 feet may be done at the outdoor 50-foot pistol range berm if no one is shooting at a greater distance. Targets shall be placed immediately in front of the berm so that the bullets will strike the berm and not bounce or ricochet.
15. Pistol Draw and Fire: On the pistol range, there are openings between the tables specifically to permit the shooter to draw from an allowed holster (see #10) and fire at a target placed in front of the berm. Additionally, a shooter may be forward of the front tables ONLY if no one else is using the range or if everyone at the range shoots from the same distance (no one can be shooting further back).
16. Any pistol not properly sighted-in must be sighted-in at the 50 foot or 50 yard line on the pistol range. Bore sight the gun before firing if possible.
17. If more than one shooter is on range, safety and courtesy among the shooters must be maintained. If a shooter needs to go down range to change targets or for other needs, request that the “range be made safe”. All firearms must be made empty and in SAFE CONDITION and placed on the benches or tables. No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.

When you are sure no one is down range and the command “Line Is Hot” has been given you may handle the firearm. The command “Going Hot” will be given when you are ready to fire. This will give other shooters time to put on eye and ear protection.
18. All pistols transported from vehicle to range must be unloaded and encased. **Pistols shall be cased or uncased on the front bench only and only when the range is HOT.**
19. In the Action Pistol Bays, a pistol may be uncased and placed in a holster only at the designated “SAFE AREAS”. Practice drawing may only be done at the “SAFE AREA”. Ammunition shall not be touched in the “SAFE AREA”.
20. Paper, non-metallic and non-glass targets are allowed. If wood or plastic fragmented targets are used the fragments must be picked up and removed from the area by the conclusion of the range session. No target shall be placed at the edges of the target stands or near the top, bottom or sides of the berms. All bullets shall be fired so as to impact the center of the berm. Remove paper targets from the target stands and deposit them in the trash barrels provided when finished. All phone book type of targets shall be removed to the dumpster near the exit road.
21. The Practice Bays are reserved for Greenville Gun Club members who are involved with action pistol shooting and have become “Safety Officers” with a Greenville Gun Club recognized action pistol organization. These Safety Officers must also be approved by the “Director of Pistol” to gain admission to the bays.



Chapter 6: RIFLE Range Safety Rules

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1. **The use of alcohol before or during the handling of firearms is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. All members and guests shall insure their firearms are secured in their vehicle prior to consumption of alcohol.**
2. Targets are not to be placed near the edges of target frames. **DO NOT SHOOT TARGET FRAMES.** Targets are NOT allowed on or near the tops or sides of berms.
3. All targets must be placed immediately in front of the appropriate distance berm to insure bullets do not bounce or ricochet.
4. Eye and ear protection **MUST** be worn at all times when firing or in the proximity of others firing.
5. No metal target frames are permitted on GGC property.
6. All trash must be picked up and disposed of properly.
 - d. Shell casing (brass) may be placed in the proper containers on the rifle range.
 - e. Sweep up rimfire cases and police the range after use.
 - f. Targets should be removed from frames and placed in the trash barrels provided.
7. Observe any additional posted rules and warnings at the range.
8. No one is allowed downrange unless and until all firearms are in Safe Condition and are placed on benches or tables. No handling of firearms is allowed when anyone is down range.
9. "SAFE CONDITION" is defined as follows:
 - a. Bolt Actions – Bolt open or out, chamber empty, magazine removed, tube magazines empty, safety engaged.
 - b. Pump and Semi-Auto – Action open, chamber empty, magazine removed, tube magazine empty, safety engaged.
 - c. Lever Action – Action open, chamber empty, magazine removed; magazine tube empty, safety engaged.
10. Shout "CEASE FIRE" IF YOU WITNESS A SAFETY VIOLATION. All members are responsible for safety at all times. Contact the Director of that discipline or the Safety Director.
11. **NO SHOTGUNS ALLOWED RIFLE RANGES EXCEPT FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS or if member is using a shotgun to fire sabot/slugs. The use of this type of shotgun ammunition is only permitted on the rifle range.**



12. Any rifle not properly sighted-in must be sighted-in at the 50-yard line at the pistol or rifle range. Bore sight the gun before firing if possible
13. No targets on the rifle range shall be placed closer than the 50-yard line. All targets must be placed at the 50, 100, 200 or 300 yard line where frames are provided.
14. If more than one shooter is on range, safety and courtesy among the shooters must be maintained. If a shooter needs to go down range to change targets or for other needs, request that the "range be made safe". All firearms must be made empty and in SAFE CONDITION and placed on the benches or tables. No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.

When you are sure no one is down range and the command "Line Is Hot" has been given you may handle the firearm. The command "Going Hot" will be given when you are ready to fire. This will give other shooters time to put on eye and ear protection.

15. All rifles transported from vehicle to range must be unloaded and encased. Rifles may be cased and uncased **only on the front bench and only when the range is HOT.**
16. Paper, non-metallic and non-glass targets are allowed. If wood or plastic fragmented targets are used, the fragments must be picked up and removed from the area by the conclusion of the range session. No target shall be placed at the edges of the target stands or near the top, bottom or sides of the berms. All bullets shall be fired so as to impact the center of the berm. Remove paper targets from the target stands and deposit them in the trash barrels provided when finished. All phone book type of targets shall be removed to the dumpster near the exit road.



Chapter 7: SKEET, TRAP & 5-STAND Range Safety Rules

Members will adhere to the General Range Safety Rules and those of their specific discipline. If there is any conflict between the Gun Club Range Safety Rules and the sanctioned event association rules, the more conservative rules shall apply. Associations may be NRA, ATA, NSSA, IDPA, CPSL, etc.

- 1. The use of alcohol before or during the handling of firearms is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. All members and guests shall insure their firearms are secured in their vehicle prior to consumption of alcohol.**
2. Eye and ear protection MUST be utilized at all times when firing or in the PROXIMITY of others firing.
3. Lead shot only with a maximum size of 7 ½ is allowed and with a maximum powder load of 3 ¼ drams equivalent.
4. Do not walk or stand in front of any active trap house or skeet low house. Targets leaving these houses travel in excess of 40 mph and WILL CAUSE INJURY.
5. Pickup all hulls from the range at the completion of the round. This is the member's responsibility. Paid employees (trap boy, etc.) are not responsible for picking up empties.

NOTE: Caution is to be exercised when picking up empty shells at Skeet station 7. No one should be handling the skeet thrower control at the time shells are being picked up. Further, when picking up shells at station 7, no one should be shooting on fields on either side that would be directing fire in the direction of station 7.

6. Organized shooting events take precedence over casual shooting. Dates of organized events will be posted in advance in the clubhouse.

During organized shooting events, the non-shooting discipline is closed. For example, if skeet is having a tournament, the trap and 5-Stand facilities will be closed for the day. If trap is having a tournament, the skeet and 5-stand will be closed for the day.

7. While on skeet, trap and 5-Stand ranges, loaded firearms are permitted on the firing positions ONLY. Movement between stations on the skeet, trap and 5-Stand ranges will be conducted with all firearms in the SAFE (OPEN) CONDITION AND UNLOADED.
8. No rifles or handguns allowed on skeet, trap or 5-Stand fields.
9. Standard size clay targets thrown by machine are the only targets allowed and are included in the price of a trap/skeet round. These targets are supplied by the Club; the use of non-Club targets (purchased offsite) is strictly prohibited. Special clay pigeons of other size and color and throwing devices are used on scheduled Sporting Clays, 5 Stand and other matches or events.
10. No hand thrown targets allowed. Non-club machines are not allowed



11. All firearms transported from vehicles to range must be in SAFE (OPEN) CONDITION.
12. Any time a firearm is moved from a vehicle or passed to another individual, a visual inspection must be made to assure the firearm is in a SAFE CONDITION.
13. SAFE CONDITION is defined as follows:
 - a. Pump and Semi-Auto – Action open, chamber empty, no ammunition in magazine tube, safety engaged.
 - b. Hinged Action – (side by side, over/under, single barrel) - Action open, chamber empty, safety engaged if applicable.
 - c. Others – Action open, chamber empty, magazine removed or empty, safety engaged.
14. No shells are to be loaded into the shotgun until the shooter is actually standing on the designated skeet or trap “pad” or in the designated “cage” for 5-Stand.
15. When moving from one position to another the shotgun must be open and unloaded. And, if a trap boy must check the trap machine, each shooter on the trap line needs to unload and put their shotgun into the SAFE CONDITION.
16. The shotgun should never be charged with more than two shells. For Skeet, it is permissible to load 2 shells for single targets when the shooter is on the “pad”. For Trap, it is permissible to load only 1 shell for a single target; 2 shells for doubles. At no time, should a shooter load a magazine with more than 2 shells.
17. Special Rules concerning the handling of different types of shotguns:
 - Break Open Shotguns (Hinged Action)
 - When carrying or holding a break open shotgun on club property, it must be open at all times. It can be closed while it is placed on a designated gun rack.
 - The preferred methods for carrying a Break Open shotgun are with the butt stock over the shoulder and the barrels held by the hand and pointed toward the ground or by holding the action with the barrels pointed toward the ground. The shooter should not hold the shotgun such that the barrels are across the shoulder and pointed backward towards other shooters or where the barrels are parallel to the ground
 - Closed Action Shotguns (pump and semi-auto)
 - When carrying or holding a closed action shotgun on club property, the action must be open at all times.
 - The preferred method for carrying a Closed Action shotgun is with the action open with the barrel pointed up toward the sky or toward the ground. At no time should the barrel be pointed back over the shoulder or where the barrel is parallel to the ground.



Shotgun Pattern Board

1. Use of the shotgun pattern board is provided for the members.
2. Use of any firearm other than a shotgun is strictly prohibited.
3. The Shotgun Pattern Board may not be used when either of the upper two trap fields is in use; since ricochets and BB's displace when they impact the steel backing.
4. The use of buckshot, slugs, turkey loads, or any shot larger than 7 ½ is strictly prohibited.
5. Once the pattern board is used, the member shall use the paint provided to repaint the pattern board.

Chapter 8: Range Safety Officers

Range Safety Officers (RSO) will be identified by an orange or tan hat with the words "RANGE SAFETY OFFICER". RSOs are there to see that range rules are followed. They are also there to answer your questions and help you with any range procedures and safety. Should any problems arise, the Range Safety Officers word is FINAL.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

1. Be a member of the Greenville Gun Club in good standing
2. Be 21 years of age or older.
3. Be approved by the Director of Safety and the President of the Greenville Gun Club and serve at their discretion.
4. Read the "Membership Range Rules" and complete the "Range Safety Officers" test with a score of 90% or better.
5. Agree to a minimum of two years of service to the Greenville Gun Club.