

SAFETY RULES - BARTLESVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

ALWAYS keep the muzzle of a firearm pointed in a **SAFE DIRECTION (UP, DOWN OR AT BERMS)**.
ALWAYS keep your finger **OFF THE TRIGGER** until on target or calling for a target.
ALWAYS keep the firearm **UNLOADED & OPEN** except when on station and ready to shoot.

GENERAL RANGE RULES:

1. NO fully automatic firearms, binary triggers or other devices that simulate full auto fire are allowed.
2. If you are an inexperienced shooter contact a range officer or a BSC Board member for further assistance.
3. Safety glasses and ear protection are **MANDATORY** for all shooters, visitors, referees, and trap personnel.
4. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting. This applies equally to medicinal drugs which might impair your reflexes or judgement. If in doubt seek medical advice.
5. Load firearms (gun, pistol, bow) only at shooting station, otherwise it is not to be loaded (Cold Range).
6. No tracers or armor piercing ammunition is allowed. No steel or penetrator core (XM-193) on steel plates.
7. No fireworks, exploding or binary targets are allowed.

PISTOL & RIFLE RANGE:

1. Keep the muzzle pointed below the top of the berms (earthen embankment).
Dewey is north of the ranges and within range of most rifles.
2. Pistols may be fired on the rifle range but no centerfire rifle cartridges may be fired on the pistol range.
3. Any pistol firing rifle cartridges may **ONLY** be fired on the rifle range.
4. No shotguns on the rifle/pistol range except for slugs near deer season.
5. Clean and store the target frames used on the rifle/pistol ranges when finished shooting.
6. Pickup ejected cartridges, clean your shooting bench and area when you are done.
7. Use the target frames as they are designed ... one target per frame centered on backer.
8. Only shoot paper, steel or clay targets designed as a target. Do not lean things against the legs as targets.

TO GO DOWN RANGE ON THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE:

1. Announce to other shooters you would like to "Close the range" or "Make the range cold"
2. Other shooters should acknowledge the request and:
 - A. Unload their firearm and leave action open
 - B. Lay firearm on the shooting bench muzzle pointed at berms
 - C. Step away from the bench **SOUTH** of **RED LINE** or be prepared to go down range
3. **EACH PERSON** going down range flips their **ALARM** switch to **ON**
4. **ONLY THEN** proceed down range
5. Shooters not going down range are to stay **SOUTH** of **RED LINE**
6. **NEVER TOUCH** or **HANDLE FIREARMS** WHILE THE **LIGHTS ARE ON** or **PEOPLE DOWN RANGE**
7. **NEVER MOVE FIREARMS TO OR FROM THE BENCHES** WHILE **LIGHTS ARE ON**
8. As down range individuals return to the firing line, flip your **ALARM** switch to **OFF**
9. When **ALL** alarm switches are **OFF** ... only then will the audible alarm and strobe light go out
10. As one last factor of safety, view the range to verify everyone is at or behind firing line
11. Announce "The range is **HOT**"

TRAP, SKEET, 5-STAND:

1. Keep the action of your gun open at all times except when standing on the shooting station "ready to shoot".
This includes when you are bringing a gun from your vehicle to the shooting area. (The only exception is when a break open action is in the gun rack, it must be reopened when it is removed from the rack.)
2. If a break open action shotgun is carried over the shoulder, it must be with the barrels forward.
3. Trap shooters may not load more shells than targets thrown during their turn (1 for singles, 2 for doubles).
Skeet and 5-Stand shooters are to load no more than two rounds at any time.
4. No shot size larger than #7.5 may be used on the Skeet, Trap or 5-Stand fields.
5. Never load your gun except when standing on the shooting station ready to shoot.
6. Always unload your gun completely of both live and fired shells before turning around and walking off the shooting station. Step off with the action open.
7. Never walk in front of target traps including the skeet low house. You will be struck if a target is released.

Questions or comments regarding these rules, please contact a member of the Board of Directors.