

# CLUB POLICY # 301

## SAFETY, GENERAL AND SPECIFIC RANGE RULES

### 1.0 New Members:

All new members of GRPC will view a safety orientation video before being granted range privileges. The written test accompanying the video must be passed to the 100 percentile.

### 2.0 General:

- A. Eye and hearing protection devices are required.
- B. All shooters will prominently display the current range access badge as issued by the Club.
- C. The Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are there for the benefit of the shooters. Their word on safety/usage issues is final. If there are disagreements with the RSOs ruling, those are addressable to the BOD, in writing and in person.
- D. Club members and their guests will shoot on adjacent positions.
- E. Children (minors) must be closely supervised and under strict physical control especially when shooting is involved.

### 3.0 Line Commands/Status and Protocol:

**Status:** agreed to by all personnel on the line:

- A. **“Hot”:** all personnel are behind the firing line, the firing line is ready, OK to handle guns and shoot.
- B. **“Cold” or “Clear”:**
  - 1. All firearms are unloaded
    - a. **Empty Chamber Indicators** (ECI’s or chamber flags) are inserted, detachable magazines removed.
    - b. All firearms are benched, racked or encased
    - c. No contact with firearm
    - d. All personnel fall back to red line or back of firing line.
    - e. Line is then called “Cold “ or “Clear”
    - f. Personnel may then advance to serve targets, pick up brass, etc.

**C. “CEASE FIRE”:** Emergency command.

1. Cease Fire may be called by any person on the line who sees a safety problem.
2. Upon the command “Cease Fire”, all guns will be made safe, ammunition removed, magazines removed, ECI inserted, benched/racked and all personnel will fall in back of the firing line or to the red line.

**D. Transporting Firearms to/from a range/firing line**

1. When the line is “Hot”, **firearms may be taken to/from the line:**
  - a. Unloaded with **ECI** inserted.
  - b. Cased or boxed
  - c. Or holstered
2. When the line is “Cold”, firearms **MUST** be unloaded with **ECI**, or boxed/cased, or holstered.

**E. Rapid Fire Definition:** There will be a minimum of two seconds between shots.

1. All firing will be aimed fire.
2. All firing will be from conventional positions.
3. No drawing from holster/from body carry or firing from the hip.
4. All bullets will impact the berm directly.

**F. Exceptions To Rapid Fire definition**

1. Each range has specific rules posted. Review them. For example, the general purpose ranges do allow rapid but aimed fire
2. **ECI/Red line/ fall back:** these rules may be voided only at the discretion of the Match Director during club approved competitions, and only for the duration of the match.

**3.1 Empty Chamber Indicators, ECI’s (Also known as chamber flags.)**

- A. The use of **ECI’s** are required on all Club ranges where and when a cease fire or “cold line” is declared so that people or shooters may move forward of or down range of firearms that are in a “safe” and unloaded condition. There are three exceptions at present:

1. The first is during sanctioned matches being run by a Club approved (sanctioned) match under the direct control of the Match Director and his/her Range Safety Officers.
  2. The second is when the range is leased to US military unit, federal, state or local police agencies willing to assume responsibility for any and all actions during that range rental.
  3. The third is on the Club's skeet shotgun range where no one will be down range to examine targets. However, on the skeet range the shotguns will be loaded only while in the "box" when preparing to or ready to fire. Shotguns outside the box will be unloaded. This is standard practice on "sporting clay" ranges and is adopted by our Club.
- B. To facilitate this safety condition, only Club approved **ECI's** are acceptable on our ranges. At present, these are yellow or orange in color and are sold in our Club Store. This way our Range Safety Officers (RSO's) or any Club member can easily identify the **ECI's**. The use of expended cartridges, sticks of wood or other make shift indicators is not acceptable. If in doubt, the RSO on duty at the time will be the approving official.

#### **4.0 TARGETS AND RANGE USE**

1. For All Ranges, no .50 Browning Machine Gun (BMG) ammunition or cartridges based on the 50 BMG cartridge are permitted to be fired at GRPC. This includes, but is not limited to the .416 Barrett cartridge. The reason is this. Our baffle system is not designed to stop these types of powerful cartridges. We are in an urban environment and safety is our foremost consideration.
2. Use of Semi-automatic firearms (in any caliber) that have been mechanically altered or have a device to allow firing at a fully automatic rate will be considered as being in a "fully automatic mode" and therefore is not allowed at GRPC. No select fire or fully automatic firearms are allowed to be fired in the automatic mode. Military and Police will require Club BOD's approval for use of select fire, and the use will always be in semi-automatic mode.
3. Targets, All Ranges: No "junk" targets: that is, no tin cans, glass or plastic bottles, shotgun shells, golf balls, bowling pins, rocks, chunks of wood, etc. If there is any doubt, consult with a RSO.

#### 4. Targets and Permitted firearms/ammunition, by Range:

##### A. 7.5, 15 yd (pistol) Ranges:

1. Targets: Bulls eye as sold by the club or **generic silhouette paper targets**. Animal or grid targets are permitted. Multiple targets on the same frame are permitted. Targets will be placed in provided frames.
2. Targets will be situated such that all bullets will directly impact the berm. If bullets do not hit the 15 yard targets and berms, move to 7.5 yard targets.
3. Firearms/ammunition
  - a. Pistols and revolvers
  - b. "Conventional" pistol ammunition
  - c. No rifle cartridges or derivatives

##### B. 25/50 yd (bull's eye pistol) Range.

1. This range is open to all annual and life members and their guests as allowed by guest policy rules.
2. Rules same as above on 7 and 15 yard ranges plus the following: Be certain all shots impact targets and berms. Rapid fire is permitted as on the General Purpose ranges but no drawing from holster fire.
3. Targets will be placed in proper frames.
4. Firearms/ammunition are the same as on the 7 and 15 yd range
5. Rifles chambered for pistol ammunition plus 22/17 caliber rim fire ammunition rifles are OK

##### C. 100 yd rifle lines, numbers 2, 4A and 8.

1. Targets: bulls eye, grid, paper animals **or generic silhouette are permitted** (Paper targets only)
2. Targets will be placed in proper frames
3. Targets will be situated such that all bullets will directly impact the 100 yard berm or bullet traps at 25 and 50 yards.

4. Firearms/ammunition
  - a. Shoulder stocked rifles and stockless firearms safely supported as bench rail or tripod mounted are allowed. **AR/AK derivative pistols with an arm brace or similar feature allowing safe firing with the pistol shouldered like a rifle are allowed.**
  - b. Rimfire and centerfire cartridges, but no tracer, armor piercing or incendiary bullets allowed.
  - c. Firing standing is prohibited on #2 and #8 but OK on # 3 and # 4A.
  - d. Range #2, Shotgun lane No 28 "sand box" is for pistol grip type shotguns. Lane No 27 is for patterning of birdshot.
  - e. Range #2, Shotguns with iron sights or with optic sights are allowed on lanes no 1 thru 26. Intent is to allow shotguns **and ammo like slugs and turkey loads that are appropriate for this distance.**
  - f. Range 4A is OK for pistols with 10" or longer barrels.
  - g. Range 4A is OK for standing or sitting at bench. No kneeling or prone firing is permitted.

**D. 200 yard / 200 meter rifle range**

1. Targets: bullseye, grid, animal **or generic silhouette are permitted** (Paper targets only.)
2. Targets will use proper frames
3. Targets may be set only at 200 yds, 200 meters, or the 50 yard sight in bullet trap.
4. Bullets must impact the 200 yard targets and berms or the 50 yard sight in bullet trap. Persons not capable of this will be instructed to cease fire by Range Safety Officers (RSO) or other Club members. Such persons will have to demonstrate their ability to the RSO to hit the 200 yard targets before being allowed to continue shooting.
5. Firearms/ammunition
  - a. Any safe rifle
  - b. **Pistols used must be appropriate and capable of shooting accurately at 200 yds**
  - c. Ammunition: rimfire and center fire. No Incendiary, armor piercing or tracer ammunition.
  - d. Shotguns with using slugs.

**E. Silhouette Line: 40, 50, 75, 100 yds**

1. Targets: bullseye, grid, animal, **and generic silhouette paper**, and metallic (when placed on rails) and metal spinners.
2. Targets will be placed in proper frames/positions
3. Targets will be situated such that all bullets directly impact the berm(s).
4. Firearms/ammunition
  - a. Any safe standard configuration rimfire or black powder muzzle loading firearm.
  - b. Center fire pistols with minimum two (2) inch barrels plus cap and ball pistols are OK.
  - c. **No centerfire rifle caliber rifle or pistols are allowed.**
  - d. Rifles chambered for pistol cartridges are OK.

**F. “General Purpose” Ranges (except skeet/trap shotgun range)**

1. Targets: bullseye, grid, animal, **and generic silhouette paper**, and metallic reactionary. Other configuration targets may be used as required by Club approved competition or match rules.
2. Falling Plate Targets: no cartridge more powerful than .357 Magnum will be used on falling steel plates in the plate racks.
3. All paper targets will be placed such that all bullets will directly impact the berm.
4. All shooting at metallic targets will be done at a distance no less than fifteen (15) yards **except for at Cowboy matches where shooting metallic targets at less than 15 yards, including shooting the plate racks with bird shot, are allowed.** All shooters and nearby spectators are required to wear eye protection (glasses, goggles or face shields)

5. Firearms/ammunition

- a. Rimfire and centerfire pistol calibers. Absolutely, no high power rifle cartridges or firearms chambered for same are allowed. This specifically prohibits the AR-15 in 5.56mm or .223 Remington cartridges.
- b. Pistols, revolvers, rimfire rifles, shotguns, and "Cowboy" rifles/shotguns (lever, slide, top break actions) chambered for pistol cartridges are OK. Cowboy cartridges are generally light loads with lead bullets.
- c. Shotguns are permitted to be patterned with birdshot, buckshot or slugs using paper targets. Shot and slugs must strike the targets and berms. The plate racks must not be shot with buckshot or slugs or damaged in any way by the use of shotguns.
- d. Rapid fire is permitted on these ranges.
- e. Drawing from the holster is permitted.

**G. Shotgun Range:**

1. Load and fire the shotgun only when in the lattice/wood box. Open Camber Indicators are not required on this range.
2. Targets: Only clay pigeons are allowed. Retrieval of undamaged clay pigeons is permitted provided other Club members are not forced to wait.
  - a. Firearms/ammunition:
    - i. Any gauge shotgun in safe condition.
    - ii. Ammunition: No shot size larger than # 6 birdshot is allowed.

Updated/approved by BOD on Sept. 14, 2020 addressing generic silhouette targets, AR style pistols, ECI's, etc.

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