

# Delmarva Sportsman Association, Inc.

## RANGE RULES Updated December 14, 2011

### I. GENERAL:

1. Everyone entering the property must sign in.
2. Annually all persons 18 years of age and older, including Guests, entering DSA property must read and sign the DSA's "Waiver and Release from Liability" form ~ blank copies of this form are available at the sign-in desk; signed copies are to be left there.
3. All club members must display their membership card while at the range.
4. Range Hours: Monday – Saturday, 8:00 AM to Sundown. Sunday – 9:00 AM to Sundown.
5. No firing of firearms after sundown!
6. The lighting on the range is for set-up **ONLY**. Access to this lighting is for match directors only. **THE LIGHTING IS NOT TO BE USED FOR SHOOTING AFTER SUNSET. VIOLATION OF USE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE CLUB EXPULSION—NO SECOND CHANCES.**
7. No alcohol is allowed on Club property.
8. Various types of firearms must be fired only on their assigned Ranges.
9. All firearms brought to the Range must be in safe condition.
10. All firearms must be unloaded, with actions open, until ready to fire on the firing line.
  - a. Definition of unloaded – the action is open and unloaded, no live ammunition in the firearm whether in the chamber or magazine.
11. Children and spectators will remain behind the firing line; ear and eye protection is required for all.
12. Registered or Sanctioned Matches will be conducted in accordance with our Rules as well as the Rules of the sanctioning body; the Chief Range Officer's word will be final.
13. The command "**Cease Firing**" will be immediately obeyed by everyone on the firing line.
14. Firearms will **NOT** be touched or handled while a "**Cease Fire**" condition is in effect or when people are down range.
15. No shooting at glass bottles. You can shoot at plastic bottles and cans provided they are placed in the designated areas. You must clean up your trash when done shooting.
16. Never allow the muzzle to point at anything you are not willing to destroy. In other words, always have the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
17. Firearms are never loaded until a shooter is on the line and the range is hot.
18. Never place your finger near the trigger until you are ready to shoot and the range is hot.
19. Brooms have been hung outside for use in cleaning up the concrete areas on both the Rifle Range and the Pistol Range. Please use them.

### II. PISTOL RANGE RULES:

1. Shotguns or center-fire rifles may be fired on the Pistol Range, Bay 1 only.
2. The firing line is established by the 1<sup>st</sup> shooter. Use common courtesy in establishing the firing line as other shooters arrive.
3. Be sure that all shots are hitting the backstop/berm. Steel targets and any low target must be set beyond the designated line established by the markers on the side of range to prevent ricochets from leaving the range. No round should ever leave the Range!
4. Use proper type targets and stands. Clay birds should be placed on the berm.
5. Ear and eye protection is mandatory.
6. Clean up the area before leaving ~ pick up trash, brass, ammo boxes, etc. and put them in the proper trash containers. Leave the Range better than you found it.

### III. RIFLE RANGE RULES:

1. Ear and eye protection is mandatory.
2. No full-auto or 50 caliber BMG allowed on Club property.
3. Use proper type targets and stands.
4. **All** steel targets must be placed directly against the 200 yard berm. Cowboy steel targets may be shot with center fire rifles firing pistol caliber lead bullets only and placed on the 25 yard berm.
5. You must use the target stands and frames provided by the Club. You may not bring your own target stands or frames unless they are exactly the same as that which is provided by the Club.
6. Be sure that all shots are hitting the backstop; no round should ever leave the Range!
7. Sighting-in must be done at the twenty-five (25) yard berm first before shooting at greater distance. The 25 yard berm (backstop) is located on the left side of the Range.
8. The Firing Line on the Rifle Range will be established by the 1<sup>st</sup> shooter. Use common courtesy in establishing the firing line as other shooters arrive.
9. All firearms must be unloaded and placed in the vertical racks while checking targets.
10. Clean up the area before leaving ~ pick up trash, brass, ammo boxes, etc. and put them in the proper trash containers. Leave the Range better than you found it.

### IV. SHOTGUN RANGE RULES:

1. Ear and eye protection is mandatory.
2. Shotgun shooting (slugs or shot) are allowed on the Rifle Range and the Pistol Range, Bay 1 only.
3. To sight-in shotguns firing slugs, use berm on the left side of the Rifle Range only.
4. Use proper targets (clays) and fire from hand trap on the left side of the Rifle Range only.
5. Targets (clays) that are unbroken should be retrieved and removed from the field.
6. Clean up the area before leaving ~ pick up trash, hulls, ammo boxes, etc. and put them in the proper trash containers. Leave the Range better than you found it.
7. Use of any range shall Yield to the Line. Designated use shall have precedence over a change of use, firing line, etc.
8. The use of shotguns and clay target throwers shall be allowed on the rifle range only with the exception of sanctioned club events. Clay targets shall be targeted straight downrange **ONLY**. No cross direction target shall be thrown. No spent load, spent hull, clay target, or wad shall leave the range.

### V. MUZZLE LOADING RANGE RULES:

1. Ear and eye protection is mandatory.
2. Rifles may be fired on the Rifle Range or Pistol Range, Bay 1 only.
3. Use only black powder or black powder substitute.
4. Keep powder containers closed/covered at all times except when loading.
5. Load behind the firing line; charge/cap at the firing line.
6. Clear the area and ignite powder spills.
7. Point hang-fires or misfires down Range for a full minute.
8. No smoking at the firing line or the loading bench.
9. For safety sake, be sure that all shots are hitting the backstop; no round should ever leave the Range!
10. Clean up the area before leaving ~ pick up trash and put it in the proper trash containers. Leave the Range better than you found it.

**Every member is responsible for range safety. Members should not be offended when approached about range safety by another club member.**