

GREEN VALLEY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC RANGE SAFETY AND OPERATING RULES

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Policy:

It is the policy of The Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club (GV) to be committed to the safety and well being of its members, guests, employees, volunteers, and neighbors. To insure the long term viability of our facilities and to support lawful and responsible firearms ownership and usage, safety must be the number one priority in all activities occurring on the properties.

Purpose:

This policy sets forth guidelines and procedures regulating the use of the GV ranges by all present. This policy is not intended to be a contract or to be construed to constitute contractual obligations of any kind between GV and anyone. GV retains the absolute right to modify range rules and/or procedures, temporarily or permanently, as needs arise.

This document should not be construed as creating a legal duty or a standard of safety or care. This policy is for internal use only and is not intended for use in any criminal or civil proceeding. Violations of this policy may form the basis for internal decisions. Only violations of the law may form the basis for civil or criminal sanctions in a recognized court.

Scope:

This policy applies to all GV members, guests, volunteers, and employees (range users) seeking to utilize the Club's facilities. All range users must familiarize themselves with this policy and sign the Agreement of Release and Liability verifying they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the letter and intent of its contents.

This policy and the accompanying general and specific range rules apply in general to all activities on GV property. The ONLY exceptions to these Rules may occur where the conditions of an ORGANIZED event, competition, or training program, conducted under the supervision of competent range staff, require. Variations from these rules are NOT PERMITTED when the shooting is not an organized event conducted under competent supervision and approved by the Board of Directors. Individual shooting, regardless of who is involved, does not qualify.

Access to the facilities requires safe, legal, and sportsmanlike behavior from everyone present. Offenders are subject to immediate suspension by any Board Member, range officer, employee, or discipline head. Such a suspension will be temporary, pending review by the Board of Directors.

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Section 1: General Range Safety and Operating Rules

1.1 The following Four Rules of Firearms Safety must form the basis of all shooting and firearms handling at GV. All persons engaging in such activity must be intimately familiar with these rules and abide by them at all times.

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded at all times.
- Never allow the muzzle of a firearm to point at anything you are not willing to destroy.
- Keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until you have made the decision to fire.
- Be positive of the target and the backstop.

1.2 No person handling firearms in any manner on GV property can be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

1.3 Each and every round fired MUST impact an established berm and remain on the GV property. All firing must be done from the established firing lines, never from behind or in front of them. All shooters on a range at the same time must fire from the same firing line. When multiple shooters are using the same range, one should assume the role of Acting Range Officer and be responsible for declaring the range "safe" or "hot." When a range has been declared SAFE, all firearms must be unloaded, actions locked open, magazines removed, and safeties engaged. There shall be no handling of firearms when a range has been declared SAFE. Only when the range has been declared HOT may there be any handling or shooting of firearms.

1.4 All persons engaging in or observing shooting activity must wear appropriate eye and hearing protection. Offensive language, disruptive behavior, and horseplay are prohibited.

1.5 During scheduled activities the rules governing that event shall be the rules enforced. The GV authorized range officer associated with that event will enforce its rules and standards. In certain cases these activities will allow for some deviation from the range specific rules. These deviations will never violate the four basic safety rules described above.

1.6 Only firearms that are legally possessed under current State and Federal Law are permitted on GV property. Tracer, incendiary, and explosive projectiles are **prohibited**. Armor piercing projectiles may not be fired at any steel targets.

1.7 Only paper, cardboard, and club approved steel targets may be used. Under no circumstances should other items be used as targets. This means glass, appliances, electronics, rocks, or any other item that might produce a ricochet or leave debris on the range may not be used as targets. Targets may never be placed so that proper hits on the target cause damage to club property. **All targets must be placed at a height that insures all rounds fired impact the appropriate berm and cannot strike the ground in front of the berm.**

1.8 All persons must clean up their trash.

1.9 Only service vehicles may be driven on the ranges. Personal vehicles are not to be driven on any range. Vehicle parking is only allowed in designated parking areas.

1.10 Portable range equipment (target stands, barricades, etc) must be moved to the side of the range or behind the firing line after use. Nothing is to be left on the range.

1.11 Except during scheduled events requiring free access, gates should remain closed and locked during general recreational shooting.

1.12 All members are responsible for obeying the rules and reporting observed violations to a GV Board Member or Officer. All members using the range should have their Range Pass visible. Except for organized activities allowing non-member participation, it is the duty of members to contact persons on the range without a visible pass and verify their membership. If they are not members, they should be asked to leave and the incident should be reported to a Board Member. Club members should not attempt to force anyone to leave or become involved in a hostile confrontation. Do not be offended if another club member asks to see your range pass! It is, in fact, their duty to do so. Be thankful they are diligent and caring about the well-being of the facility.

Section 2: Violations of Club Rules

2.1 In general, violations are to be divided into safety related and property misuse related.

2.2 For property misuse violations (which include abuse, damage, loss or other misuse of club property) the Board may require repairs, replacement, or payment for the property at the offender's expense.

2.3 For safety related violations, the Board may revoke or suspend the membership privileges of the offender for a single serious violation. All cases, actions and decisions of the board in regard to safety and property violations are governed by the GV Bylaws.

2.4 Any violation of safety and/or property rules may result in anyone, member or guest, to be removed and/or banned from the property.

Section 3: Member Access and Use

3.1 All members in good standing will be provided the combination to the locks on the gates at both ranges and the indoor range at the Columbia Range. Annual membership renewal information is mailed in mid-December each year. Gate codes are changed on February 1st.

3.2 Access to, and the reserving of, facilities by members for specific events or purposes is on a first come, first served basis. Any scheduled activity shall have priority on range usage. However, members may use ranges not in use providing such activity does not interfere with the scheduled activity. The reserving of facilities is to be done through the Director of Range Operations (DRO) or going to the club website (www.gvshoot.com) and emailing the "Range Scheduler" under contacts.

3.3 The security of the club and availability of equipment to members depends on controlling unauthorized use. Therefore, all keys and combinations beyond those provided to all members will be issued only with Board approval. Members requesting additional access should make their request to the Board at the monthly meeting.

3.4 Other than conflicts with scheduled activities, the ranges are open 365 days a year. Shooting hours are 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. There shall be no discharge of firearms prior to 8:00 am or after 10:00 pm.

Section 4: Guest Access and Use

4.1 Members must accompany their guests at all times. A member's spouse and those persons under the age of 21 living in the member's household may accompany the member to the range any time and for an unlimited number of times. Any other person may only be brought to the range as a guest three times per calendar year.

4.2 Guests are held to the same standards of safety and behavior as members and the accompanying member will be held responsible for the actions of their guests.

Section 5: Definitions:

5.1 Small bore - .22 short, long, or long rifle rimfire cartridges. For the purposes of range specific cartridge limitations, all other rimfire cartridges are considered centerfire. On a range allowing "small bore" cartridges only, .22 magnum, .17 HMR, .17 Mach 2, and similar cartridges shall not be used.

5.2 Magnum Loads – Given today’s proliferations of cartridges, one must exercise good judgment as it is impossible to list all chamberings available. For example, lead bullets, loaded to traditional .44 Special velocities in a .44 Magnum case would be permissible in the indoor range. .45 Colt lead bullets, loaded to .44 magnum velocities in firearms that can handle it, are not permissible on the indoor range.

5.3 Centerfire Rifle – While this seems self explanatory, it should also include high velocity cartridges fired from handguns. For example, a handgun chambered in what is traditionally considered a rifle cartridge, shall not be used where the rules prohibit centerfire rifles (.223, .221 Fireball, .243, .308, etc)

5.4 Shotgun Slugs – Shotgun ammunition firing a single projectile.

5.5 Buckshot – any shot shell loaded with pellets larger than #2’s.

5.6 In summary, all persons using GV ranges are expected to conform to the intent of these rules, even if the letter of the rules does not specifically prohibit such activity. The intent of these rules is safety and the preservation of club property. When in doubt about a specific firearm or cartridge, do not use it until you have received clarification from a Board Member. The rules for each range will show firearms and/or cartridges that are allowed or prohibited, target type and location specifications, and what firing lines may be used. Certain ranges have additional limitations that are specified.

Section 6: Range Specific Rules for Columbia Ranges (4900 N. Wyatt Lane)

Each range at the two GV properties has specific capabilities and limitations. These limitations are based on safety and property preservation issues. Deviations from these range specific rules will be treated as safety and/or property violations.

Fully automatic fire is not allowed on any of the Columbia Ranges.

6.1 Vermillion 100-Yard Rifle Range:

- A. Firearms Approved:** Rimfire only
- B. Targets Approved:** Paper or cardboard only for general use. Targets must be placed only on the established 100 yard target lines. Steel targets are only allowed during scheduled small bore silhouette competitions. These matches may also use the established target lines at 40, 50, 77, and 100 meters.
- C. Firing Line:** All firing must be done from the established firing line.

6.2 50-Yard Range:

- A. Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, and center fire handguns. Center fire rifles and shotguns are specifically prohibited.
- B. Targets Approved:** Paper or cardboard only. All targets on this range must be placed on the established 50 yard target line.
- C. Firing Line:** Shooters may move forward and fire from shorter ranges when all present agree on the distance.

6.3 50-Foot Indoor Range:

The indoor range has special requirements in regard to the exhaust fan and furnace. Only members that have received orientation on these systems from a Board member or discipline head may use this range.

- A. **Firearms Approved:** "Conventional" center fire handguns with lead bullets and all small bore handguns and rifles. Under no circumstances are center fire jacketed bullets to be used. No magnum handgun loads, regardless of bullet construction may be used. Center fire rifles and shotguns are prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Paper and cardboard only and they may only be used at the established target line. All shooters must fire on the target number that corresponds to their firing position number. (no shots may be fired diagonally)
- C. **Firing Line:** All firing must be done from the established firing line.

6.4 Moving Target Range:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, and center fire handguns. Center fire rifles and shotguns are specifically prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** This range may only be used for moving target practice and so all targets must be properly affixed to the mover mechanism.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be done from the various established distances on the range.

Only personnel that have been properly oriented on the use of the mover mechanism may use this range. Please contact a Board member for that information.

6.5 25-Yard Covered Firing Point Range:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, and center fire handguns. Center fire rifles and shotguns are specifically prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard and paper targets only. All targets must be placed at the established 25 yard target line.
- C. **Firing Line:** All firing must be from the established firing line.

The turning target mechanism may only be used by persons receiving training and permission from the Bullseye Pistol Discipline Head.

6.6 Barricade Range:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, shotguns, and center fire handguns. Center fire rifles are specifically prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard and paper targets only. All targets must be placed at the established target line.
- C. **Firing Line:** All firing must be from the various established firing lines defined by the permanent barricades.

6.7 Plate Range:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, and center fire handguns. Heavy magnum handgun loads are likely to cause target damage and are prohibited. Shotguns may be used but slugs are specifically prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Only the permanent falling steel plates are to be used as targets.

- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be from the various established firing lines, defined by the ropes laid on the ground. No firing shall be done from any distance closer than the closest rope, or farther than the farthest rope.

6.8 50-Yard Practical Range: (Just East of the Plate Range)

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, center fire handguns, center fire rifles and shotguns.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Paper or cardboard only. All targets on this range must be placed on the established 50 yard target line.
- C. **Firing Line:** Shooters may move forward and fire from shorter ranges when all present agree on the distance.

Section 7. Range Specific Rules for Hallsville Ranges: (4350 Academy Road, Hallsville, MO 65255)

7.1 Lower Mover Range #1:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** All legal Firearms.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard, paper, and portable steel. Though portable targets are allowed on this range, care must be taken to insure pass through rounds and steel splatter does not damage any of the mover mechanism or protective walls.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be done from the various distances on the range.

Only personnel that have been properly oriented on the use of the mover mechanism may use this range. Please contact a Board member for that information.

7.2 Falling Plate Range #2:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, and center fire handguns. Heavy magnum handgun loads are likely to cause target damage and are prohibited. Shotguns may be used but slugs are specifically prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Only the permanent falling steel plates are to be used as targets.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be from the various established firing lines, defined by the ropes laid on the ground. No firing shall be done from any distance closer than the closest rope, or farther than the farthest rope.

7.3 Barricade Range #3:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, shotguns, and center fire handguns. Center fire rifles and shotguns with slugs are specifically prohibited. Magnum ammunition is also prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard and paper targets only. All targets must be placed at the established target line.
- C. **Firing Line:** All firing must be from the various established firing lines defined by the permanent barricades.

The turning target mechanism on this range shall only be operated by persons receiving training and permission from the Board.

7.4 Lower 50-Yard (Practical) Range #4:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns, shotguns, and center fire handguns. Center fire rifles and shotguns with slugs are specifically prohibited. Magnum ammunition is also prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard and paper targets only. All targets must be placed at the established target line.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be from various distances with the maximum being 50 yards.

The turning target mechanism on this range shall only be operated by persons receiving training and permission from the Board.

7.5 200-Yard Rifle Range #5:

The use of the rifle range requires constant diligence on the part of users to insure targets are placed at the proper height to insure all rounds strike the established berm at the end of the range. Under no circumstances may rounds be allowed to strike the ground short of the berm. Firing into the hillsides on the sides of the range is prohibited.

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Smallbore rifles, centerfire rifles, and shotgun slugs. "Conventional" handgun shooting is prohibited. Specialty handguns, chambered in high velocity cartridges and fired from a stable rest may be used. Armor piercing ammunition is prohibited on all steel targets.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard and paper targets may be used. All targets must be placed at the proper height to insure all rounds strike the established berm and nowhere else. Steel targets on the range may also be used.
- C. **Firing Line:** All firing must be done from the established firing line as defined by the concrete pad.

No personal vehicles are to be driven forward of the firing line.

7.6 Upper 25-Yard Range #6:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** All legal firearms.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard, paper, and portable steel targets only. While portable targets may be used and placed at various distances, care must be taken to insure pass through rounds and splatter from steel does not damage the wall or target frames.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be from various distances. No firing may take place from beyond the 25 yd marker.

7.7 Upper Mover Range #7:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** All Legal firearms.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard, paper, and portable steel. Though portable targets are allowed on this range, care must be taken to insure pass through rounds and steel splatter does not damage any of the mover mechanism or protective walls.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be done from the various distances on the range.

Only personnel that have been properly oriented on the use of the mover mechanism may use this range. Please contact a Board member for that information.

7.8 Upper Mover Range #8:

- A. **Firearms Approved:** All Legal firearms.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard, paper, and portable steel. Though portable targets are allowed on this range, care must be taken to insure pass through rounds and steel splatter does not damage any of the mover mechanism or protective walls.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be done from the various distances on the range.

Only personnel that have been properly oriented on the use of the mover mechanism may use this range. Please contact a Board member for that information.

7.9 Upper Parking Lot Range #9

- A. **Firearms Approved:** All Legal Firearms.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Cardboard, paper, and portable steel targets only. While portable targets may be used and placed at various distances, care must taken to insure pass through rounds and splatter from steel does not damage the target frames or strike the concrete wall.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be done from various distances on the range with a maximum of 25 yards.

The covering over the picnic tables at the back of the range are intended for users to get out of the rain or sun during training events. Shooting from the covered tables is **prohibited**. The shooting distance for this range is limited to 25 yards.

Firing into the protective berm on the left side of the range, or the concrete wall on the right side of the range, is **prohibited**. All rounds must impact the berm behind the target frames.

7.10 100 Yard Range #10

- A. **Firearms Approved:** Small bore rifles, small bore handguns and centerfire handguns. Fully automatic firearms, rifle caliber handguns and centerfire rifles are prohibited.
- B. **Targets Approved:** Only cardboard and paper targets properly affixed to the wooden target frame are allowed.
- C. **Firing Line:** Firing may be done at various distances to the target frame. All shooters on the range must shoot from the same distance.

The continued availability of the GV ranges depends on the good judgment and diligence of all users. One careless moment by a single individual could result in thousands of gun owners losing a great facility. Do not be that guy.