



Douglas Ridge Rifle Club



MEMBER HANDBOOK



"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

The Ten Rules of Gun Safety

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
5. Know how to use the gun safely.
6. Use only the correct ammunition for the gun.
7. Know the target and what is beyond.
8. Wear ear and eye protection as appropriate.
9. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
10. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.



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SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN!
The enforcement of DRRC rules is
the responsibility of every member!

DRRC Organization and Operation

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club was founded in 1956. The Club sits on approximately 130 acres of woods (primarily Douglas Fir), open meadows, and a ridge rising 400 feet above the flatland. Neighboring properties are a mix of agricultural land, residences, and commercial businesses. DRRC is operated under a conditional use permit, and over the years DRRC has expanded to include multiple ranges and supports many shooting disciplines. Our 1,000-yard Range is one of the longest Known Distance Ranges in the state and one of the very few on the west coast.

DRRC is run by a Board of Directors governed by a set of bylaws. Officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Officer, and six Directors. A range host lives on the property. A Chief Range Safety Officer is in charge of training Range Safety Officers (RSOs) who, in turn, supervise shooting safety at the range.

Individual shooting disciplines are organized and directed by Discipline Directors who are approved by the Board and are in charge of organizing, scheduling and running matches and practices. They are aided by Range Safety Officers to insure that all range activities are safe.

A Monthly newsletter is published and is provided electronically to members. Each newsletter has a current activity calendar and other information that members need to be aware of including the names and contact information for Officers and Discipline Directors.

General Membership meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and Board Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend. Douglas Ridge Rifle Club is handicap access friendly.

DRRC is wholly supported and managed by volunteer members. Each member is asked to contribute some of their time and energy each year to maintain and/or improve the club. This can be accomplished by volunteering to help at club events, at hunter sight-in days, annual range clean-up day, regular Tuesday range work days, and/or doing specific jobs that frequently occur. Every member has one or more talents than can be used by the club. Whatever your talent, it can be used to benefit the club and the shooting sports.



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**Violations of DRRC SOPs will be subject to review
and possible suspension/expulsion from the club.**

Range Safety Officers & Discipline Directors

Range Safety Officer (RSO)

Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are certified by the NRA to supervise range and shooting activities. RSOs (along with discipline directors) supervise shooting activities as prescribed by the range Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and specifically:

- Control the firing line.
- Maintain order on the range.
- Ensure that shooters follow range regulations.
- Enhance the security of firearms and equipment on the range.
- Conduct basic inspection procedures for all ranges, including backstop, ventilation systems, target carriers and frames, downrange area, communication systems, etc.
- Help educate range users about range and shooting rules and enforce the rules when necessary.
- Conduct range safety briefings for shooting events and orientation briefings for new users.
- Are in charge during an emergency.
- Are to be informed/consulted about any range problems or malfunctions immediately.



Range Safety Officers have the authority to exclude any persons in violation of the range SOPs from DRRC property. Members have recourse to the Board of Directors at a subsequent Board meeting.

Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO)

The DRRC Chief Range Safety Officer is an NRA CRSO trainer that is appointed by the Board as the club's CRSO and comes with very significant responsibilities. The DRRC CRSO has overall responsibility for safe firearm handling and shooting on the Range. He is responsible for recommending the Standard Operating Procedures that determine what activities and actions are approved for our range as a whole and each of our individual ranges. The DRRC CRSO is responsible for training Club members to be RSOs for our range. And the DRRC CRSO schedules the RSOs for our Club events.

The DRRC Board of Directors would like to encourage any member to consider training to become a Range Safety Officer. If interested contact the DRRC CRSO for more information.

Discipline Directors

Discipline Directors plan, coordinate, administer, run and supervise range shooting practices and events. They are in charge of the event and with the aid and consultation of Range Safety Officers, they are the final authority on range conduct and activities during that event. Occasionally certain range SOPs are altered for specific events. NRA Certified Firearms Instructors in the course of an approved class may alter range rules for instructional purposes, so long as it does not violate safety rules. All concerns encountered during an event should be addressed to the Discipline Director, instructor or in the case of an emergency or safety issue, to a Range Safety Officer.

Standard Operating Procedures

All Ranges

Rules Observation - Members and guests must observe all safety rules governing firearms ownership, their use, and accept responsibility for their use.

Range Availability – Not all ranges are available to members all the time. Ranges are at times not available to members due to training classes, competitions, and special events. Members should check the web calendar prior to coming to the club to ensure the range they want to use is available.

Unauthorized Use Of Access Card/Codes - Members shall not give anyone their access card to the entry gate or the clubhouse or other codes, combinations or keys to unauthorized persons.

Guest Sign In –

- Guests must sign in when entering the range.
- Guests (18 years and older) are required to pay a guest fee if they are shooting.
- Guests must either display their guest receipt in the windshield of their vehicle or have it on their person.
- Guests shall provide proof of guest fee payment to any member upon request.
- Non-members who are participating in a scheduled open shooting event/competition are not subject to the guest fee.

Responsibility for Guests, Associate and Juniors –

- Senior, Family Associate, Oldtime or Life members may bring no more than a combination of four (4) shooting guests and/or **regular Associate and Junior** members with them at one time and shall be responsible for the guests', **regular Associate**, and Junior members' actions and behavior.
- Guests/**regular Associate**/Junior members are to be aware of and observe the rules, safety procedures and range courtesies.
- Guests/**regular Associate**/Junior members must remain with a Senior, Family Associate, Oldtime, or Life club member at all times when on club property.
- Regular Associate and Junior members count as part the 4 maximum guests that one member can bring.

Alcohol –

- Alcohol or illegal drugs are not to be brought onto club property.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of other intoxicants/drugs on DRRC property is not allowed.
- No member or guest shall be on the property or using a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, **behavior impairing substance**, or illegal drugs.
- Members and guests shall use good judgment when taking prescription and over the counter medications to ensure they are safe when around and using firearms.

Membership Cards –

- No member is to be on DRRC property without a membership card.
- Members are to display upon their person or range bag their card while on club property.
- Junior and Associate members must be accompanied by a Senior, Family Associate, Oldtime, or Life member and display their Associate or Junior membership cards.
- If asked for identification, club members shall immediately show their membership card.
- Refusal to show identification is grounds for expulsion from DRRC property.

Standard Operating Procedures

All Ranges (continued)

Unloaded Firearms –

- When on club property firearms must be unloaded and their actions open at all times except when on designated firing lines and ready to fire.
- Persons with a valid Oregon Concealed Handgun License may carry concealed so long as the firearm remains concealed at all times while on club property.
- Concealed carry may not be allowed during certain events (contact the CRSO for specifics).
- Law enforcement personnel in the course of their duties may open carry loaded firearms.

Loaded Firearms –

- **No one shall discharge a firearm that they are not knowledgeable about or capable of operating.**
- Do not load any firearm unless it is on the firing line, pointed down range, and the range has been opened for firing (line declared "HOT").
- **Loading Black Powder muzzle loaders requires special handling and procedures. No open black powder containers, powder horns, etc. are allowed on the firing line. NRA black powder methods will be followed.**

Aerial Firing - There shall be no aerial firing of any firearm with the exception of shotguns at allowed ranges (see Shotgun Range SOPs).

Hot Firing Line –

- All persons must remain behind the firing line while the range is "hot", whether others are shooting or not.
- **The range is NOT SAFE/COLD until it is declared SAFE/COLD.**
- Spectators must remain behind all shooters.
- Firearms may be removed or brought to the firing line only during a hot line.

Safe/Cold Firing Line –

- Handling of firearms (including setup and removal) on the firing line is prohibited when the range is safe/cold.
- No person is to be at a shooting bench during a safe/cold range.
- No person is to be in front of the firing line during a safe/cold range unless down range setting targets, setting up a chronograph, or clearly in front of the line and benches policing brass.

Cease Fires –

- ANYONE on any range may call a cease-fire in the event of any perceived unsafe condition.
- All shooters must abide by a cease-fire call instantly! No exceptions!
- Upon a "cease-fire!" all shooters are to immediately take their finger off the trigger, keep the gun pointed in a safe direction and await further instructions from an RSO, Discipline Director, or the person that called the cease fire.
- There is to be no further handling of firearms during a cease-fire condition!
- **DISCIPLINE DIRECTORS AND RSOs ARE THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY! THEIR DIRECTIONS ARE ABSOLUTE!**

Cross firing - is not allowed (e.g. Do not fire from "station 2" to "target 6").

Open Range Hot and Safe/Cold Responsibility –

- During open range shooting, in the absence of a Range Safety Officer, it is each member's responsibility to ensure the safety of the range, including dictating "hot" or "safe/cold" conditions.
- Members should work together to ensure one person is responsible to call "hot" or "safe/cold" range conditions.

Standard Operating Procedures

All Ranges (continued)

Here are some key points regarding safety on a cold line for all ranges.

- Whoever initiates a cold line is responsible to make sure everyone makes their firearm safe and that everyone is off the line before calling for a “cold” line. The same person is also now responsible to make sure everyone is back and behind the firing line before calling for a “hot” line. If the person calling for a “cold” line is leaving the range before it is ready to go hot, they should specifically pass that responsibility off to another person on the line.
- Just because someone asks you if you are ready to go “cold”, that does not mean the line is safe and you can just turn on the red lights or go down range. Wait for the person initiating the cold line to announce a “cold” line and then turn on the red lights as appropriate.
- Too many chiefs running a line makes for a potentially unsafe situation. Only one person should be in charge of the line going cold or hot.
- When the line is “cold” do not be at a shooting bench, do not handle or touch a firearm on a bench, do not handle anything on a firing bench, do not take or remove anything from a firing bench, do not police your brass from under a bench or anywhere between the yellow and red lines. Stay away from the firing benches during a “cold” line.

Policing Brass –

- Policing of brass in front of the firing line may only be done during a SAFE/COLD line and you must stay clearly away from all shooting benches.
- Policing of brass from under or between benches may only be done during a HOT line.
- Do not police brass in front of benches during a hot line.

Food or Drink - is prohibited on any firing line. Food or beverage must be consumed behind the firing line.

Personal Hygiene - It is recommended that you wash your hands immediately after shooting.

Smoking - Smoking is only allowed at range and clubhouse parking lots.

Eye/Ear Protection -

- For personal safety: eye and ear protection is **STRONGLY** recommended for all shooters and observers on any range.
- Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all shooters and observers under 18 years on any firearm range.
- Some matches and disciplines require mandatory eye/ear protection for participants and spectators.
- **Shooters using steel targets, where allowed, must wear eye protection.**

Ammunition Restrictions - Tracer, incendiary, armor piercing, steel core and .50 BMG ammunition are not allowed on any DRRC range.

Firearm Restrictions –

- Full auto and 3 round burst firearms are not to be fired in full auto or 3 round burst mode at DRRC.
- You may only use full auto or 3 round burst capable firearm in semi-auto mode.

Rapid Fire - You may not fire any faster than you can keep all rounds on a standard silhouette size target (21” X 24”).

Standard Operating Procedures

All Ranges (continued)

Bump Firing - Bump firing or simulated full auto or burst firing is not allowed. Bump Firing includes but is not limited to:

- Using grip and or stance to cause bump or simulated full auto or burst firing.
- Using any homemade device to cause bump or simulated full auto or burst firing.
- Using any commercially made or mechanical device to cause bump or simulated full auto or burst firing.

Targets –

- Only paper targets (and steel reactionary targets at the Silhouette, **Tactical Shotgun Bay**, and Dynamic ranges) are allowed on DRRC firing ranges.
- There are exceptions to this target rule for some disciplines and some ranges.
- Do not use the **target frames**, cans, bottles, plastic jugs, etc. as targets.
- Exploding targets are not allowed.
- Non-fixed reactionary targets such as cubes, triangles, balls, etc. that are designed to move across the ground when shot are not allowed.
- No targets may be placed on top of an impact berm, all targets must be placed so all rounds impact into the appropriate impact berm/area.

Wild Animals On Ranges - There are many animals that make DRRC property their home. It is absolutely forbidden to shoot at any animal **or bird** on club property!

Setting Up Equipment – Setting up equipment such as a chronograph or portable target frames may be done during a safe/cold line. The bench portion of setting up a chronograph must be done after the line is called HOT.

Cleaning Your Area - All members and guests of members are required to clean your area picking up all expended cartridges and trash and discarding them in appropriate containers.

Concern Resolution –

- All members should make a reasonable effort to resolve disputes with other members.
- If such issues cannot be resolved between members then disputes, concerns, or complaints about range conditions, operations or treatment should be directed to the Discipline Director, a Range Safety Officer or a Board member.
- If none are available or further intervention is requested, a written request should be directed to the Board of Directors specifying the concerns, conditions, and persons involved.

Standard Operating Procedures

Indoor Range

(The following is in addition to the Standard Operating Procedures for All Ranges)

Hours - Indoor Range hours are 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Open Actions –

- **Handle all firearms only on a HOT LINE.** Once removed from gun bag or case they are to have their actions open (if possible) until taken to the firing line.
- Firearms that are unable to have their actions locked open must have a chamber flag inserted into the empty chamber showing that it is safe and not able to be fired at that time.
- Chamber flags are available at the range.

Standard Operating Procedures

Indoor Range (continued)

Firing and Target Positions –

- All firing must be done with all shooters on the same firing line.
- Shooters may be no closer than 15 feet from the targets.
- **No drawing from a holster unless under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor pre-approved by the CRSO.**

Appropriate Calibers and Ammunition –

- Firearms allowed at the Indoor Range include handguns firing any caliber on the "Acceptable Caliber List" posted at the range door.
- Center-fire rifle calibers, shotshells of any caliber, and .17 caliber, shall **NOT** be used at the indoor range.
- The use of rifles is restricted to .22 rimfire, pellet and BB rifles.
- **WARNING:** Low velocity **or reduced recoil** ammo or **low energy** rifles **such as pellet or BB** could result in bounce back from the Linatex curtain. **Use additional cardboard backing between the target and the curtain.**

Caliber Restrictions - Individual Disciplines may restrict the caliber fired during scheduled matches or practices.

Ventilation/Lighting - The ventilation system must always be turned on when shooting is taking place. Remember to turn off the ventilation system and lights when you are finished shooting.

Doors - Both sets of doors are to be closed at all times when shooting is in progress.

Portable Benches and Sandbags - are to be returned to their stored location after use.

Standard Operating Procedures

Tactical Shotgun Bay

(The following is in addition to the Standard Operating Procedures for All Ranges. Amendments, if required, are the responsibility of the Discipline Director and the Range Safety officer.)

Hours - Monday through Friday 8:00 am to legal sunset. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9:00 am to legal sunset.

Firearms & Calibers Allowed: Handguns, shotguns, and .22 rimfire rifles only.

Handling of Fire Arms:

- **There shall be no handling of uncased firearms when the line is "safe/cold".**

Using the Tactical Shotgun Bay:

- Shotguns: must be pointed lower than the top of the impact berm (no aerial shooting).
- Shotguns: are to be used to the North (left, when facing down range) of the trees.
- Handguns: may be used at any point on the TSB Range. All handgun rounds must be contained within the TSB berms. Shotguns have priority at the North end (left of the trees).
- Except when using metal targets, the firing line can be at any distance from the placed targets over as far as the back end wall of the Silhouette Range as long as all shooting is in a safe direction. All shooters must shoot from one firing line.

Standard Operating Procedures

Tactical Shotgun Bay (continued)

Direction of Fire:

- **Fire only in established directions.**
- **Do not fire across established firing positions.**
- **Do not shoot at the concrete wall or right side safety berm.**
- **All rounds and shot must be contained in the appropriate impact berm.**

Targets Approved For TSB

- THE TREES ARE NOT TARGETS OR BACKSTOPS. DO NOT HANG TARGETS ON TREES.
- Paper targets may be placed at any distance from the impact berm, as long as there are no safety issues.
- Steel targets shall be set up at safe distances from the shooter. 10 yards is the minimum safe distance for handgun, rimfire and shotgun pellets. Discipline directors at matches may modify these distances according to the rules of their national organization with the concurrence of the DRRC CRSO. All other shooting must be in accord with DRRC distance standards.
- **Metal targets shall be formed to create a 15 degree tilt that directs impact into the ground.**
- **Tumbling targets are not allowed.**
- All targets are to be placed so that all impacts will be on the TSB Range.
- Portable targets are to be placed under the Silhouette Range cover after use.
- Range Safety Officers, or in their absence a Discipline director, have discretion on the placement of targets and firing points.
- **Clay targets are NOT ALLOWED on the Tactical Shotgun Bay range.**

Cleaning Your Area - When policing your area put discarded items in the appropriate containers. Pick up all brass and shot shells and place in the brass buckets before leaving.

Standard Operation Procedure

Silhouette Range

(The following is in addition to the Standard Operating Procedures for All Ranges. Amendments, if required, are the responsibility of the Discipline Director and the Range Safety officer.)

Hours - Monday through Friday 8:00 am to legal sunset. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9:00 am to legal sunset.

Direction of Fire –

- Fire only in established directions, with the intended impact berm for a backstop.
- Observe property lines so that all firing and all bullet impacts are contained to the appropriate impact berm and between the Range Limit Markers **as per schematic posting at range.**
- Do not fire across established firing positions.
- All rounds must be contained within DRRC property.

Firearms & Calibers Allowed -

- **Handguns of all configurations.**
- **Black powder firearms, muzzle loaders and black powder cartridge.**
- Rifles are restricted to rimfire ammunition and carbines are restricted to rimfire or pistol calibers, unless a specific exception is made by a Discipline Director or a Range Safety Officer.
- Shotguns firing slugs **only** are allowed.
- **No center fire rifle or shot pellets allowed including pistol fired shot rounds.**

Standard Operating Procedures

Silhouette Range (continued)

Targets –

- Targets are to be steel, **rubber**, or paper only.
- Steel targets **must be** placed **with a minimum 15 degree tilt** so that shooters are not endangered by splatter and so that ricochets go directly to the ground and are appropriate to caliber being used.
- **Tumbling or rolling targets are not allowed.**
- Steel targets shall be set up at safe distances from the shooter. 10 yards is the minimum safe distance for handgun and rimfire. 50 yards is the minimum safe distance for shotgun slugs.
- Discipline directors at matches may modify these distances **and tilt standards** according to the rules of their national organization with the concurrence of the DRRC CRSO. All other shooting must be in accord with DRRC distance standards. Target standards for paper targets may be used at any distance except when disallowed by a Discipline Director or Range Safety Officer. Target standards are to be returned to the covered firing line when done.

Caliber Restrictions –

- No center fire rifle or shot pellets allowed (including pistol fired shot rounds).
- Shot gun slugs are allowed.

Standard Operating Procedures Dynamic Range

(The following is in addition to the Standard Operating Procedures for All Ranges)

Hours - Monday through Friday 8:00 am to legal sunset. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9:00 am to legal sunset.

Handling of Firearms –

- There shall be no handling of **uncased** firearms when the line is safe (cold).

Firearms Allowed –

- Includes rifles, handguns and shotguns.
- Legal full automatics are acceptable but may **NOT** be fired on full auto or 3 round burst. They may only be fired as semi auto or single shot.

Direction Of Fire –

- Fire only in established directions, with the intended impact berm for a backstop.
- All rounds and shot must be contained into the appropriate impact berm.
- Do not fire across established firing lanes.
- **Do not fire at the block wall.**
- No aerial firing is allowed.

Prohibited Calibers/Ammunition –

- .50 Cal. BMG is prohibited.
- No tracers, incendiaries, or armor piercing ammunition.

Allowed Calibers –

- All non-prohibited rifle, pistol, black powder and shotgun slugs are allowed.
- Individual disciplines may specify the firearm type and caliber fired during scheduled matches or practices. Discipline directors or RSOs have final authority.

Standard Operating Procedures

Dynamic Range (continued)

Targets Allowed –

- Only paper targets or “approved” steel targets are allowed on the Dynamic Range. “Approved” steel means steel reactionary targets that move when hit, e.g. dueling tree, spinners, plate rack, poppers, etc.
- Any fixed steel targets must have at least a **15** degree down angle. This is to reduce the chance of ricochets and to deflect bullets down.
- Steel targets shall be set up at safe distances from the shooter. 10 yards is the minimum safe distance for handgun, rimfire and shotgun pellets. 50 yards is the minimum safe distance for centerfire rifle and shotgun slugs. Discipline directors at matches may modify these distances according to the rules of their national organization with the concurrence of the DRRC CRSO.
- All other shooting must be in accord with DRRC distance standards.
- **All rounds at paper targets should impact the appropriate impact berm.**

Portable Target Standards - may be used at any distance between the firing line and the impact berm. They must hold only paper targets. Target standards are to be returned to the specified area when done.

Benches –

- Portable benches may be used at the DR range.
- Benches should be positioned forward of the shooting berm.
- Benches must be returned to the specified area when done.

Shooter Positions –

- Shooters firing semi-automatic firearms should position themselves to reduce the chance of others being hit with their ejected cases.
- Shooters using "muzzle-brakes" should distance themselves from other shooters as much as possible.
- Shooters may position themselves at any distance from the 153 yard berm back to the Dynamic Range firing line (200 yard raised firing berm).
- **No shooter may shoot from behind the raised firing berm.**
- All shooters must shoot from the same firing line.
- Common courtesy dictates when a new firing line is chosen. Shooters are to respect the needs of others and not hold the same distance for an inordinate length of time. An hour at one distance is reasonable.
- When shooting prone, sitting or kneeling, targets must be placed so that all bullet impacts are into the appropriate impact berm.

Moving While Shooting -

- If you are the only person shooting you may shoot while moving to the side, up or down range or diagonally (while always keeping the bullets in the impact berm).
- When more than one shooter is shooting at a time a DRRC Range Safety Officer must be present to oversee the activity if there is going to be movement while shooting.

Cleaning Your Area - Police all of your empty cases and used targets. Put discarded brass in the appropriate brass can and take all trash to the appropriate trash containers at the 100 yard range.

Driving On Dynamic Range Fairway – No vehicles are allowed on known distance fairway during times of inclement weather when damage to turf may occur. No vehicles shall drive on shooting berms.

Standard Operating Procedures

100/200 Yard Range

(The following is in addition to the Standard Operating Procedures for All Ranges)

Hours - Monday through Friday 8:00 am to legal sunset. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9:00 am to legal sunset.

Direction of Fire –

- Fire only in established directions, with the intended impact berm for a backstop.
- Do not shoot at the block wall.
- Observe property lines so that all firing and all bullet impacts are contained to the appropriate impact berm.
- Do not fire across established firing lanes.
- **All rounds must impact the appropriate impact berm.**

200 Yard Targets –

- There are 200-yard targets available from the covered firing line.
- Shoot at them only from the appropriately numbered benches.
- Use the "No Shooting" flag and blue light when setting targets.
- No one is allowed to remain behind the berm when the range is hot.

Blue Light Procedure –

- **Once the line is called cold the person going to the 200 yard targets needs to let shooters know what they are doing and put out the NO SHOOTING flag and turn on the BLUE light.**
- **The switch is on the outside of the 100 yard covering below the flag.**
- **Only the person going to the 200 yard targets is to remove the flag and turn off the blue light. This will ensure they have returned before the line is called hot.**
- **The line should never be made "hot" while there is anyone at the 200 yard targets.**
- **If there is doubt as to whether someone is at the 200 yard targets then someone must physically go down range and check to be sure.**

Firearms Allowed - Rifles and shotguns only until further notice.

Appropriate Calibers –

- Any rifle caliber below .50 BMG is acceptable on this range.
- .50 cal BMG is prohibited.
- Shotgun slugs and all black powder rifle calibers are permitted.

Only paper targets are allowed. Only paper targets are allowed on the 100/200 yard line unless specifically allowed by the Board for a special event or match.

Portable Target Standards –

- May be used at any distance less than 100 yards.
- They must hold only paper targets.
- Place targets so that the bullets do not hit the wood posts at the 100-yard line.
- **Target standards must be a minimum of five (5) feet high and placed so that the rounds impact the appropriate berm.**
- Standards are to be returned to the covered firing line when done.

Shooter Positions –

- Shooters firing semi-automatic firearms should position themselves to reduce the chance of others being hit with their ejected cases.

Standard Operating Procedures

100/200 Yard Range (continued)

- Shooters using "muzzle-brakes" should distance themselves from other shooters as much as possible.
- Shooters may move portable benches to do position shooting. **Replace them when through shooting.**

Cleaning Your Area - When policing your area put discarded items, empty cases and used targets in the appropriate containers.

Standard Operating Procedures Long Range

(The following is in addition to the Standard Operating Procedures for All Ranges)

Long Range hours are restricted to established times as published in our calendar in the newsletter and on our website (www.douglasridge.org). Long Range day is typically on Thursdays.

***** Do not assume the Long Range is open and safe for shooting, even when it is scheduled. Physically check all outdoor ranges (archery, shotgun, 100 yard, tactical shot gun, dynamic and silhouette) to ensure there are no people or vehicles down range. *****

Orientation – Long Range specific orientation must be completed prior to using the long range facilities unsupervised. Approved long range shooters may supervise shooters who have not completed the long range orientation.

Handling of Firearms - There shall be no handling of firearms when anyone is down range.

Driving On Long Range Fairway – No vehicles allowed on known distance fairway during times of inclement weather when damage to turf may occur. No vehicles shall ever drive on shooting berms.

Changing Distances - Shooters are to respect the needs of others and not hold a berm for an inordinate length of time. An hour at one distance is reasonable.

Long Range In Use Sign –

- Place the "Long Range In Use" sign on the road at the gate (end of Clubhouse parking lot) or on the road no further down than the current firing line.
- The Long Range Director or whomever is the first shooter on the long range is responsible to close the Archery Range gate prior to all long range shoots and open the gate after the shoot.
- The last shooter out is responsible to open the **Archery** gate, **remove all flags, return the chain blocking the upper pit road to closed position and remove the "Long Range In Use" sign.**

Person In Pits - No Shooting Flag - When going to the pits place the "No Shooting" flag in the carrier at the 100-yard cover. Remember to remove the "No Shooting" flag when done in the pits.

Direction of Fire –

- Fire only in established directions, with the intended impact berms for a backstop.
- Observe firing lanes so that all firing and all bullet impacts are contained to the appropriate impact berm.
- Do not fire across established firing lanes.

Standard Operating Procedures

Long Range (continued)

Firearms Allowed - Includes all rifles and black powder firearms below .50 caliber BMG. Individual Disciplines may restrict the firearm type and caliber fired during scheduled matches.

Targets - **The target lane identifying numbers boards are not targets!** Targets are to be paper only. **All rounds must impact the appropriate impact berm.**

Eye and Ear Protection –

- All people in the pits must wear eye protection.
- Hearing protection is highly recommended for adults and required for those under age 18.
- RSO decisions are final.

Cleaning Your Area - When policing your area put discarded items, empty cases and used targets in the appropriate containers.

Storage:

- **NOTE: Chained targets in areas labeled “Match use only” or “Black powder” are for DRRC Discipline use only.**
- **The chained targets in the east end of the lower target shed are for rental customer events.**
- **Anyone wishing to practice (high power shooter, law enforcement, or general club member) may use any of the practice targets outside of the chain in the lower pits or any practice targets outside of the chain in the upper pits.**
- **Shooters are expected to repair/maintain the practice targets to provide quality targets comparable to the official match targets.**
- **As with all other ranges, members should be prepared to bring their own targets for practice and do their own repairs, replace centers, etc.**

Standard Operating Procedures

Archery Range

Hours - Monday through Friday 8:00 am to legal sunset. Saturday, Sunday and holidays **8:00** am to legal sunset.

Firearms - are not allowed on the archery range.

Range Closures - The archery range will be closed during the following events.

- All long range events **greater than 600 yards and** until the long range event is over.
- Sporting clays events until the sporting clays event is over.
- Long range days, all day.
- Directors for these disciplines are responsible for closing the gate to the archery range during these events and opening it after the event is over.
- Users of the Archery Range are responsible to be aware of events that might interfere with range use.

Direction Of Fire - Shooting is only to occur in the direction of the target bales.

Arrow Head Restrictions - Broadheads are not allowed **to be shot at any DRRC targets. Broad heads are allowable ONLY on shooter provided targets.**

Standard Operating Procedures

Archery Range (continued)

Safe Line -When retrieving arrows from targets shooters must use an “all clear” signal before approaching bales to retrieve arrows and “line hot” signal before proceeding to shoot. Under no circumstances is anyone to shoot while another shooter is retrieving arrows.

No Shooting Flag - When retrieving arrows from beyond the impact bales, shooters must first display the “No Shooting” flag. No shooting is to take place when the no shooting flag is displayed until absolute verification that no shooter is beyond the target bales.

Lane Use - Shoot only in established lanes. **Crossbows are allowable if shot from the right hand side established range using personal targets.**

Shoot From Same Line - All shooters must shoot from the same line at all times.

Safe Exiting - When exiting the range, fall back behind shooters then cross the range. **Under no circumstance should anyone cross in front of shooters to exit the range.**

NO SMOKING - on the archery range or surrounding area... **PERIOD!**

Cleaning Your Area - When policing your area put discarded items in the appropriate containers.

Standard Operating Procedures

Shotgun Range

(The following is in addition to the Standard Operating Procedures for All Ranges)

Each shooter is required to observe and comply with ALL range safety rules. If in doubt ask the Range Safety Officer.

If an emergency cease fire is called all firearms must be immediately unloaded and placed in a gun rack. Do not handle firearms during an emergency cease fire.

Hours - All shotgun shooting is currently limited to DRRC scheduled events.

Direction Of Fire –

- **Keep your shotgun unloaded with the action open until you are on a firing position.**
- **Load only one shell for singles; load only two shells for doubles or continental.**
- **Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.**
- **Never move from a station with a loaded gun.**
- **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
- **Fire only in established directions.**
- **Do not fire across established firing positions.**
- **All shot must be contained within DRRC property.**

Sporting Clays – The Sporting Clays Director is responsible to close the gate to the Archery Range prior to all Sporting Clays matches and open it following matches.

5-Stand – The 5-Stand Director is responsible for setting up matches in such a manner as to prevent shot fallout on other ranges.

Firearms and Gauges Allowed –

- **Only shotguns of 12, 20, 28, and 410 gauge are allowed.**
- **Use of DRRC approved shotgun shells is mandatory. DRRC will sell shells to shooters.**

Standard Operating Procedures

Shotgun Range (continued)

- **Target loads only; no Handicap loads, no shells from home, or loads exceeding 1200 fps allowed.**
- **No shot larger than 7½ is allowed.**
- **Slug rounds, tracers, “bird bombs”, and incendiaries are not permitted.**
- **Discipline Directors may restrict or expand the firearm type and caliber/gauge fired during scheduled matches or practices**
- **No center fire rifle or shot pellets are allowed including pistol fired shot rounds.**
- **Black powder firearms are not permitted.**
- **ALWAYS check the gun barrel with a ram-rod after any abnormal discharge.**

Targets - Targets are clay "birds" expelled by club trap machines. No other targets paper or otherwise are to be used, except for patterning or by direction of a Discipline Director or a Range Safety Officer.

Eye & Hearing Protection - Eye protection is required for all shooters and spectators whenever there are incoming targets (Sporting Clays and 5-Stand). Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended on the TRAP field when on the firing line, and is mandatory for all shooters and observers under 18 years. All pullers and target scoring staff must wear ear protection, and are recommended to wear eye protection.

Trap –

- **No one under the age of 18 is allowed to shoot on the TRAP fields without the supervision of a parent, guardian, or designated adult. The Range Safety Officer CANNOT be that designee.**
- **Individuals that have never shot TRAP before will be required to shoot their first round on a squad with other experienced shooters or under the supervision of an experienced individual authorized by the Range Safety Officer.**
- **Only individuals that are shooting are permitted on the TRAP field unless they have permission of the Range Safety Officer BEFORE the round begins.**
- **Keep your shotgun unloaded with action open until you are on a firing position and the TRAP house is clear.**
- **Only authorized personnel are permitted forward of the 16 yard line.**

Cleaning Your Area –

- When policing your area put discarded items in the appropriate containers.
- **All duds and misfired shells must be removed from club grounds by the owner. Do not leave them on the ground or put them in the trash.**
- **After your squad’s shooting is completed pick up only your empties.**

DISCIPLINES & ACTIVITIES

(All discipline matches are open to the public at a nominal fee.)

There are many disciplines that may interest members. The following disciplines may be offered at DRRC. Please check our website at www.douglasridge.org for more information about each discipline and their current status.

Pistol Disciplines

- **Handgun Silhouette** - Big and Small Bore Handgun Silhouette participants shoot at steel silhouette targets at 50, 100, 150 and 200 meters with single-shot, revolver and occasionally semi-automatic handguns.

- **USPSA** – Commonly referred to as Run and Gun because you do not just stand and shoot. Our matches are sanctioned and are a training ground for those who wish to learn and become proficient in USPSA shooting skills. This is not for first time shooters, you must be able to competently handle a handgun to participate.

Rifle Disciplines

- **Adult and Junior Small Bore** – Position shooting with .22 caliber rifles. Junior and adult programs are separate and held on different evenings though qualified juniors may participate in adult program. Juniors may participate at little to no cost. Learn precision .22 caliber rifle shooting with league and match shooting available.
- **Service Rifle (Formerly CMP)** – Service Rifle is a shooting discipline using military rifles. Several classes and competitions are scheduled throughout the year. M1 Garand rifles (30-06 caliber) are available for use during the class as well as AR-15 rifles (.223 caliber) for lady or junior participants. This discipline is designed as an entry level activity. Newcomers are welcome.
- **High Power Rifle** - These are NRA sanctioned matches. DRRC has two courses of fire: mid range 200,300 and 600 yards and long range 800,900 and 1,000 yards. Competitors are classified according to their ability. Any center fire rifle can be used. Sights can be iron or scope depending on the course of fire. Bi-pods and rests can also be used in some matches. Common calibers are .308, .223, and 6.5mm.

Three Gun

A combination of pistol, rifle and shotgun. You will shoot multiple stages with multiple firearms. You shoot from varying positions at varying targets stationary and moving, paper and steel. Each stage is timed and the person with the fastest time at the end of the day gets bragging rights.

Shotgun Disciplines

- **Sporting Clays/5-Stand** - The closest to actual field shooting of all the shotgun sports. A variety of sizes of clay targets combined with different velocities and action in the air make sporting clays a fun activity. Shooters of all experience and ability levels are invited and it can be as competitive as they choose. No special shotgun is necessary.
- **Trap** - Shoot at clay birds from various distances. There are a variety of shooting games and frequently there are special fun shoots, money shoots and turkey shoots. No special shotgun is required.

Blackpowder Disciplines

- **Muzzle loading** - Includes black powder monthly shoots including muzzle loading rifle, pistol, shotgun and trade gun (smoothbore) with Knife & Hawk throwing and flint & steel fire starting competitions.
- **Black Powder Cartridge (BPC)** - Shoot original, replica, or new BPC rifles. Long range practice and shoots held once a month.

Archery - Fixed firing line with shooting points from 10 to 60 yards. We have occasional training and monthly archery events.

Activities

- **Hunter Sight-In** - Hunter Sight-In is offered to the public on three weekends in September and one weekend in October. Any legal hunting gun and hunter is welcome to bring one or more guns for the purpose of sighting-in. We have a Range Officer who runs the line, several RSOs who are in charge of safety, and coaches who help the shooters with target spotting and getting the shooters' shots on target. We also have a bore-sighter who can help with that pesky scope.
- **Ladies Night** – Every other Wednesday night is Ladies Night at DRRC. We primarily shoot handguns. Beginners as well as experts are welcome at this non-competitive event. Open to non-members at our guest fee rate. Instruction is available.

Education – DRRC offers/hosts a variety of classes including hunter education, ladies beginner pistol, reloading, and various NRA pistol, rifle, and shotgun classes. Check our website for more information.

Members' Responsibilities

Want To Keep This Range? Then Keep This Range Safe!

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club is an all volunteer organization. It is only through the diligence of its members that we are able to maintain a safe and quality organization. Each member is responsible to follow and uphold all that is contained within this handbook. We must be self governing and self policing. It is each member's responsibility to:

Be A Gun Safety Advocate - Talk to people about safe shooting, responsible gun ownership, and support of the shooting sports.

Be Courteous – We are a CLUB; we share and collectively own this facility. At all times we need to consider other persons and respect their rights and needs as well as expect they should respect ours. Let's keep DRRC a friendly place and help extend our respect and friendliness.

Be Knowledgeable

- Know the contents of this handbook.
- Know and follow the "Ten Basic Rules of Gun Safety".
- Know who your officers and Board members are.

Enforce Membership - If you observe a trespasser, ask them to leave and report it to the Range Host, a Director or a Board Member. Remember, it is your dues and volunteer time that support this club.

Enforce Safety Rules - It is each member's duty to ensure all members and guests obey all safety rules. Remember, we are self-policing. Approach those who are not being safe and ask them to do so and get their name and member number. Report rule infractions to the Discipline Director, Range Safety Officer, Range Host, Director or a Board Member.

Report Range Damage/Abuse – We have a beautiful and well-maintained range. Help us keep it that way. If you observe someone damaging or abusing the range or club property, ask the person to stop their actions and get their name and member number. Report damage or abuse to the Discipline Director, Range Safety Officer, Range Host, Director or a Board Member.

Support the Shooting Sports and Your Right To Own Firearms

- Keep informed about current legislation.
- Write and call your elected representatives about your concerns.
- Vote in every election!

Help out! Volunteer at DRRC- Our club is supported and maintained by you, our members. Volunteer your time to help keep us a premier club. There are many ways you can put your skills and talents to good use:

- Work days on Tuesday mornings doing general cleanup and maintenance (shoot afterwards!).
- Annual Spring work day (free lunch included!).
- Help at hunter sight-in (easy, friendly, and informative).
- Help the various disciplines run matches and practices.
- Become a Range Safety Officer (help promote safe shooting)
- Special projects - Help with construction and other special projects.
- Man a DRRC table at gun shows.

Get Involved - Attend our monthly General Membership meetings. Let your voice be heard. Help make this club even better than it is.

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