

V. METACON GUN CLUB RANGE RULES – (Revised1/09)

THE PURPOSE OF THESE RULES IS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SAFETY DURING THE USE OF THE METACON GUN CLUB, INC. FACILITIES. THIS RANGE IS OWNED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE METACON GUN CLUB INC. AND IS INTENDED FOR THE SOLE USE OF ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS. CLUB FACILITIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS ONLY. IT IS ALSO OPEN TO CERTAIN AGENCIES AS APPROVED BY THE CLUB MEMBERS AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. BEYOND THE SPECIFIC RANGE RULES SET OUT BELOW ALL MEMBERS, GUESTS AND OTHER PERSONS UTILIZING THIS FACILITY ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A SPORTSMAN-LIKE, CIVIL, AND LEGAL MANNER. THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS USING THIS FACILITY.

A. GENERAL CONDUCT

1. No intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs of any kind, nor any person under their influence, shall be permitted on Club property or at any Club sponsored activity. Any person impaired by any substance to be judged unsafe shall be barred from Club property and activities. Remember, some over-the-counter drugs such as antihistamines can cause impairment.
2. No one may handle loaded firearms in Club facilities or on Club property except when on the firing line. No exposed firearms may be carried at social functions open to the public except by uniformed officers of the law. All exposed firearms will be unloaded and have their actions open when not being used on the firing line except for Certified Instructors and Certified Coaches and students while training. There will be no live ammunition used in classroom training sessions.
3. **Members shall be totally responsible for the actions and obligations of their guests and any misbehavior by a guest will result in disciplinary action against the member.** Probationary members may not have guests. Regular members may have a maximum of two guests with them per visit. The member and guest combination may not occupy more than two firing-line positions at one time if any other members are waiting to use them. (Note: Family Members are not counted toward the total of guests. Family members are defined as the spouse of a Regular Member or any children of the member if they are under 21 years old and living with the member.)
4. All members shall visibly display their Club identification on their person whenever on the Club property.
5. Club members must register their entry cards at least once per visit when they enter the range property even if the door or gate is open.

6. Any violation of these rules that results in an unsafe condition or willful damage to property will subject the individual to possible disciplinary action in accordance with Club By-law 14.0.
7. Any non-members attending sponsored events are subject to all club rules, including any additional rules that are specific to the event. The Certified Range Officer in charge of the event is responsible for enforcing all applicable rules.
8. All firearms used at the Metacon Gun Club must be legally owned or licensed -- as appropriate.

B. GENERAL RANGE RULES

1. Always keep firearms under control and pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until your sights are on the target and you are ready to shoot.
3. Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. Know your target and what is beyond.
5. Members who bring guests must remain with them at all times. When the member is shooting, their inexperienced guests must stay with the member. All inexperienced shooters must be supervised by a member while on the firing line.
6. Any firearm that is deemed a safety hazard shall be removed from the firing line.
7. No one may go forward of the firing line to change or retrieve targets, pick up brass or any other purpose unless all firing points are clear and all firearms are unloaded, benched, and have their actions open. **THERE SHALL BE NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS WHEN ANYONE IS FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE.**
8. Clean up all target materials when finished with them. **DO NOT USE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, COMPRESSED GAS CONTAINERS, GLASS OR EXPLODING TARGETS** at any time.
9. Spent cartridge casings, ammo boxes, or other trash must be picked up and disposed of properly before the member leaves the range.
10. **DO NOT** place any target materials on Club property that is not designated or designed to hold targets. This includes items such as fences, barrels, and buildings.
 - a. NOTE: At no time may target material or targets be placed on the berm or directly on the ground.
11. Drawing from a holster is allowed if the holster is mounted at the waist on the shooting hand side of the body. There is no drawing from a cross draw or shoulder holster except as approved by the BOG

12. Regardless of when or by whom the "CEASE FIRE" command is given, all firearms will be unloaded immediately upon the command, The actions must be opened and remain open until further commands are given.
13. No trigger activating devices are allowed at any time on any hand-held firearm. (BMF Activator, Tri-fire, etc.)
14. If, during a scheduled match or organized practice, there is a conflict between these rules and the rules of the governing body of said match or practice, The Board of Governors may issue an exception on a one time or permanent basis.
15. The following are not permitted on the range: Any ammunition that is designed, sold or labeled as "armor piercing", exploding targets, mortars, grenades, military tracers, rocket/grenade launchers or cannons.
16. Shooters will be responsible for checking the range area for safety before use.
17. Any firearm that discharges without the trigger being activated will be removed from the range until it is repaired.
18. Buildings and Grounds personnel performing necessary work will have priority over shooting activity.

C. OUTDOOR RANGE RULES

1. There shall be a Certified Range Officer in the tower if there are more than 5 shooters on the firing line, or if anyone is shooting close to the berm or when the firing line has been moved forward.
2. Shooting hours are from 8:00 am until sunset Monday through Saturday; and from 11:00 am until sunset on Sunday. Exceptions require prior approval from The Board of Governors.
3. **All shooters and other persons in the immediate vicinity of the outdoor range are required to wear eye and ear protection when that range is in use.**
4. Club-owned steel targets will not be used with center fire rifle cartridges, shotgun slugs, or buckshot unless authorized by the governing body (Silhouette, Class III, Action Shooting, etc.). Club steel targets will not be placed closer than 10 yards from the firing point unless center fire rifle cartridges are being used. With center fire rifle cartridges the minimum distance to the firing point will be 75 yards.
6. **Personally owned steel targets** may be used with center fire pistol cartridges, buck shot and rimfire cartridges if targets are set at least 10 yards from the firing point. The minimum distance for use with shotgun slugs will be 50 yards and the minimum distance for center fire rifle cartridges will be 100 yards. Targets must be constructed appropriately for the ammunition being used with them. They must be constructed so the actual bullet impact area is completely flat and smooth, with no bends or cratering and the frame of any

such target must be constructed so it does not increase the possibility of “bullet splash” coming back toward the firing line. Such targets will be placed with the impact surface parallel to the firing line and vertical. All steel targets shall be removed from the range when the shooter is finished.

6. Steel targets will not be used with the .50 BMG cartridge at Metacon.
7. Bowling pin targets will be placed at least 50’ from the firing point.
8. Shotguns shooting bird or buck shot will not be used with club-owned target frames. Shotguns using slug rounds may be used
9. Prior to beginning a shooting session and at each cease fire (approximately every 30 minutes) shooters must step forward of the No Blue Sky Barrier to visually check for the presence of hang gliders that may have entered the Safety Zone. No further firing is permitted until the glider has left the Safety Zone. The safety zone is defined as the area below the top of the ridge and between the Heublein Tower and the glider launch area, as viewed from the firing line.
10. You may not shoot at any wildlife on the Club property.
11. Keep all non-shooting guests behind the emergency cease-fire line (Yellow line). All inexperienced shooters must be supervised by the member while in the range area. If the member leaves the firing line for any reason, the guest(s) must stay behind the emergency cease-fire line and be instructed not to handle any firearms until the member returns. If a member is serving as CRO in the tower on the outdoor range and has guests, the guests will remain behind the emergency cease-fire line until the member is free to supervise them again.
12. Shooting will not be allowed over standing water or ice if said standing water or ice is closer to the firing line than the seventy-five yard line. If the range is partially flooded or iced than the dry lanes may be used for shooting.
13. No target may be taller than 5 feet.
14. Any shooter who’s fired round hits within 10 feet of the shooter will be removed from the line for the rest of the day. (Certified Range Officer will file incident report)
15. All shooting on the outdoor range will be directed so as to impact the berm in the location between the range “barber poles”. **No shots are to be fired outside these limits or in the direction of the poles or at range distance signs.** Shooters using center fire rifles (auto or semi-auto) are asked to coordinate their activity insuring that only one shooter is firing rapid bursts at any given time.

D. INDOOR RANGE RULES

1. Rifles that fire cartridges more powerful than .22 long rifle are not allowed on the indoor range except during Single Action Shooting Society matches as approved by the Board of Governors
2. There shall be no handling of loaded firearms except while in the shooting port or during an organized event authorized by the BOG
3. Shooting will be done from the firing ports only except for organized events authorized by the BOG.
4. Black powder or black powder substitutes are not allowed on the indoor range.
5. Shotguns are not allowed on the indoor range.
6. Eye and ear protection are mandatory on the indoor range.
7. Only Board-approved ammo is permitted on the indoor range. (Currently, velocity is limited to 1100 fps for center fire). **Hyper velocity .22 long rifle & 22 Mag ammo may be used but restricted to handguns only** Lead, plated and jacketed bullets are all allowed).
8. **TARGETS MUST BE HUNG SO ALL BULLETS IMPACT ON THE BACKSTOP.** Shooting on the indoor range will be limited to one target at a time placed directly in front of the shooter except for organized events authorized by the BOG.
9. Only paper/cardboard targets or target material that is authorized by the Board of Governors is allowed.
10. The ventilator system must be in operation when there is shooting on the indoor range.
11. If a carrier wire is knocked down or damage is done to a target holder as a result of a bullet strike the shooter is required to report the incident to the B&G Committee (via phone) BEFORE leaving the building
12. All Club members shooting handguns on the Indoor Range must have completed the Indoor Range checkout, as established by the Education and Safety Committee.

E. CLASS III RULES

1. All Club members shooting Class III firearms at the Club and all non-members (other than police officers shooting department-issued Class III firearms) shooting Class III firearms in a Club match must have completed the Club's Class III checkout. Non-member Class III shooters participating in a Club match are required to display the ID card issued by the Class III Director upon completion of the checkout program.
2. A non-owner (other than a police officer shooting department-issued Class III firearm) shooting a Class III firearm in a Club match must have been checked

- out on that firearm (or the same model firearm) and have used such firearm in at least one practice before entering the match.
3. All pistol caliber or rim fire machine guns will be limited to controllable burst lengths.
 4. There is a two-second-burst limit on rifle caliber machine guns, with each burst followed by a pause of at least two seconds. If a longer burst length is required to function check a firearm the Certified Range Officer will close the firing line and the shooter will advance to within 25 yards of the berm. Only one shooter is allowed down range at a time for a function check.
 5. Belt-fed rifle caliber machine guns (with the exception of .22 rim fire models) will be fired from the ground only, using a bipod or tripod. If tripod mounted, a traverse and elevation (T&E) mechanism will be used to control the movement of the gun. If bipod mounted, the gun will be fired from the prone position only and the buttstock will be secured with sand bags to insure that rounds impact the berm no higher than six feet.
 6. No submachine guns may be fired in the indoor range **except** at BOG approved matches using only approved/ chronographed ammo that does not exceed 1,100 ft per second.
 - 7. All firearms in 50 BMG caliber must be equipped with a legally registered sound suppressor.**
 8. Magazine fed machine guns will be fired only from points 5 through 18 while belt fed machine guns will only be fired from points 9 through 14 to insure rounds stay within range fan limitations
 9. Runaway gun procedures will be codified by the Class III Director and made part of the Class III Check out