

## THE CHESTERFIELD FISH AND GAME CLUB

### Range Safety Rules:

1. ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.
2. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER, and outside the trigger guard, until ready to fire or until the command "Commence Firing" has been given.
3. KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE. On a firing range this means the shooters are in a position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live firing.

### Range Safety procedures:

- a. KNOW HOW THE FIREARM OPERATES.
- b. BE SURE THE FIREARM AND AMMUNITION ARE COMPATIBLE.
- c. CARRY ONLY ONE GAUGE / CALIBER OF AMMUNITION WHEN SHOOTING. When at a shooting range with more than one firearm, use one at a time and when complete, store that firearm and it's ammunition before using the next one.
- d. BE SURE OF THE TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND. When on shooting ranges, be mindful also of adjacent areas and act accordingly.
- e. WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION.
- f. DO NOT MIX ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WITH SHOOTING ACTIVITIES.
- g. BE AWARE THAT CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RULES.

### GENERAL RANGE RULES; indoor and outdoor ranges:

- a. Know and obey all range commands such as;

"Cease Fire or Cease firing"; Shooters will stop firing immediately and await further instructions. Cease firing may be signaled by verbal command or by whistle or horn blast. A CEASE FIRE MAY BE SIGNALLED BY ANYONE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT IF THEY WITNESS A SAFETY ISSUE

"As you were"; disregard command just given

"Carry on"; proceed with what you were doing before an interruption

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"Relay No. \_\_\_\_\_ Match No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Or name of Match) on the firing line"; Shooters move to their firing points

"The preparation period starts now"; shooter occupy their firing points prepare and dry fire at their targets

"The preparation period has ended"; shooters stop preparation activities

"Load"; shooters are given permission to load authorized number of rounds for the shooting event

"Is the line ready?"; allows shooters with problems to raise a hand and call "Not Ready on Target No. \_\_\_\_\_"

"The line is ready"; all shooters are ready to begin

"Ready on the right - Ready on the left - Ready on the firing line"; sequence of commands that give shooters their last chance to signal "Not Ready"

"Commence Firing" or "Fire at will"; shooters may begin firing. This Command may be signaled verbally or by whistle or horn blast.

"Misfire"; called by a shooter to inform the CSRO or RSO and other shooters that a gun failed to fire or a hazardous condition may exist.

"Is the line clear on the Right? - Is the Line clear on the Left?" Range Safety Officers check that all actions are open, guns are unloaded, on safe, chambers empty

"Go Forward, score targets paste or change targets"; Shooters are authorized to go down range to (forward of the firing line) to adjust or replace targets

"Range is Clear - you may handle your guns"; shooters may approach the firing line and handle their guns since no personnel are down range

"Move out of position and remove your equipment from the firing line"; Shooters are now authorized to remove their gear from firing points

"Police your firing point" shooters are to pick up brass (or hulls) and clean up anything left at their firing points

"Ground your guns (bows)"; shooters are to place their gun on safe, open the action, make sure the chamber is empty and place the gun on the bench (or mat)

b. Know where others are at all times.

c. Shoot only at authorized targets. No glass will be used for targets at any time.

d. No tracer ammunition is to be used at this facility.

e. Ground level targets are not authorized without a proper backstop. Exceptions will be made at 100 yards and beyond for Smallbore Rifle, High-power and Smallbore Silhouette. Maintain the proper target height to ensure that the fired projectile, after passing through the target, hits the desired portion of the backstop. This will reduce the possibility of ricochets and projectiles escaping the range "safety fan" or property.

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- f. Designate a range officer *when none is present* or assigned.
- g. STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY - In the event a cease fire is sounded - by **ANYONE** - Unload, **open the action, remove the magazine and ground or bench all firearms** during a cease fire. (**Failure to do so is grounds for immediate termination of membership**)
- h. Do NOT handle any firearm *or stand at the firing line* where firearms are present *any time* others are down range.
- i. Always keep the muzzle pointed at the backstop or bullet trap. *Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into an outer area.*
- j. Shooters are required to wear hearing and eye protection while firing guns. Any observer in the immediate vicinity of shooters are also required to wear hearing protection.