

Butte Gun Club Mandatory Range Conduct and Rules

- 1. LAWFUL RANGE USE.** All Federal, state and local firearm laws shall be obeyed.
- 2. IDENTIFICATION BADGES.** Proof of current membership shall be displayed in plain view on your person anytime you are on the range. The Board has adopted a Badge policy for members while on the range and all members will be required to wear their badge while on the range (this includes work parties and non-shooting functions). Failure to wear the badge will result in your being required to leave the range. "Lending" your badge to a non-member is grounds for termination of membership.
- 3. ALCOHOL.** No alcoholic beverages before or during firearm use. No person present on the range shall handle a firearm after ingesting an alcoholic beverage. No consumption of alcohol to excess on the range is allowed by any party while on the range. Alcohol consumption is not permitted in the vicinity of an active range. Alcohol may be consumed only after shooting is completed and firearms have been secured. Anyone who appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will not be allowed on Butte Gun Club property.
- 4. FIREARM SAFETY CONDITION.** All actions open, or guns unloaded and cased or holstered when not on the firing line. This includes during movement of the firearm from the vehicle to the firing line. Only one loaded firearm per member is permitted at the firing line at a single time.
- 5. MUZZLE DIRECTION.** All firearms on the firing line shall be pointed downrange at all times. All rifle cases shall remain pointed down range while on the firing range, firing from designated firing lines only. It is unsafe conduct to allow the muzzle of the firearm to break the horizon while present on the range (downrange included). Do not sweep the muzzle of your firearm across any person, including yourself.
- 6. DRY FIRING.** Dry firing downrange only, and only from firing points.
- 7. LITTER.** All shooters shall pick up and dispose of all trash brought to the range or created while on the range. i.e., cans, boxes, targets, ammo boxes, etc. All shooters shall clean up their area and targets when finished shooting.
- 8. ANIMALS.** No shooting at any wild game or domestic animals on premises. This includes birds, gophers and varmints.
- 8. YOUTH.** Shooters under 18 years old shall be accompanied and directly supervised by an adult. Children not participating actively in shooting a firearm shall remain safely behind firing lines.
- 9. BREAKABLE TARGETS.** Except for clay pigeons, NO breakable targets unless approved for an organized shoot.
- 10. EXPLOSIVES; INCENDIARY; TRACERS.** No armor piercing or steel core, explosive or incendiary weapons or rounds allowed. Tracers allowed only during times of low fire hazard, no for use from June through August.

11. **FULL AUTOS.** Pistol caliber full autos allowed on rifle or pistol ranges. Rifle caliber full autos allowed only on rifle ranges. Bipods or tripods required when engaging targets 300 yards or further with .30 caliber or larger full auto rifles. Owners of Class III firearms shall be in possession of any special permits or paperwork required by law while present on the Range.

13. **LOCKED GATE.** Except during sanctioned events, range gate shall be closed and locked upon every entrance to and exit from the range.

14. **PISTOL RANGES.** Except for approved events, only rimfire, shotguns (no slugs), and pistol caliber firearms allowed on pistol ranges. No rifle caliber firearms are allowed to be used on pistol ranges. No caliber may be used on the pistol ranges which damages any of the targets or equipment located thereon.

15. **HIGHPOWER SILHOUETTE RANGE.** No armor piercing rounds and no caliber smaller than 6.5mm allowed on the high power silhouette range. Close and lock the appropriate gates when using either the high power or silhouette range.

16. **.50 BMG WEAPONS AND LARGE CALIBER.** Modern .50 caliber BMG and similar weapons (This includes all modern rifle calibers over .40 caliber) allowed only on rifle ranges. Only paper targets may be engaged with .50 BMG and similar modern weapons with the exception of 600 yard flasher target set on the north end of the ram berm against the hill. This metal target was purchased specifically for large caliber weapons. No armor piercing rounds allowed. These weapons are not to be used on the silhouette range. This paragraph does not refer to Black Powder rifles.

17. **RANGE FLAGS.** Range (red) flags shall be flown at the High Power and Silhouette ranges prior to shooting on those ranges. Gates shall be locked as required by the Rules when the high power range is in use.

18. **FIRING LINES.** Shooting is permitted only from established firing lines. Maps are available and on the website for your review as to established firing lines. CROSS FIRING or DIAGONAL firing across firing lines or from one range to another is forbidden.

19. **RANGE MASTERS.** Various experienced members have been appointed by the Board to serve as Range Masters. All members shall comply with the requests, warnings or commands issued by a Range Master (or Board Member). In an effort to maintain a safe environment, Range Masters and Board Members shall be obeyed at all times. Range Masters and Board Members have the right to request that a Member display for viewing inspection all firearms, ammunition and equipment to insure they are safe and in compliance with these rules. If the Member refuses to display his equipment and the Range Master has good cause to believe the Member is in non-compliance the Range Master has the authority to direct the Member to leave the range. A Range Master or Board Member may stop the firing of any firearms, or at any target if such represents a danger to persons or property. Range Master's decisions are final.

20. **DOWN RANGE.** No person shall venture down range on any range unless a cease fire is called. Do not handle firearms during a **Cease Fire!**

No one is allowed on the Pistol ranges when the Silhouette Range is in use.

No one is allowed at the Bench rests/Schuetzen house/Pistol ranges when High Power Range is in use.

21. **DOWN RANGE, HILL ACCESS.** No person shall venture on the hill east of the rifle and pistol ranges without contacting all shooters on the range and a range wide cease fire is called. Do not handle firearms during a **Cease Fire!**

22. **ROAD ACCESS.** No party shall drive on a closed road without specific Board permission. No one shall drive off road or in undesignated areas.

23. **VANDALISM.** No member shall engage in any act of vandalism to club or private property. This includes shooting any target butt, post, structure, pole, fence pole or bridge. Firing a shot on the Range that results in the bullet striking anything other than the target and/or approved backstop is forbidden.

24. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT.** Shooters shall wear proper safety equipment when shooting (or present on the range while other shooters are using the range) including ear and eye protection. Eye protection is mandatory. **Individuals assume all responsibility for any injury that occurs by not wearing eye and hearing protections and agrees to hold the BGC harmless.**

25. **GUESTS.** No member shall allow or authorize a non-member or guest to use or shoot a firearm on the Rocker Range without specific Board authorization. Members may bring a guest to visit the range one (1) time before the guest is required to purchase a membership. During the visit the guest may not handle or shoot a fireman. This provision does not apply to shooters taking part in an organized match or organized training course authorized by the Board of Directors. This provision does not apply to special events (such as Bob Ward's Shooter Sunday) authorized by the Board of Directors.

26. **SIGNS.** Comply with all directions and warnings contained on Butte Gun Club signs.

27. **CLEANING.** Cleaning of firearms may be done on the **Firing Line** only with muzzles pointed down range or upright. Cleaning of firearms off the **Firing Line** is allowed only if the firearm action is clearly disabled (Firearm disassembled, bolt removed, etc.) and no ammunition present.

28. **FAILURE TO FIRE.** If a firearms fails to fire, the muzzle shall remain pointed at the **Impact Area** for at least 30 seconds before remedial action is taken.

29. **SHOTGUN USE.** Shotgun patterning may be done only on the 100 yard and Shotgun patterning ranges. **This shotgun patterning range is for patterning a shotgun, not for practice shooting and is not allowed on any other target.**

30. **REPORTING SAFETY VIOLATIONS:** All members are required to report any safety violation, unsafe use of a firearm, act of vandalism, injury on the Range, or violation of these Rules to a designated Range Master or Board Member within 24 hours.

31. **SAFETY.** Safety is the first issue and priority of all Range Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors for the Butte Gun Club have adopted these Rules to provide a safe shooting facility for all members of the Butte Gun Club and to preserve range assets and property. Members and guests are required, at all times, to act safely and to follow the general firearms safety rules regarding the safe use of loaded and unloaded firearms, safe muzzle direction, trigger control, and gun management.

General Range Rule 1: ALWAYS keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. This is the primary rule of firearm safety. A safe direction means that the firearms is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction (down range), depending on different circumstances.

General Range Rule 2: ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. When holding a firearm, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the firearm. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

General Range Rule 3: ALWAYS keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use. Whenever you pick up a firearm, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the firearm has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s) leave the firearm alone and get help from someone who does.

General Range Rule 4: KNOW YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND. Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, being aware of the area beyond your target means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other possibility for mishap.

General Range Rule 5: THINK FIRST, SHOOT SECOND. Be sure the firearm is safe to operate. Just like other tools firearms need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the required general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a firearms ability to function a knowledgeable gun smith should look at it.

THESE RULES ARE FOR YOUR SAFETY, ANY UNSAFE CONDUCT ON THE RANGE IS GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. VIOLATION OF ANY RULE IS GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP. DELIBERATE ACTS OF VANDALISM WILL BE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION. ANY PARTY WHO DAMAGES BUTTE GUN CLUB PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION FOR VANDALISM.

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